

[Homophobia among teenage boys harming mental health of young gay people, beyondblue study finds](#)

High levels of homophobia among teenage boys are harming the mental health of young gay people and putting them at risk of suicide, according to a study commissioned by beyondblue.

ABC.net.au, March 30, 2015

[Are More Baby Boys Born Than Girls?](#)

Scientists have found some unexpected clues that could help explain why 51 percent of the babies born in the United States are male. When you put this all together, it turns out more males are born because more female fetuses are lost during pregnancy. "That's completely opposite to what had been believed for a long time," Orzack says.

NPR, March 30, 2015

[Use of 9-Valent Human Papillomavirus \(HPV\) Vaccine: Updated HPV Vaccination Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, March 27, 2015

[EU Recommends Approval of Gardasil 9 Vaccine](#)

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) has recommended approval for the new Gardasil 9 vaccine, which offers protection against diseases caused by nine types of human papillomavirus (HPV).

Medscape, March 27, 2015 (may require sign-in)

[Beyond male role models in social care: What works when working with young men?](#)

A project exploring gender in relationships between young men and adults providing services raises important questions about social care recruitment

'Beyond Male Role Models: gender identities and work with young men' is an Open University research project supported by a grant from the Economic and Social Research Council. It ran from May 2013 to April 2015, to explore the role of gender in relationships between young men using a range of services and the adults who work with them. It developed in close consultation with Action for Children who provided access to a range of their services across the UK.

Community Care, March 26, 2015

[HPV 9: The Latest ACIP Guidance](#)

So how should we incorporate this new expanded coverage yet more expensive HPV 9 vaccine into current vaccination strategies? Can HPV vaccine products be used interchangeably?
Medscape, March 23, 2015 (may require sign-in)

[U.K. Anti-Doping Chief Warns Over Steroid Use in Young Men, Boys](#)

The use of anabolic steroids by boys and young men may become widespread unless society targets the drug abuse, the new head of U.K. Anti-Doping said.
Bloomberg, March 18, 2015

[Encouraging male HPV vaccination may extend protection against HPV infection](#)

Mathematical analyses suggest that public health officials may be able to protect a broader range of the population against HPV infection and related cancers by allocating funds to encourage male HPV vaccination. *Helio, March 17, 2015*

[HPV Vaccine For Boys Could Protect More People](#)

Finding willing parents of boys may be easier at this point

Public health programs that devote a portion of their funding to encourage more boys to be vaccinated against HPV -- rather than merely attempting to raise coverage among girls -- may ultimately protect more people for the same price, the study suggests. The findings appear online in the journal *Epidemics*.
Health Canal, March 16, 2015

[Music TV influences sexual behavior of boys and girls differently](#)

While the debate on when music TV exactly began continues, there is no doubt that teenage boys and girls are influenced by music TV. In a new study from the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium, researchers found that after sexually active youth of both genders watch music TV, they think that their peers are also sexually active. Even more, when girls and boys identify males in music TV to be sexually active, it makes boys want to watch more, and girls less.
Red Orbit, March 22, 2015

UK postpones HPV vaccine for males

LONDON - A plan to start a vaccination program to prevent gay and bi men from getting anal cancer has been delayed by UK health officials, Gay Star News reports. Cost was cited as the reason.
Washington Blade, March 20, 2015

Concussion Bill Would Keep Kids out of Class Until They Could Get Doctor's Permission

High-school football players and their parents know that adolescent athletes who sustain a concussion need professional attention and time to recover before returning to the field. Now, a new bill being considered by the Assembly would require any student who suffers a concussion to be evaluated by a doctor or other healthcare provider and get written clearance before they can go back to school.
NJ Spotlight, March 20, 2015

Can Fish Oil Help Boys With ADHD Pay Attention?

Boys with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder may benefit from the omega-3 fatty acids found in fish and some vegetable oils, a small European study suggests. Those who regularly ate an omega-3-loaded margarine experienced an improvement in their ability to pay attention, compared with boys who did not, researchers report in the March 19 issue of Neuropsychopharmacology.
USA Today, March 19, 2015

Boy power! Watch these tweens reject the 'be a man' stereotype

There's been plenty of talk lately about how dangerous stereotypes can be when it comes to the empowerment of our girls and young women. Less discussed, though, is the reality that our boys face damaging stereotypes too. That was the motivation behind a recent workshop held by SheKnows Media, a leading women's lifestyle media company. A group of New York City tween boys ranging in age from 8 to 10 got together as part of the company's Hatch program, which focuses on teaching digital literacy and citizenship to the next generation.
CNN, March 19, 2015

Senators target religious exemption for vaccines

RALEIGH, N.C. - A bill filed Thursday by three senators would repeal the state's religious exemption for vaccines. Under current state law, a parent or guardian of a child can exempt that child from school immunization requirements simply by submitting "a written statement of the bona fide religious beliefs and opposition to the immunization

requirements." Adults can also exempt themselves from required immunizations for colleges and universities. Under the legislation, no religious exemption would be allowed, although medical exemptions would still be permitted with a doctor's signature.

WRAL, March 19, 2015

[Can Boys Help Girls Who Have Body Image Issues?](#)

What's the best way to encourage positive body image in girls? [Have older boys tell them what the perfect woman looks like](#), according to a UK child health expert.

