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BE Blake-Scarlett, N Younger, CA McKenzie, J Van den Broeck, C Powell, S Edwards, SS Win, RJ Wilks The prevalence of overweight and obesity among primary school children in Jamaica is 10.6% and 7.1%, respectively, with girls having higher rates than boys. Children who attend private and urban-public schools have higher rates than children who attend rural-public schools.

177 In vitro and In vivo Anti-cancer Effects of Tillandsia recurvata (Ball Moss) from Jamaica

HIC Lowe, NJ Toyang, J Bryant

The anti-cancer activity of Tillandsia recurvata was evaluated. The crude extract demonstrated anti-proliferation activity, killing > 50% of the cells at a concentration of 2.5 μ g/ml. Kaposi sarcoma tumours were inhibited by 75% compared to control in vivo (p < 0.05).

181 Predicting 24-hour Urinary Sodium Excretion in Afro-Caribbean Barbadians by Comparing Urine Sodium Excretion over Different Durations versus Spot Collection DH Cohall, T Scantlebury-Manning, C Nakhleh, D Toure, S James, K Hall

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186 Evaluation of Paediatric Patients with Protein Losing Enteropathy: A Single Centre Experience

N Urganci, SG Gulec, D Kalyoncu, S Karaman When proteinuria is not detected in well-appearing children admitted with oedema, protein losing enteropathy must be considered.

190 Predicting 24-hour Urinary Protein Excretion in Afro-Caribbean Barbadians by Comparing Urine Protein Excretion over Different Durations versus Spot Collection

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TJM Leenders, FHA van Eijndhoven, E van der Veer, FAJ Muskiet Avoiding sun exposure, although living in tropical areas, results in vitamin D deficiency. In our small pilot study, 38% of the people were at risk and had 25(OH)D levels below 50 nmol/L.

201 Vitamin D Deficiency Rickets in Infants Presenting with Hypocalcaemic Convulsions

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Ninety-one infants with rickets presented to hospital with hypocalcaemia. Vitamin D deficiency should be considered in infants presenting with hypocalcaemic convulsion.

205 Evaluation of the Efficacy of Pulsed Electromagnetic Therapy in the Treatment of Back Pain: A Randomized Controlled Trial in a Tertiary Hospital in Nigeria

KI Oke, PFA Umebese

This randomized controlled trial was conducted to assess the therapeutic efficacy of a non-pharmacological device, pulsed electromagnetic field (PEMF), in the treatment of back pain. Patients who were treated with PEMF plus medications had a statistically significantly faster pain relief and resumption of active functions when compared with patients who were treated with only standard medications. Pulsed electromagnetic field therapy is beneficial in reducing pain and disability in patients with back pain and should be made part of holistic care for back pain.

210 Comparative Proteomic Analysis of the Nucleus Accumbens during Extinction and Reinstatement of Morphine Dependence

K Feng, H Qiu, Y Gao, Y Fu, L Du, T Qiu, H Meng, Q Luo The aim of this study was to detect differentially expressed proteins in the nucleus accumbens between the states of extinction and reinstatement of morphine addiction. Significant changes in five proteins were detected between extinction and reinstatement. These proteins are correlated with phosphorylation and the tricarboxylic acid cycle.

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TS Ferguson, MK Tulloch-Reid, NOM Younger, RA Wright-Pascoe, MS Boyne, SR McFarlane, DK Francis, RJ Wilks

This study estimated the prevalence of diabetic foot complications among patients of a specialist diabetes clinic in Jamaica and evaluated factors associated with foot complications. Approximately one of every eight patients had a major foot complication (amputation, ulcer or infection). Associated factors were neuropathy, high blood pressure and longer duration of diabetes.

224 Severe Sepsis in the Emergency Department – An Observational Cohort Study from the University Hospital of the West Indies

R Edwards, R Hutson, J Johnson, R Sherwin, G Gordon-Strachan, M Frankson, P Levy

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A chromatographic method was applied to determine the amount of human beta-defensin 1 and 2 (h β D-1 and h β D-2) in human saliva of patients with oral mucosal diseases before and after treatments and compared with controls.

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Orthodontic treatment influences, by varying degrees, the hyoid position of patients with different vertical skeletal craniofacial patterns of mandibular deviations.

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