
Selected news items and updates for the practicing clinician

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- The FDA is seeking feedback from the public on proposed rulemaking related to requiring nicotine exposure warnings and child-resistant packaging for e-cigarette related products. The comment period began July 1st and is open for 60 days. **Read the notice here.**
- **Hawaii** has passed legislation to raise the legal smoking age to 21 years. Taking effect at the beginning of 2016 **Hawaii** becomes the first U.S. state to do this. Other local municipalities have this age limit and other states have it set at age 19 years. The law also bans sale and use of e-cigarettes to those under 21 years citing data that almost 1 in 5 ninth and tenth graders use e-cigs regularly.
- Another **example** of how music can soothe the body and soul.
- **West Nile infection** season is underway. Be on the lookout and educate your patients to take precautions.
- Even though the current shingles vaccine is **underutilized**, pharma is working towards a **newer vaccine** that lasts much longer.

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