Education Week, March 18, 2015

[Professional Help: Anger management is a skill best learned young](#)

There have been plenty of reports written recently on the phenomenon of young male suicide. After motor vehicle accidents, suicide is the second leading cause of death for all people ages 15 to 24. Young males in this age group are three times more likely than females to kill themselves. According to the Harvard School of Public Health, impulsivity plays a part. Impulsivity is the hallmark of adolescence because the pre-frontal cortex, what we often call the seat of executive functioning, is not yet fully formed, and is further delayed in adolescent males.

Vancouver Sun, March 16, 2015

[HPV vaccination rates lower among the wealthy](#)

Parents in higher socio-economic areas are less likely to allow their children to be vaccinated against human papillomavirus (HPV), new research from Massey University indicates.

Medical Express, March 16, 2015

[First Penis Transplant Fully Functional](#)

The patient was the recipient of a nine-hour operation done to attach the penis of a donor. This procedure was attempted once before in China, and was unsuccessful. The surgical team was led by Andre Van der Merwe MD. Dr. Van der Werwe was pleased with the outcome.

The Examiner, March 14, 2015

Why the meanest students in class are likely to be boys

Hollywood teen movies' depiction of girls as the meanest sex is often considered a reflection of reality. But a new study has found the opposite to be true: boys, it turns out, can be the worst offenders when it comes to relational aggression.

TES Connect, March 14, 2015

Doctors hope more parents have children get HPV vaccine

The less-than-large vaccination rates may stem from parental worries about an increase in unsafe sex among young people. In a study published in February in the Journal of the American Medical Association, lead author Dr. Anupam Jena, a physician at Massachusetts General Hospital, said there may be hesitancy about the vaccine from parents and health care providers.

UT San Diego, March 12, 2015

UK: HPV vaccine: should boys get it too? The human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine, which protects against genital warts and certain cancers, is currently only given to girls. Now the Government is being lobbied to provide it for boys too.

The Telegraph, March 11, 2015

Urging HPV vaccine for boys could protect more people at same price

A Duke University study proposes a strategy to better use limited public health care dollars for protecting more people from a sexually transmitted infection called human papillomavirus (HPV) and the cancers it can cause.

Medical Xpress, March 11, 2015

UK: Boys are just as confused about sexual consent as girls

The government's proposals to educate children about sexual consent are long overdue, says Martin Daubney, but boys need help just as much as girls

As a frequent commentator on the frontline of the fast-moving and often overwhelming world of online porn, a frank and open dialogue with youngsters about this unsavoury topic is needed now more than ever.

The Telegraph, March 10, 2015

[Physical labor, hypertension and multiple meds may reduce male fertility](#)

NIH-funded study analyzes data from more than 450 men attempting to conceive

Working in a physically demanding job, having high blood pressure, and taking multiple medications are among health risks that may undermine a man's fertility, according to a study by researchers at the National Institutes of Health and Stanford University, Stanford, California. The study is the first to examine the relationships between workplace exertion, health, and semen quality as men are trying to conceive. The results were published online in *Fertility and Sterility*.

NIH, March 9, 2015

[CDC advisory panel recommends HPV vaccine](#)

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) added GARDASIL 9 to its list of recommended HPV vaccines, the nine-valent HPV vaccine's maker Merck said on Thursday. The recommendations call for females between the ages of 9 and 26 and males between the ages of 9 and 21 receive the vaccine. The CDC committee especially recommends the vaccine for people who have not yet received any HPV vaccine or finished the 3 doses.

Vaccine News Daily, March 6, 2015

[CDC Finds Troubling Rise in Teen Suicide Method](#)

More teens who are killing themselves are choosing suffocation and strangling, government researchers reported Thursday. And more young women are committing suicide. It's a troubling trend and it's not clear what's driving it, the team at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.

NBC, March 6, 2015

[Why girls do better at school than boys](#)

[A new study](#) by the OECD, a club of mostly rich countries, examined how 15-year-old boys and girls performed at reading, mathematics and science. Boys still score somewhat better at maths, and in science the genders are roughly equal. But when it comes to the students who really struggle, the difference is stark: boys are 50% more likely than girls to fall short of basic standards in all three areas.

The Economist, March 5, 2015

[Just How Big Is a Normal Penis?](#)

Researchers size up thousands to arrive at averages

Many males worry about their penis size, even when there's no cause for concern. But until now, there has been no formal review of research into penis size and no attempt to develop a system to show the range of sizes of flaccid or erect penises, the researchers said. The British investigators reviewed 17 published studies that included more than 15,500 men whose penises were measured by health professionals using a standard procedure. The average length of a flaccid penis was 3.6 inches, the average length of a flaccid stretched penis was 5.3 inches, and the average length of an erect penis was 5.2 inches. Looking at things another way, the average circumference of a flaccid penis was 3.7 inches, and the average circumference of an erect penis was 4.6 inches. The study was published online March 3 in the journal BJU International.

