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First-Time Flu Shot Rates Fall Short

Compliance with the recommended two doses of influenza vaccine for children being vaccinated for the first time is suboptimal, based on data from three flu seasons involving 125,928 children younger than 9 years of age.

Previous research has shown that a second flu vaccination in vaccine-naive children aged 6 months to 8 years is significantly associated with a protective level of antibodies, and not getting a second dose could reduce the public health benefits of vaccination, Dr. Lisa A. Jackson and her colleagues said (Pediatrics 2006;118:2032-7).

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Dr. Jackson, of the University of Washington, Seattle, and her co-workers evaluated children enrolled in HMOs as part of the Vaccine Safety Datalink Project. These children received their first doses of vaccine during the 2001-2002, 2002-2003, or 2003-2004 flu seasons.

Overall, 44%, 54%, and 29% of children aged 6-23 months who received their first vaccinations in the 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004 flu seasons, respectively, also received a second vaccination. Additionally, 15%, 24%, and 42% of children

aged 24 months to 8 years who received their first vaccinations in the 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004 flu seasons, respectively, also received a second vaccination. Rates of second vaccination were highest in children who received their initial vaccinations by mid-November in each season for all age groups.

The increase in vaccination of vaccinenaive children aged 2-8 years in 2003-2004 compared with previous years may have been due to compliance with the recommendation issued that year to vaccinate children who were household contacts of infants younger than 2 years, the researchers noted. But compliance with the two-dose series was highest for children aged 6-11 months, and overall compliance rates decreased with age.

Bacteria, Viruses Jointly Cause AOM

Coinfection with both bacteria and viruses caused 52 of 79 (66%) cases of new-onset acute otitis media in children who had otorrhea through tympanostomy tubes, reported Dr. Aino Ruohola and colleagues in the December issue of Clinical Infectious Diseases.

Ten previous studies of acute otitis media (AOM) patients have shown co-infection rates ranging from 5% to 27%. The microbiologic etiology of AOM was unknown in at least 15% of patients in these studies, perhaps because microbiologic tests have not been used concomitantly in AOM cases, said Dr. Ruohola of Turku (Finland) University Hospital.

To identify the causes of AOM in a population of children aged 7-71 months, the researchers analyzed middle ear fluid samples using culture, polymerase chain reaction, and antigen detection (Clin. Infect. Dis. 2006;43:1417-22).

At least one respiratory pathogen was identified in 76 of 79 (96%) children. Bacteria were identified in 73 (92%) cases and viruses were found in 55 (70%). Overall, 86% of the patients had bacteria typical of AOM; the most common bacteria were Streptococcus pneumoniae in 39 cases (49%), Haemophilus influenzae in 23 (29%), and Moraxella catarrhalis in 22 (28%). Picornaviruses accounted for 41% of the viruses.

Circumcision May Reduce STI Risk

Males who were not circumcised in childhood were more than twice as likely to develop sexually transmitted infections in young adulthood, even after controlling for sex practices, according to a 25-year birth cohort study.

The findings support data from previous studies that show an increased risk of STIs among uncircumcised males, wrote David M. Fergusson, Ph.D., of Christchurch School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Christchurch, New Zealand, and his associates. Dr. Fergusson and his colleagues examined the impact of circumcision status on STI risk after controlling for confounding factors including having unprotected sex and multiple sex partners (Pediatrics 2006;118:1971-7).

A total of 154 (30.2%) individuals from a sample of 510 boys born in 1977 had been circumcised by age 15 years. The subjects were interviewed at ages 21 and 25 years. Overall, 42 subjects reported STIs; 14 subjects reported a medically diagnosed STI at the 21-year assessment, 34 reported an STI at the 25-year assessment, and 6 reported an STI at both assessments.

The reported STIs were significantly greater among the uncircumcised subjects, compared with the circumcised subjects, at both the 21-year (3.4% vs. 1.3%) and 25-year (8.5% vs. 3.4%) assessments.

Chlamydia was the most common STI, reported in 22 cases (52.4%), followed by 13 (31.0%) cases of genital warts, 4 (9.5%) cases of genital herpes, 2 (4.8%) cases of gonorrhea, and 1 (2.4%) case described as concurrent genital herpes and genital warts. No cases of HIV, syphilis, or genital ulcerative disease were reported.

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INDICATIONS
ADDERALL XR® is indicated for the treatment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).
The efficacy of ADDERALL XR® in the treatment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).
The efficacy of ADDERALL XR® in the treatment of ADHD was established on the basis of two controlled trials in children aged 6 to 12, one controlled trial in adolescents aged 13 to 17, and one controlled trial in adults who met DSM-IV® criteria for ADHD, along with extrapolation from the known efficacy of ADDERALL®, the immediate-release formulation of this substance.

