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Thousands of kids are getting sick from downing melatonin pills

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OTC sales of melatonin increased by 150% from 2016 to 2020 – and with that increase comes an alarming rise in calls to poison control about potential overdoses in kids and teenagers. In 83% of the 260,000 calls made last year, the overdose side effects were mild/non-existent and required only at-home monitoring. However, a small percentage of children were vomiting and exhibiting abnormal breathing. [1]

U.S. to import Bubs Australia baby formula next week -White House

June 1, 2022

www.reuters.com

Shipments of Bubs baby formula will arrive in Pennsylvania and California on June 9 and 11th and will contain enough product to fill 4.6 million 8-oz baby bottles. The import will help ease the burden of the ongoing formula shortage that was caused by the shut-down of a US-based facility after contamination concerns. [2]

CDC warns of COVID-19 "rebound" after taking Paxlovid, but says drug still beneficial

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www.cbsnews.com

Paxlovid is approved to reduce symptoms of COVID-19 in high-risk patients in an attempt to avoid hospitalization. Despite reports that symptoms return in some patients 2-8 days after the five-day treatment, experts conclude that the rebound symptoms are considered milder than the original onset. There is concern, however, that patients, having received treatment and assuming they are no longer contagious, could unknowingly spread the virus to others. [3]

US cases of monkeypox rise to 21: CDC

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www.foxnews.com

There are 21 confirmed cases of monkeypox spread between California, New York, Florida, Colorado, Utah, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington. Public health experts are reminding the public that monkeypox is much less contagious than COVID-19 and highly "containable" when symptomatic individuals seek medical help as quickly as possible. [4]

Women not being routinely informed that a common anesthetic may lessen contraception effectiveness, doctors warn

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Sugammadex appears to impact the effectiveness of contraception due to its interaction with progesterone. Practitioners are supposed to inform women of child-bearing age that they received the drug and advise them on how best to ensure continued contraceptive effectiveness. However, authors of a new study found that up to 70% of anesthesiologists skip the post-administration counseling. [5]

What should we do about monkeypox [Runtime: 14:12]

Podcast Series: Science Weekly (Guardian)

Browser Link: <https://www.theguardian.com/science/audio/2022/may/26/what-should-we-do-about-monkeypox>

Monkeypox has been detected in the US, UK, Australia, Israel and Switzerland in people with no direct link to west or central Africa, where the disease is considered endemic. Experts are struggling to determine where/when the virus entered these countries and why/how outbreaks appear to be happening at the same time. Smallpox vaccines provide about 85% protection against contracting the related virus, which is spread, primarily, through close, physical contact with an infected individual, as well as contaminated surfaces and, to a lesser extent, respiratory transmission. Symptoms include headache, fever, a swollen gland near where the virus entered the body and a rash – the fluid in the lesions has a high concentration of viral load. While vaccine campaigns, timely diagnosis and appropriate containment protocols are important in controlling outbreaks, understanding the origin of the current transmissions is crucial in stopping them. [6]

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