Medline Plus, March 3, 2015

[Most Doctors Give In to Requests by Parents to Alter Vaccine Schedules](#)

A wide majority of pediatricians and family physicians acquiesce to parents who wish to delay vaccinating their children, even though the doctors feel these decisions put children at risk for measles, whooping cough and other ailments, [a new survey](#) has found.

New York Times, March 2, 2015

[UK: Boys' quest for 'perfect body' fuels rise in eating disorders](#)

A significant rise in the number of boys and young men suffering from eating disorders has contributed to a worrying 30pc jump in reports of the illness in Ireland, new figures obtained by the Sunday Independent reveal.

The Independent, February 22, 2015

[Suicide among young Americans on the rise since 2007: Study](#)

A report published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Thursday indicated that the suicide rate for young women and teenage girls continues to increase, at a pace much faster than the suicide rate among teenage boys and young men. According to the study, the rate of suicide for young women in 2013 was alarmingly 3.4 per 100,000. The rate was 2.2 per 100,000 people in 2007. The suicide rate for boys and young men also spiked from 10.7 to 11.9 for per 100,000 since 2007. It still remains almost three times higher than suicide rate among females, for ages 10 through 24, the study found

out.

Press TV, March 6, 2015

[Taking Pill Before, After Sex Cuts HIV Infection for Gay Men: Study](#)

Research suggests that Truvada doesn't need to be taken daily, but more study still needed

There's new evidence that gay men not infected with HIV can stay that way if they take a pill called Truvada in the days before and after a sexual encounter with an infected partner.

Medline Plus, February 25, 2015

[Aggressive Boys Tend to Develop Into Physically Stronger Teens](#)

Boys who show aggressive tendencies develop greater physical strength as teenagers than boys who are not aggressive, according to new research published in *Psychological Science*, a journal of the Association for Psychological Science.

Health Canal, February 27, 2015

[Young men with lower IQ likelier to drink more](#)

Washington: A new study has examined that young adult men with lower IQ are likelier to drink more. The study also suggested that although their poor performance on the IQ-test may also be linked to other disadvantages.

Zee News, February 22, 2015

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The Independent, February 22, 2015

[Violence in the Everyday Lives of Our Boys](#)

My 9-year-old had been begging us for a pocketknife for years. This seemed like a dangerous idea to his dad and me, even though his main interests had previously been carving his name in trees and cutting rope. But this time he seemed very concerned. I stopped what I was doing and sat down across from him.

The Good Men Project, February 21, 2015

[New Survey Data from Planned Parenthood Shows Parents Need More Information About the HPV Vaccine](#)

Planned Parenthood has released new data on parents' understanding of HPV and the HPV vaccine, showing that parents need more information about the vaccine and why it is important to vaccinate their children for HPV.

ENewsPF, February 20, 2015

[Clinician Support Critical to HPV Vaccination](#)

Participants in a national conference cite lack of encouragement.

"The most important problem is that many healthcare providers are not making a strong recommendation for the vaccine in the same way that they recommend other recommended vaccines," said Melinda Wharton, MD, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta.

MedPage Today, February 20, 2015

[Researchers Measure Scope of Muscular Dystrophies That Strike Boys](#)

A team led by researchers from the University of Iowa found that about one in 5,000 boys between the ages of 5 and 9 have either Duchenne muscular dystrophy or Becker muscular dystrophy. The researchers also found that Hispanic boys were struck by the disorders more often than whites or blacks.

US News, February 20, 2015

[UK: Three Quarters Of Male Students 'Struggle To Believe Their Friends Have Mental Health Problems'](#)

In a nationwide study of UK students' attitudes towards mental health, The Priory Group found 86% agreed there is a stigma attached to mental health issues at university.

Huffington Post UK, February 20, 2015

[Stop Paying Attention to Anti-Vaxxers Already!](#)

A Yale researcher shows why the best way to defeat the anti-vaccination movement is to stop debating the subject.

Dan Kahan, a Yale University professor who studies public perceptions of science policy, sees the unfolding partisan divide as a

potential health catastrophe. A political attack on an imagined vaccine crisis would be "like going to war with Iraq over 9/11," he says. "It's like WMDs. The threat of the anti-vaccination movement doesn't exist, and going to war with it will cause orders of magnitude more destruction than whatever Jenny McCarthy is doing."

Daily Beast, February 19, 2015

Fifty Shades of Grey and the Sexual (Mis)Education of Boys

But my primary concern for now has to do not with girls, but with boys like my son and other young men, who are trying to navigate the rocky shores of heterosexual desire themselves, in a culture that routinely offers them up sexually subordinate, compliant and sometimes self-loathing women at the click of a mouse or the price of a movie ticket. What do parents of sons say to them about the draw this story has for women?

Huffington Post, February 19, 2015

CANADA: HPV vaccine report may stop some from getting shot: health official

The Toronto Star has apologized for a story highlighting teenagers who had serious side effects after getting vaccinated for the human papilloma virus. A public health nurse at the North Bay-Parry Sound health unit said it could still affect vaccination rates that have been on the rise. "It does have potential to deter people from immunizing their children, immunizing themselves, and it's difficult to undo that damage once it's been done," Jaymie-Lynn Blanchard said.

