

Welcome to the August edition of 4 Thought Solutions Newsletter about what is going on in the field of sexual health and contraception.

A medical alert has been issued
Ref: MDA/2009/054 Issued:
August 11th 2009 Device:
Pregnancy test for professional
use. Clearview HCG



manufactured by Unipath Limited.
Product code 506788 (all lot numbers).
Distributed from January 2008. Problem -
False positive results may be observed when
the test results are interpreted beyond 3
minutes. Action by Healthcare professionals
using or distributing this device. Healthcare
personnel treating patients based on results
from these kits.

Actions

- Ensure that all users read the results at 3 minutes and are aware of the revised instructions for all existing stocks and new products.
- Use a timer, stopwatch or clock as listed in the instructions. Tests read before or after the 3 minute read time should be repeated.
- Consider the need to review previous results.
- Ensure standard operating procedures (SOP) are updated to reflect manufacturer's revised instructions.

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetywarnings/MedicalDeviceAlerts/CON054493> you can also Contact Manufacturer Mrs Lesley Paice Unipath Limited Tel: 01234 835 530
E-mail: lesley.paice@invmed.com

College Students Who Feel 'Invincible' Unlikely To Accept STD Vaccines Science Daily (July 31, 2009) — Vaccines to protect against sexually transmitted diseases,



including HIV and herpes, are being developed and may soon be available to college students. However, limited research has been conducted to determine if students will accept the vaccines once they are available. In a new study, a University of Missouri researcher has found that students who feel invulnerable, or invincible, to physical harm are unlikely to get an HIV vaccine.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/07/090729181504.htm>

Clinton deal lowers cost of HIV drugs

Associated Press (AP) NEW YORK
Agreements between former President Bill Clinton's foundation and two drug companies will lower prices on medications for patients with drug-resistant HIV in the developing world. The agreements would help drugs "reach hundreds of thousands more people and save hundreds of thousands of more lives. This is a very big deal,"

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/32320087/ns/health-aids/>

Talking of big deals Snap Clap achieved its first international sale. The sale was completed earlier this month, with another enquiry from the USA it is proving an exciting time. This fun and versatile resource is



suitable for training workshops, educational settings, with a range of professional and non-professional groups. Check out the website for more information go to:

<http://www.4thoughtsolutions.co.uk/tp.html>

Resort tests teenagers for STD by Lesley Richardson, Press Association 6/08/2009

Teenagers in a seaside town will be tested for the sexually transmitted disease Chlamydia and given keyring condom holders when they visit the beach in a campaign announced today. Sexual health youth workers hope to stop the 13- to 19-year-olds from having sex too young in Bournemouth, Dorset.

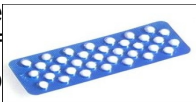
They will screen them for chlamydia and hand out keyring condom holders bearing the campaign slogan R U Sure Ur Really Ready? aboard a youth club bus on the seafront. The campaign also aims to cut teenage pregnancies, which figures show were in decline in Bournemouth from the end of 2007 to early 2008.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/love-sex/men-women/resort-tests-teenagers-for-std-1768246.html>

Health professional will face a number of questions following Thursday's headline news.

Many women 'not on safest pill'

Apparently many women are not taking the safest brand of the pill, say researchers. Two separate studies in the British Medical Journal found that some oral contraceptives were linked with a higher risk of blood clot than others. But experts stressed that blood clots are a rare side-effect of the combined pill and the risk overall is small, whichever brand is used.



<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/8199756.stm>

HIV-blocking Gel For Women: New

'Molecular Condom' Meant To Prevent AIDS Science Daily (Aug. 10, 2009) — University of Utah scientists developed a new kind of "molecular condom" to protect women from AIDS in Africa and other impoverished areas. Before sex, women would insert a vaginal gel that turns semisolid in the presence of semen, trapping AIDS virus particles in a microscopic

mesh so they can't infect vaginal cells. This is unique. There's nothing like it." "We did it to develop technologies that can enable women to protect themselves against HIV without approval of their partner," he adds. "This is important – particularly in resource-poor areas of the world like sub-Sahara Africa and south Asia where, in some age groups, as many as 60 percent of women already are infected with HIV. In these places, women often are not empowered to force their partners to wear a condom."

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/08/090810024837.htm>



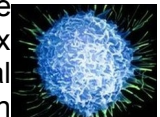
WEDNESDAY, Aug. 12 (Health Day News)

Men are much more likely to seek and have casual sex than women, and are far less choosy about the looks of their sex partners.

That's the conclusion of a new study by British researchers who analysed questionnaire responses from 860 American, German and Italian students.

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/news/fullstory_88061.html By Robert Preidt

New research into prostate cancer The University of Essex has joined forces with a local charity for a major research project looking into the early diagnosis of prostate cancer. Colchester Catalyst Charity is funding a three-year PhD studentship within the University-based Essex Biomedical Sciences Institute (EBSI). The aim will be to develop techniques for the early diagnosis of prostate cancer and monitoring its treatment. Masters student Yukti Gupta has been chosen for the research work. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men. More than 10,000 men die from prostate cancer in the UK each year.



<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/essex/8194419.stm>

The ex-Wales, Arsenal and Celtic footballer John Hanson who has testicular cancer which has spread to his brain and lungs has commence chemotherapy.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/wales/8183686.stm>

John is one of a number of sports men to suffer from cancer, for more information on Testicular cancer (TC) and statistical data relating to TC go to:

<http://www.cancerhelp.org.uk/help/default.asp?page=2665>

US scientists have discovered a compound that targets and destroys cancer stem cells, a type of rare cell that some scientists believe are responsible for driving tumour growth, and that appear to be resistant to existing anti-cancer therapies.

<http://info.cancerresearchuk.org/news/archive/newsarchive/2009/august/19312815>

The Infectious Disease Research Network (IDRN) has undergone a facelift! - New website launched for 2009 To register as a member, and for any further information you need, please visit www.idrn.org

Forthcoming Events To book onto these events please use the contact details listed



North West Sexual Health Conference 29th & 30th September 2009 Imperial Hotel, Blackpool

clphnetwork@centrallancashire.nhs.uk

3rd National School and Public Health Nursing Conference Birmingham 06 - 07 Oct 2009

http://www.mahealthcareevents.co.uk/cgi-bin/go.pl/conferences/detail.html?conference_uid=123

Previously Listed Events

Women's Health In Primary Care - Accurate Diagnosis, Effective Treatment And Strategic Management. A One-Day Conference, 17

September 2009, The Midland Hotel, Manchester

www.mimswomenshealthconference.com

North West Contraception & Sexual Health Group. AGM is planned for 24th October 2009, at St Josephs Hospice, Thornton, Nr Crosby Please note change of venue E mail nwcash@googlemail.com

NANCSH Conference 6th November in Newcastle E-mail: nancsh@hotmail.com www.nancsh.org.uk for further details

Training:

Remember 4 Thought Solutions Ltd provides training programmes ranging from, workshops, single days or tiered programmes. So please contact us to discuss your organisations sexual health training needs info@4thoughtsolutions.co.uk

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