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WARNINGS

Serious Cardiovascular Events

Sudden Death and Pre-existing Structural Cardiac Abnormalities or Other Serious Heart Problems

Children and Adolescents

Sudden death has been reported in association with CNS stimulant treatment at usual doses in children and adolescents with structural cardiac abnormalities or other serious heart problems. Although some serious heart problems alone carry an increaser itsk of sudden death, stimulant products generally should not be used in children or adolescents with known serious structural cardiac abnormalities, cardiomyopathy, serious heart rhythm abnormalities, or other serious cardiac problems that may place them at increased vulnerability to the sympathomimetic effects of a stimulant drug (see CONTRAINDICATIONS).

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frials and the postmarketing experience of some medications indicated for the treatment of ADHD. Although there is no
systematic evidence that stimulants cause aggressive behavior or hostility, patients beginning treatment for ADHD should be
monitored for the appearance of or worsening of aggressive behavior or hostility.
Long-Term Suppression of Growth
Careful follow-up of weight and height in children ages 7 to 10 years who were randomized to either methylphenidate or
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Seizures
There is some clinical evidence that stimulants may lower the convulsive threshold in patients with prior history of seizure, in patients with prior EEG abnormalities in absence of seizures, and very rarely, in patients without a history of seizures and no prior EEG evidence of seizures. In the presence of seizures, the drug should be discontinued.
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PRECAUTIONS

General: The least amount of amphetamine feasible should be prescribed or dispensed at one time in order to minimize the possibility of overdosage. ADDERALL XR* should be used with caution in patients who use other sympathomimetic drugs. Ties: Amphetamines have been reported to exacerbate motor and phonic tics and Tourette's syndrome. Therefore, clinical evaluation for tics and Tourette's syndrome in children and their families should precede use of stimulant medications. Information for Patients: Amphetamines may impair the ability of the patient to engage in potentially hazardous activities such as operating machinery or vehicles; the patient should therefore be cautioned accordingly.

Drug interactions: Acidifying agents—Gastrointestian addifying agents—These agents (ammonium chioride, sodium acid phosphate, etc.) increase the concentration of the ionized species of the amphetamine molecule, thereby increasing urinary excretion. Both groups of agents tower blood levels and efficacy of amphetamines. Adianergic blockers—Adrenergic blockers are inhibited by amphetamines. Co-administration of ADDERALL XR* and gastrointestinal alkalinizing agents (sodium bicarbonate, etc.) increase absorption of amphetamines. Co-administration of ADDERALL XR* and gastrointestinal alkalinizing agents (sodium bicarbonate, etc.) increase absorption of amphetamines. Adialnergases and society of the amphetamine in the brain; cardiovascular effects can be potentially and advantage and advantage and advantagents. Advantage and advantage and therefore potential that acidous of amphetamines. Analogenesis in the concentration of damphetamine in the brain; cardiovascular effects can be potentialed. Add Inhibit

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Amphetamine, in the enantiomer ratio present in ADDERALL* (immediate-release) (d- to I- ratio of 3:1), did not adversely affect fertility or early embryonic development in the rat at doses of up to 20 mg/kg/day (approximately 5 times the maximum recommended human dose of 30 mg/day on a mg/m² body surface area basis).

Pregnancy: Pregnancy Category C. Amphetamine, in the enantiomer ratio present in ADDERALL* (d- to I- ratio of 3:1), did not adversely affect so methyofeld amorphological development or survival when orally administered to pregnant rats and rabbits throughout the period of organogenesis at doses of up to 6 and 16 mg/kg/day, respectively. These doses are approximately 1.5 and 8 times, respectively, the maximum recommended human dose of 30 mg/kg/ (child) on a mg/m² basis) or greater to pregnant animals. Administration of these doses was also associated with severe maternal toxicity.

A number of studies in rodents indicate that prenatal or early postnatal exposure to amphetamine (d- or d,I-), at doses similar to those used clinically, can result in long-term neurochemical and behavioral alterations. Reported behavioral effects include learning and memory deficits, altered locomotor activity, and changes in sexual function.

There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. There has been one report of severe congenital bony deformity, tracheo-esophageal fistula, and anal atresia (vater association) in a haby born to a woman who took dextroamphet-amine sulfate with lovastatin during the first trimester of pregnancy. Amphetamines should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

**Nonteratogenic Effects: Infants born to mothers dependent on amphetamines have an increased risk of premature delivery and low birth weight. Also, these infants may experience symptoms of withdrawal as demonstrated by dysphoria, including agitation, and significant lassitude.

Usage in Nursing Mothers: Amphetamines are excreted in human milk. Mothers taking amphetamines should be advised to refrain from nursing.

refrain from nursing. **Pediatric Use:** ADDERALL XR® is indicated for use in children 6 years of age and older. **Use in Children Under Six Years of Age:** Effects of ADDERALL XR® in 3-5 year olds have not been studied. Long-term effects of amohetamines in children have not been well established. Amphetamines are not recommended for use in children under

3 years of age.