CBC News, February 18, 2015

HPV: A Vaccine That Prevents Cancer Is Also Greatly Misunderstood

Just-released clinical trial results reveal that the new HPV vaccine provides even more protection against cancer than before. But, according to a new survey from Planned Parenthood, parents still have not warmed up to it.

Yahoo News, February 18, 2015

AMERICAN HPV VACCINE RATES ARE "EMBARRASSINGLY LOW"

So why don't more Americans get themselves and their children vaccinated? Stoner offers some ideas:

- Mistrust of the vaccine itself and concern that it may cause autism or other harmful conditions.
- Mistrust of the medical profession and/or government recommendations about vaccination (the belief that kids are getting too many shots, for no good reason).
- Religious objections to the vaccine among some religious groups.

Belief that getting the HPV vaccine will cause kids to become more sexually active.

Futurity.org, February 17, 2015

6 Lessons About Sex That Teen Boys Need but Don't Get

Porn and parents aren't teaching young men enough about building healthy relationships.

Sex ed teacher Colin Adamo has a better solution for this particular problem. He's launched a [website that uses blunt talk and a sense of humor](#) to really talk to teen boys about sex and love. Now he's taking that work a step further by creating a graphic novel that deals directly with issues of sex and love.

Take Part, February 17, 2015

Teenage boys' babies are '30% more likely to develop autism, schizophrenia and spina bifida'

- Male reproductive system may not work properly until after puberty
- They found high levels of DNA mutations in sperm cells of teenage boys
- Findings create 30 per cent higher risk of children being born with defects
- Could result in conditions such as autism, schizophrenia and spina bifida
- Research also revealed men have healthiest sperm in their 20s and 30s
- But the number of mutations rises again as they approach the age of 40

Daily Mail, February 17, 2015

Coming out in school could reduce depression and abuse

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people have better self esteem and less depression as young adults if they were open about their sexual

orientations as adolescents, a new study suggests. Attempts to hide sexual orientation are generally unsuccessful, and the result is more abuse and more depression, the authors say in the American Journal of Orthopsychiatry.

Daily Life, February 16, 2015

How a major newspaper bungled a vaccine story, then smeared its critics

The entire affair unfolded over slightly more than a week, but its negative impact on the health of Canadians could persist for years. The Star's credulous treatment of unverified stories claiming serious side effects from Gardasil resembles that of Katie Couric, who provided self-described Gardasil victims with an even larger platform on her daytime TV show in 2013. Couric soon issued a mea culpa.

Los Angeles Times, February 13, 2015

HPV vaccine highly effective against multiple cancer-causing strains

"The study confirms that targeting young adolescent girls before sexual debut for prophylactic HPV vaccination has a substantial impact on the incidence of high grade cervical abnormalities," said corresponding author, Dan Apter, Director, The Sexual Health Clinic, Family Federation of Finland, Helsinki.

Medical Express, February 13, 2015

Backup System In Brain Helps Compensate for Developmental Issues in Girls, but not so much in Boys

Researchers from Georgetown University Medical Center propose that individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, Tourette syndrome, dyslexia, and specific language impairment (SLI) use declarative memory to help them overcome behavioral issues.

Psych Central, February 13, 2015

HPV Vaccine Not Linked to Increase in Sexually Transmitted Infections

Contrary to concerns that the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine will increase risky sexual behavior among adolescent girls, a new study finds that these vaccinations are not associated with increases in sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

University Herald, February 12, 2015

[The Partnership for Drug-Free Kids Launches Interactive Tool to Illustrate How Pain Medicine Abuse Can Lead to Heroin Addiction](#)

The Partnership for Drug-Free Kids today released a new web resource to help drive awareness and action around the dangerous risks of prescription (Rx) medicine abuse among teens. The tool is an interactive infographic that illustrates the path leading some teens and young adults from prescription painkiller abuse into heroin addiction. The new infographic is the latest resource from The Medicine Abuse Project, a 5-year national action campaign that aims to prevent half a million teens from abusing medicine.

PR Newswire, February 12, 2015

["We failed" in presentation of HPV vaccine story, Star publisher says](#)

Last week's Toronto Star article about the Gardasil anti-human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine has stirred up controversy and spawned angry responses from all over the Internet since its publication. On Wednesday the Star's publisher John Cruickshank said the paper failed the public in the way it presented its story.

Global News, February 11, 2015

[Increase in HPV vaccination requires addressing physician, parent concerns](#)

Better communication with physicians, parents and adolescents about the benefits of HPV vaccination during early puberty is critical to removing barriers that have prevented wider use of the vaccine, says a public health expert at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health. The commentary by Robert A. Bednarczyk, PhD, was published this week in the journal JAMA Internal Medicine.

Health Canal, February 11, 2015

[Science shows HPV vaccine has no dark side](#)

To attribute rare devastating occurrences to a vaccine requires evidence of causation, which the Star didn't have in its article on Gardasil.

Given the power of HPV vaccine to prevent disease and death, a long Toronto Star article that appears to suggest that the HPV vaccine causes harm is troubling and disappointing. Although the article states in the fifth paragraph that "there is no conclusive evidence showing the vaccine caused a death or illness," its litany of horror stories and its innuendo give the incorrect impression that the vaccine caused the harm.

