

CUMBERLAND PEDIATRIC FOUNDATION

May 26, 2011

MEASLES OUTBREAKS

*CDC reports 118 measles cases across the U.S. in 2011,
the highest number of cases reported for any January-May period since 1996*

Measles is a highly contagious, acute viral illness that can lead to serious complications and death. Endemic or sustained measles transmission has not occurred in the United States since the late 1990s, despite continued importations. During January 1-May 20, 2011, a total of 118 cases were reported from 23 states and New York City, the highest reported number for the same period since 1996. The increased number of measles importations into the United States this year underscores the importance of vaccination to prevent measles and its complications.

Source: <http://www.immunize.org/express/issue932.asp>

PRESCRIBING ANTIBIOTICS FOR AMBULATORY ASTHMA VISITS

When children visit their primary care doctor or emergency department for asthma treatment, national guidelines do not recommend antibiotics as a remedy, yet nearly 1 million inappropriate prescriptions for antibiotics are issued annually in the United States at asthma visits.

In the study, "[Antibiotic Prescribing During Pediatric Ambulatory Care Visits for Asthma](#)," published in the June 2011 issue of *Pediatrics*, study authors reviewed data from the National Ambulatory Medical Care Surveys and National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey.

Emergency department and office visits made by children under 18 years of age were assessed to determine the frequency of antibiotic prescriptions.

From 1998 to 2007, an estimated 60.4 million asthma visits occurred.

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2011/05/19/peds.2011-0218.abstract>

Source: AAP News room <http://www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/may2311studies.htm#us>

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, July 14th

Pediatric Oncology Dinner/Program

Debra L Friedman, M.D., Director, Division of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology
Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt
Information will be forthcoming.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, August 27, 2011

Hot Topics in Sports Medicine: Concussion

8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt

Sponsored by: Vanderbilt School of Medicine, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation,
Vanderbilt Sports Medicine

This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit

ALL CPF MEMBERS

If you would like to find valuable resources and useful links to AAP educational resources, visit the CPF web site www.Cumberlandpediatric.org.

If you have trouble signing on, contact Katie Allen at 615-936-6056 or Kathryn.E.Allen@Vanderbilt.edu

PEDIATRIC GRAND ROUNDS

*Pediatric Grand Rounds are held each Tuesday morning from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. in the
Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt Theater, Room 2210.*

May 31 - **Cancelled** due to Memorial Day