Gerlahrte User: ADDERALL XR® has not been studied in the geriatric population.

ADVERSE EVENTS

Hypertension: [See WARNINGS section] In a controlled 4-week outpatient clinical study of adolescents with ADHD, isolated systolic blood pressure elevations ≥15 mmHg were observed in 7/64 (11%) placebo-treated patients and 27/100 (7%) patients receiving ADDERALL XR® 10 or 20 mg. Isolated elevations in diastolic blood pressure ≥ 6 mmHg were observed in 16/64 (25%) placebo-treated patients and 27/100 (27%) patients receiving ADDERALL XR® 10 or 20 mg. Isolated elevations in diastolic blood pressure ≥ 6 mmHg were observed in 16/64 (25%) placebo-treated patients and 27/100 (27%) patients receiving ADDERALL XR® 10 or 20 mg. Isolated elevations in diastolic blood pressure ≥ 8 mmHg were observed at higher doses. In a single-dose pharmacokinetic study in 23 adolescents, isolated increases in systolic blood pressure 2 blove the upper 95% C1 for age, opender and stature) were observed in 27/7 (12%) and 8/23 (35%), subjects administered 10 mg and 20 mg ADDERALL XR®, respectively. Higher single doses were associated with a greater increase in systolic blood pressure. All moreases were translent, appeared maximal at 2 C9 Hours, post dose and not associated with symptoms.

The premarketing elevelopment program for ADS 44 XR® included experience in a total of 150 flats, each stature in the controlled clinical studies, one open-label clinical study in the special program of ADS 44 XR® included in the discussion that follows. Adverse reactions were assessed by collecting adverse events. Eventus of physical eventual eventual proportion of individuals experiencing adverse events without first grouping similar types of events into a smaller number of standardized event categories. In the tables and issings that follow. COSTART terminology has been used to classify reported adverse events results with loss of appetite, one of whom also reported insomnia) compared to 2.7% (77259) receiving placebo. The most frequencies of

Adverse event % of pediatric patients discontinuing (n=595) Anorexia (loss of appetite) Insomnia (n=595) 2.9 Insomnia (loss) (n=595) 1.5 Weight loss (n=10) 1.2 Emotional lability (n=10) 1.0 Depression (n=10) 0.7		
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inal: Dryness of the mouth, unpleasant taste, diarrhea, constipation, other gastrointestinal disturbances. Anorexia and may occur as undesirable effects.

Table 1 Adverse Events Reported by More Than 1% of Pediatric Patients Receiving ADDERALL XR® with Higher Incidence Than on Placebo in a 584 Patient Clinical Study				
Body System	Preferred Term	ADDERALL XR® Placebo		

Body System	Preferred Term	(n=374)	(n=210)
General	Abdominal Pain (stomachache)	14%	10%
	Accidental Injury	3%	2%
	Asthenia (fatigue)	2%	0%
	Fever	5%	2%
	Infection	4%	2%
	Viral Infection	2%	0%
Digestive	Loss of Appetite	22%	2%
System	Diarrhea	2%	1%
-	Dyspepsia	2%	1%
	Nausea	5%	3%
	Vomiting	7%	4%
Nervous System	Dizziness	2%	0%
•	Emotional Lability	9%	2%
	Insomnia	17%	2%
	Nervousness	6%	2%
Metabolic/Nutritional	Weight Loss	4%	0%

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Note: The following events did not meet the criterion for inclusion in Table 2 but were
reported by 2% or 4% of adolescent patients receiving ADDERALL XR® with a higher
incidence than patients receiving placebo in this study, accidental injury, asthenia
(fatigue), dry mouth, dysepsia, emotional lability, nausea, somnolence, and vomiting,
*Included doses up to 40 mg

Table 3 Adverse Events Reported by 5% or More of Adults Receiv

Body System	Preferred Term	ADDERALL XR® (n=191)	Placebo (n=64)
General	Asthenia Headache	6% 26%	5% 13%
Digestive System	Loss of Appetite Diarrhea Dry Mouth Nausea	33% 6% 35% 8%	3% 0% 5% 3%
Nervous System	Agitation Anxiety Dizziness Insomnia	8% 8% 7% 27%	5% 5% 0% 13%
Cardiovascular System	Tachycardia	6%	3%
Metabolic/Nutritional	Weight Loss	11%	0%
Uronenital System	Urinary Tract Infection	n 5%	0%

The following events did not meet the criterion for inclusion in Table 3 but were do by 2% to 4% of adult patients receiving ADDERALL XR* with a higher incl-tan patients receiving placebo in this study, infection, photosensityin yeaction, adition, both disorder, emotional lability, libido decreased, somnolence, speech explaitation, turkting, dyspness, eweating, dysmenorrhea, and impotence.

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