The Star, February 11, 2015

[Research has shown that HPV vaccination does not affect sexual behaviours](#)

The study said: 'This suggests that the girls' sexual behaviors were not altered in the least by the vaccine.' Any behaviors resulting in infections that did occur were independent of the vaccine.

'Researchers said if the HPV vaccine had caused an increase in risky sexual behaviour they would have found a higher rate of STIs among vaccinated girls after they received the vaccine, since it only protects against HPV and not any other diseases.

National Column, February 10, 2015

[The anti-Pick Up Artist's Guide: A new graphic novel teaches teen boys how to form healthy hook-ups](#)

Colin Adamo, creator of the website Hooking Up & Staying Hooked(HUSH), wants to change how heterosexual teenage boys learn about sex.

Namely, the 26-year-old, who helped organize Sex Week at Yale while a student there, offers the opposite of a pickup artist guide. On the website, he provides practical dating and, of course, hookup advice, such as, "Whenever you get resistance move your hand away from where it's landed. Only touch where she wants you to and soon enough she'll urge your hands to travel further. Try prematurely for a handful and she'll have you put to the curb."

Salon, February 7, 2015

[To Get Parents To Vaccinate Their Kids, Don't Ask. Just Tell](#)

The study's surprising results: When doctors assumed parents would be OK with vaccines, they were. More than 70 percent had their child vaccinated.

On the other hand, when physicians were more flexible and allowed for discussion, most of the parents - 83 percent - decided against vaccination.

"It was quite a difference," Opel says, "just based on how the doctor began the conversation."

NPR, February 7, 2015

[Examining the Anti-Vaccine Movement and Religious Laws](#)

One reason that members of some Christian denominations do oppose vaccination is over the use of cells from aborted embryos in the production of the rubella vaccine, and some other viral vaccines, back in the 1960s.

Churches that believe in faith healing, or in the general reliance on God and divine providence rather than on science, may also oppose vaccines. In addition, some conservative Christian groups have opposed the HPV vaccine because they see it as giving permission to young women to engage in premarital sexual relations.

Algemeiner, February 8, 2015

[Why is autism more common in boys?](#)

Israeli scientists may have it figured out

Research indicates that the gene crucial to brain development differs in its impact on the brains of each gender.

The research indicates that the reason autism is more common among boys, and Alzheimer's more common among women, may be because the gene, known as ADNP, which is crucial to brain development, differs in its impact on the brains of each gender. The researchers stress that these differences will have to be taken into account when developing potential remedies for these and other problems.

Haaretz, February 9, 2015

[Doctors: HPV vaccines can ward off other serious diseases](#)

Ever since the small measles outbreak started popping up in parts of the country, doctors have been more insistent on parents vaccinating their kids. However, it's not just small kids physicians seem to be worried about. Doctors say parents also need to get the HPV vaccine for their teens.

CBS, February 8, 2015

[Parents are more willing to lie in front of boys than girls](#)

A new paper released this week by the National Bureau of Economic Research seeks to understand the origin of dishonesty, gendered or otherwise -- and how we can learn to curb it.

The dark side of human impulse, researchers found, may start with parenting decisions: Moms and dads monitored in a recent Chicago field experiment were significantly more likely to cheat in front of boys than girls.

Washington Post, February 3, 2015

Vaccinations are the new political wedge issue

Vaccinations have become a political wedge issue and may have opened up a new front in the GOP culture wars. The science of vaccinations is straightforward: Public health officials point to extensive research showing vaccines protect the common good. But the politics are far less clear, as comments from likely 2016 GOP hopefuls like New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul and other Republicans have laid bare.

MSNBC, February 3, 2015

Doctors Say Politicians Who Question Vaccines "Fail At The First Duty Of A Politician"

The unfolding controversy threatens to turn vaccinations into an election issue.

The Huffington Post

quickly rounded up the rest of the potential GOP contenders' positions on vaccines. And the New York Times reported that the debate is posing a challenge for Republican candidates, "who find themselves in the familiar but uncomfortable position of reconciling modern science with the skepticism of their core conservative voters," similarly to issues related to climate change

Think Progress, February 3, 2015

Vaccines and what we owe to our neighbors

Whether hipsters or home-schoolers, parents who don't vaccinate are free riders. Their children benefit from herd immunity without assuming the very small risk of adverse reaction to vaccination. It is a game that works - until too many play it.

Washington Post, February 2, 2015

UK: Should ALL boys be circumcised? Some experts say yes - but are they ignoring worrying risks?

- Medical experts are increasingly divided over male circumcision
- It has been practised for centuries by they wonder if it should continue
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend it for all boys

- But research shows no link between circumcision and the risk of STDs

Circumcision has been practised for centuries, with the earliest evidence dating from the time of the pharaohs. Yet it's become a highly controversial procedure, and one that stirs strong passions - the actor Russell Crowe famously caused a Twitter storm in 2011 when he described the procedure as 'barbaric and stupid'. He later apologised.

Daily Mail, February 2, 2015

Groundbreaking Grants Awarded for Partnership Related Projects

The Partnership is pleased to announce that it has collaborated with three Partner organizations to secure funding for a number of complementary projects related to adolescent and young adult male health, including efforts to promote immunizations. Nearly \$300,000 in grants has been awarded by Merck & Co. to the [Healthy Teen Network](#), the [American Sexual Health Association](#) and the [School Based Health Alliance](#) for independent educational projects. The Partnership will play a role in coordinating the three organizations to promote synergy of effort as well as optimal use of resources.

