

July 2008 HepTalk Listserv

Welcome to the HepTalk Listserv. For July, we offer two articles about **immunizing adolescents**. Adolescents are often seen by many of you in your clinics for a variety of reasons, from prenatal care to sports physical exams, presenting a good opportunity to see if they have had their Hep B shots. The first article, co-authored by Dr. Jennie McLauren who is on the staff at MCN, discusses the difficulties of and the **importance of immunizing adolescents in high risk settings** such as homeless shelters and migrant camps. The second discusses the **positive effect of a school-entry vaccination requirement on racial and ethnic disparities** in Hepatitis B immunization coverage levels. Our third article is offered via the Medscape Business of Medicine website, and offers some **good practical tips for including preventive care in the midst of a busy acute care agenda**. The entire brief article is presented below. Finally we offer an important announcement from MCN. Please join us at the **National Summit of Clinicians for Healthcare Justice in Washington DC, October 23-25, 2008**. For more registration and details, open the attachment or go to <http://www.migrantclinician.org/>

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