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This article, based on BMJ Best Practice, covers assessment of and initial management of suspected bacterial meningitis acquired by children in the community; the condition may also be associated with invasive procedures or head trauma, but meningitis associated with healthcare, and infants with meningitis in neonatal units, are beyond the scope of the article.  
BMJ, 381 May 24<sup>th</sup> 2023

### [Paediatric emergency trolley 1: equipment to support airway and breathing](#)

In this, the first of two articles about the paediatric emergency trolley, we discuss the equipment needed to support airway and breathing, and how it should be used.  
Nursing Times (online) 119 (6) 2023

### [NeoTips: getting started with common neonatal procedures](#)

In this guide, we detail the steps and tips that can be used as a guide by practitioners for the following procedures: IV cannulation, longline (PICC) insertion, umbilical arterial catheterisation and umbilical venous catheterisation, needle thoracocentesis, chest drain insertion, intubation and lumbar puncture. The guide features pictures of equipment required with a further 'tips' section detailing anecdotal advice on how best to aim for success in these procedures.  
Paediatrics and Child Health, 2023-06-01, Volume 33, 6, pp.163-173

### [Twins: a neonatal perspective](#)

This short article provides advice to healthcare professionals looking after twins and their families.  
Paediatrics and Child Health, 2023-06-01, Volume 33, Issue 6, Pages 158-162

### [Managing expectations in the child of short stature with no underlying cause](#)

This article focusses on children without an underlying cause for their short stature and assumes that all necessary clinical assessments and investigations are complete.  
Paediatrics and Child Health, 2023-05-01, Volume 33, 5, pp. 144-147

### [Clinical law: what do paediatricians want to know?](#)

Archives of Disease in Childhood 2023 108: pp.423-426.

### [Recognising a child with isolated craniosynostosis](#)

This article describes key clinical features of craniosynostosis to enable GPs and paediatricians to confidently assess for non-syndromic isolated single suture craniosynostosis, summarise what to do if it is suspected, and explain the importance of early identification.  
BMJ, 381 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023



[Measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine at age 6 months and hospitalisation for infection before age 12 months: randomised controlled trial](#)

Objective was to test for potential non-specific effects of an additional, early measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine at age 5-7 months on risk of infection related hospitalisation before age 12 months.

BMJ, 381, 2023 7<sup>th</sup> June

[Ethnicity, child health and paediatric services](#)

Paediatricians have a moral obligation to promote the health and well-being of all children. In this article, we describe the role of paediatricians in addressing ethnic health disparities Archives of Disease in Childhood June 2023 Vol 108 No 6 pp. 453-454

[Paediatric preoperative assessment](#)

This article will outline how paediatric preoperative assessment services can be organised in line with the new Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland Best Practice Guidance...

BJA Education, 2023-06-01, Volume 23, Issue 6, pp. 238-244,

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