"This represents a unique funding model that we hope to replicate with other Partners and funders," said Dennis Barbour, executive director of the Partnership. "We're very grateful for Merck's support. We plan to be working with other Partners as well as these three to build on this initiative and secure Partner funding for similarly innovative projects."

Susan Wysocki, WHNP, FAANP Named to Partnership Steering Committee



The Steering Committee of The Partnership for Male Youth has approved the nomination of Susan Wysocki to serve on the

Committee. She is a nationally recognized expert in the field of women's health and was the President and CEO of the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH) 25 years. She is also a women's health nurse practitioner.

Among other awards, in 1999, Ms. Wysocki was selected by the Nurse Practitioner Journal for a Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2000, she was chosen as a charter Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. She has served as the chair of the National Alliance of Nurse Practitioners and was the founding President of the American College of Nurse Practitioners (ACNP). In 2003, she was presented ACNP's Sharp Cutting Edge Award for her leadership and an award from the Nurse Practitioner Journal for political activism. In 2005, she was awarded the Alan Guttmacher Lectureship by the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals.

Ms. Wysocki currently serves on the board of the American Sexual Health Association (ASHA) and was the board chair of Catholics for Choice from 2008-2014.

"We're delighted that Susan is joining us," said Dennis Barbour, executive director of the Partnership. "As a nurse and a women's health expert she brings a unique perspective to our work on behalf of male youth"

[Rand Paul doubles down on vaccine stance](#)

Sen. Rand Paul doubled down Monday on his earlier comments that vaccines should be "voluntary," telling CNBC, "I don't understand the point of why that would be controversial." He also alleged he was the victim of media bias.

Politico, February 2, 2015

[CANADA: Healthy Sexuality Is for Boys, Too Unique program teaches boys that they can be part of the solution](#)

Five years ago the Calgary Sexual Health Centre noticed a strange phenomenon in its statistics. Teen pregnancies had dropped, but sexually transmitted diseases were on the rise. Also increasing were domestic and sexual violence rates, bullying, and the spread of disturbing cultural messages about masculinity in the media and society.

Epoch Times, January 29, 2015

[UAE: Boys should also be offered HPV vaccine, experts say](#)

The vaccine against HPV - which causes most cases of cervical cancer - is offered to pupils aged from 15 to 17 at government and private schools in Abu Dhabi. Calls have been made to extend the scheme to other emirates.

The National, January 28, 2015

[Serum Institute of India poses challenge to Merck HPV vaccine](#)

The Serum Institute of India, the world's fifth largest vaccine maker by volume, is eyeing newer vaccines, including one for the human papilloma virus expected to be launched by late 2018 and sell at a third of the price of Merck's (\$MRK) blockbuster Gardasil, Bloomberg reported.

Fierce Vaccines, January 27, 2015

[Seeing selves as overweight may be self-fulfilling prophecy for some teens, especially boys](#)

Teens who mistakenly perceive themselves as overweight are actually at greater risk of obesity as adults, according to research findings forthcoming in *Psychological Science*, a journal of the Association for Psychological Science.

Medical Express, January 28, 2015

[Bill Gates condemns anti-vaxx trend](#)

While in Berlin for a conference of donors of the GAVI alliance (an organization that brings vaccines to the developing world), philanthropist Bill Gates condemned the anti-vaccination trend in rich Western countries. He also warned that we must prepare for "war" against the next pandemic.

Salon, January 28, 2015

Binge eating disorder is the most common eating disorder -- and many who have it are men. If that surprises you, you're not alone. People often see eating disorders as a woman's health concern. But guys get them too. About 40% of those with binge eating disorder are men.

WebMD, January 28, 2015

[How pornography influences and harms sexual behavior in young males](#)

A new article co-authored by a Virginia Commonwealth University professor suggests that pornography has become a primary source of sexual education, and has a tangible influence on the sex lives of young adults.

The researchers, including Jennifer Johnson, Ph.D., a professor in Department of Sociology of the College of Humanities and Sciences, surveyed 487 college men, ages 18 to 29, to compare their rate of pornography use with sexual preferences and concerns.

Health Express, January 27, 2015

[A paradox of approval with the HPV vaccine](#)

Parents are hesitant to have their own children vaccinated against the Human Papilloma Virus at the appropriate age - 11 to 12 years - despite approving of the age guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a new study from the Yale School of Public Health finds.

Yale Daily News, January 27, 2015

['Rebranding' views of young black males](#)

The Campaign for Black Male Achievement looks at black men and boys not as problems to be fixed but as individuals with potential. Beginning in February, the Campaign for Black Male Achievement, a program based at the Open Society Foundations since 2008, will be spun off from the foundation and operate as a separate organization. The change reflects the growing national interest in programs aimed at helping young black men.

Christian Science Monitor, January 26, 2015

[Lead's effect on brain is worse for boys than girls, study shows](#)

A new study suggests that the female hormones estrogen and estradiol may protect the brain against the toxic effects of lead. It found that young boys with higher levels of lead in their blood performed worse on cognition tests than those with lower levels, while this was not the case for girls, who appeared hardly affected by the chemical element.

