
Selected news items and updates for the practicing clinician

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- Poisonings due to ingestion of nicotine fluids intended for use in electronic cigarettes are being **reported** more frequently. More than half of reports involved children under the age of 5.
- Mortality from sepsis has **improved** so much in the last 15 years that **some** think it's time to choose a new measure of quality.
- Unsurprisingly, **a report** has linked secondhand smoke exposure to higher risks of spontaneous abortions, stillbirths and ectopic pregnancy. Surprisingly, some of the odds ratios seem to indicate that second-hand smoke exposure is associated with a higher risk of these adverse outcomes than primary cigarette use. Check out tables 2 through 5.
- Special sleep medicine report: A collection of recorded dream reports or somniloquies by the late Dion McGregor is being released as an album. **Here is an interview** about the topic with two sleep medicine psychologists.

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