Medical News Today, January 26, 2015

[Troubled Boys, Girls Have Sex Earlier, Study Finds](#)

Children with certain behavior problems are more likely to have sex at an early age, a new study reveals. Boys and girls who are unruly and aggressive from a young age were found to be more likely to start having sex before age 16, researchers reported in the February issue of the journal Pediatrics.

Health Day, January 26, 2015

[The Disneyland outbreak is the anti-vax tipping point We've gone from "elimination" of measles to a surge in cases -- can you please vaccinate your kids now?](#)

It's not one of those, hey, you do what's right for your children and we'll do what's right for ours and we'll all just stick to silently judging each other's choices. That's for Ferberizing and hiring a preschool admissions coach. Nope, this is about not being selfish and putting the person in front of you on the line for Pirates of the Caribbean at risk for a highly contagious respiratory disease.

Salon, January 26, 2015

[Pediatricians' Group Opposes Legal Marijuana](#)

American Academy of Pediatrics says drug has potential to harm children

Marijuana shouldn't be legalized because of the potential harm it can cause children and teens, the American Academy of Pediatrics says. However, the group's updated policy statement does support the compassionate use of marijuana for children with debilitating or terminal illnesses.

Health Day, January 26, 2015

[NEW ZEALAND: 'Boys will be boys' disguises wider problem within schools](#)

With the current limited range of gender messages about ideal masculinity, there's little wonder we see heightened levels of school disengagement in boys. Most research exploring this area of gender and schooling would agree that boys exhibit more overtly disengaged behaviour than girls. However, there's also research that highlights that girls are just as disengaged as boys.

Otago Daily Times, January 20, 2015

[Vaccine Opponents Often Cluster in Communities](#)

Parents who refuse to have their children vaccinated appear to be clustered in certain areas, a new study suggests. Among more than 150,000 children in 13 counties in Northern California, the researchers found five clusters where kids had missed one or more vaccinations by the time they were 3 years old.

Healthfinder.gov, January 19, 2015

[Fla. boy's circumcision spurs lengthy legal battle, protests](#)

An estranged Florida couple's fight over whether to circumcise their son has become a rallying cry for those who denounce the procedure as barbaric.

Herald Online, January 19, 2015

HPV VACCINE NOT AS POPULAR AS IT SHOULD BE: STUDY

But according to new research from the Moffitt Cancer Center, the HPV vaccine isn't as popular as it should be - especially among boys. "It feels a little bit like we've fallen short," said Susan Vadaparampil, a professor and senior member of the Moffitt Cancer Center.

Vadaparampil said in the U.S., only 38 percent of girls have completed all three doses of the vaccination. For boys, it's only 14 percent. "We would probably do a lot better if everybody was on the same page in terms of vaccine benefits, being comfortable with discussing the vaccine, and seeing how there is potential to prevent cancer," Vadaparampil said.

ABC7, January 17, 2015

Health officials: HPV vaccine is about stopping cancer, not promoting sex

It's time to try a new sales pitch, said national health leaders gathered at Moffitt Cancer Center on Thursday for a major conference on HPV, or human papillomavirus. "We need to start talking about it as a cancer vaccine, instead of a vaccine for sexually transmitted disease," said Dr. Otis Brawley, chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society.

TampaBay.com, January 15, 2015

Alcohol, Pot Fuel Half of Young Driver Deaths, Report Finds

More than 50 percent of the drivers tested positive for alcohol (36.8 percent), marijuana (5.9 percent) or both substances (7.6 percent). Those older than 21 were 14 percent more likely to test positive for alcohol, and slightly more likely to test positive for both alcohol and marijuana than those under the legal drinking age.

Healthfinder.gov, January 15, 2015

School climates, suicide and gay and lesbian students: Research on LGBT and youth education

Research has shown that sexual-minority youth - those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender - are more likely than their heterosexual peers to experience violence in their lives, including bullying, harassment and physical assault. In addition to the safety and physical health consequences, violence and victimization are associated with higher rates of anxiety, depression and suicide, and

indeed, sexual minorities have been found to bear a disproportionate burden with respect to these health issues.

Journalist's Resource, January 15, 2015

UK: Equalities minister: Playing with dolls will help young boys develop a caring side

Young boys should be encouraged to play with dolls to help develop their "nurturing and caring" instincts, the equalities minister, Jo Swinson, has argued. She condemned the stereotyping at an early age which eventually pushed men and women into different careers as she warned of the "huge shortage" of men working as careers.

The Independent, January 13, 2015

STUDY: The Internet's Multiple Roles in Facilitating the Sexual Orientation Identity Development of Gay and Bisexual Male Adolescents

(abstract free; article requires subscription)

One emerging avenue for the exploration of adolescents' sexual orientation identity development is the Internet, since it allows for varying degrees of anonymity and exploration. The purpose of this phenomenological study was to examine the role of the Internet in facilitating the sexual orientation identity development process of gay and bisexual male adolescents.

American Journal of Men's Health, January 13, 2015

Tot Therapy: Psychiatrists Join Up With Pediatricians Families Are More Receptive to Treatment in a Pediatrician's Office Than in a Mental-Health Clinic

It is little wonder that only about 1 in 5 children with diagnosable mental-health problems gets treatment. Now, more pediatricians are embedding mental-health professionals into their practices, where they can help spot problems early, provide care fast or reassure parents that a child's behavior is normal. Integrated care, as it is called, has other advantages: Pediatricians often see patients annually for a decade or more and follow families closely. If issues arise, instead of giving parents a referral, they can do a "warm handoff," personally introducing them to a therapist down the hall.

Wall Street Journal, January 12, 2015

UK: Like father, like son: Boys today are twice as likely to be close to their dads as in times past

A new generation of fathers and sons are closer than ever before, according to new research released today, and the improved relationships bode well for future generations, according to experts. Fathers are twice as likely to be "close" to their sons today, with more

than one in three (35 per cent) describing their relationship in this way. But only 18 per cent felt the same about how they got on with their own father, according to a national UK survey, by OnePoll, of 1,000 men with sons aged between 12 and 16.

The Independent, January 11, 2015

Oral HPV Infection Lasts Longer in Older Men, Study Finds

One type of oral HPV (human papillomavirus) infection, HPV16, seems to last a year or longer in men over the age of 45 than it does in younger men, new research indicates. HPV16 is the form of HPV often associated with the onset of head and neck cancers (oropharyngeal), the study team noted.

Medline Plus, January 9, 2015

Study compares mental health of trans, non-trans youth

Transgender youth have disparately negative mental health outcomes related to depression, anxiety, suicide ideation, suicide attempt, and self-harm without lethal intent compared to their non-transgender youth counterparts. The finding is detailed in a new study entitled Mental health of transgender youth in care at an adolescent urban community health center: A matched retrospective cohort study published today in the Journal of Adolescent Health.

Windy City Times, January 9, 2015

Let's talk about sex

It was my first day as a member of the Johns Hopkins University program known as CRASH, or Creating Responsibility for Adolescent Sexual Health, which is dedicated to educating Baltimore adolescents on all matters of sexual and reproductive health, from sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy to relationships and sexuality. At the end of every session, the boys write down five to 10 questions on index cards, so that by the end of six weeks they have each asked 30 to 60 questions. Sixty questions that prior to CRASH had been left unanswered.

Baltimore Sun, January 8, 2015

Gardasil HPV Vaccine Not Linked To Multiple Sclerosis Or Related Diseases

The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine Gardasil is not linked to an increased risk of multiple sclerosis or any other similar central nervous system conditions, found a study published in JAMA today.

Forbes, January 6, 2015

Beyond the Stereotypical Image of Young Men of Color

Minority youth are often portrayed through a distorted lens. But many live counternarratives every day.

But young men of color poses a range of complexities-insights, emotions, and aesthetics-that the public neither sees nor accepts because American culture often defines these males negatively and far too narrowly. In simple terms, there is much more to young men of color beyond the stereotypical image.

The Atlantic, January 5, 2015

Teens with mental health problems often have access to guns, study finds

A new study finds teens with mental health problems in the United States report having easy access to guns. Just under 41 percent of teens noted in the study reported having easy access to a firearm at home, and the researchers found no change in that percentage for teens who have a history of mental health problems and suicidal tendencies.

UPI, January 3, 2015

Steering boys away from the allure of violence

When I see a young male in therapy who is obviously frail, obese or otherwise out of shape and he tells me he possesses the ability to level any opponent or break bones with one swift kick, I do not challenge what he is saying. Instead the comment is, "I believe it would feel great to fear no one and have few ever challenge you."

Orange County Register, December 30, 2014

Teens Smoked Less, Drank Less Alcohol And Abused Opioids Less In 2014

Recent results released by the National Institute on Drug Abuse finds that use of cigarettes, alcohol, and abuse of prescription pain relievers among teens declined from 2013 while marijuana use rates were stable.

Scientific Blogging, December 31, 2014

Adolescent Boys Roam Farther To Find Mates

From myths to cartoons, our stories are full of teenage boys going off on roaming, romantic adventures. These stories may have a basis in fact, according to a new study: Men in a South American society travel more than women, but only during adolescence, when they are most actively seeking romantic partners.

Inside Science, December 30, 2014

Oral cancer on rise in young people

"Most of the cancers we saw were smoking, alcohol related," Friedlander said. "Right now we've seen an increase in a number of people who have not been exposed to cigarettes and alcohol that have these cancers." And he said that's

because of the human papilloma virus, or HPV. It's an orally transmitted virus that he says is easy to get. "These can be transmitted through oral sexual contact or something as innocuous as an open-mouth kiss," Friedlander said. *Wltv.com, December 30, 2014*

Texted Reminders Help Parents Get Kids In For Flu Shots

Young children are especially susceptible to the seasonal flu, and annual flu immunizations are the best way to protect them. But many children under 9 require two doses of the vaccine to be fully protected, and only about half of those who need two doses get both. That's in addition to the one-third of children in the United States who don't get flu immunizations at all. What'll it take to drive those numbers up? Simply texting parents a few reminders may help.

NPR, December 29, 2014