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THE LANCET

The Lancet March 07, 2026

The Lancet March 14, 2026
Seminar
Sickle cell disease
Sickle cell disease is a genetic red blood cell disorder, affecting millions of people globally. This Seminar provides a comprehensive update on the disease, emphasising its complex pathophysiology involving sickle haemoglobin polymerisation, vaso-occlusion, haemolysis, and inflammation that lead to acute, life-threatening complications and progressive organ damage.
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The Lancet March 21, 2026

Correspondence
Closing the adolescent health financing gap: the Global Financing Facility
Among today's most pressing development challenges is the matching of financing to health needs. One of the critically underfunded global priorities is adolescent health, with adolescents (aged 10–24 years) making up a quarter of the world's population but receiving only 2·4% of development aid for health in 2016–21.
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The Lancet March 28, 2026
Perspectives
Face, identity, and culture
Fay Bound-Alberti, writer and Professor in Modern History at King's College London, UK, was 5 years into an ambitious research project examining the interdisciplinary meanings of the face when she suddenly realised she had been suffering all her life from a rare condition called prosopagnosia, or face blindness.
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Correspondence
Unanswered questions regarding the AIR strategy in children
We read with great interest the recently published Article1 on the CARE study of anti-inflammatory reliever (AIR) therapy versus salbutamol in school-age children and adolescents with mild asthma.
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Correspondence
Unanswered questions regarding the AIR strategy in children – Authors' reply
We thank Stéphanie Lejeune and colleagues for their insightful comments on the Article1 reporting the CARE study, and welcome the opportunity to clarify the points raised.
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Seminar
Sepsis
Sepsis is defined as a dysregulated host response to infection that leads to life-threatening organ dysfunction.
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New England Journal of Medicine

NEJM March 05, 2026
Article
Zorevunersen in Children and Adolescents with Dravet Syndrome
Dravet syndrome is a severe developmental and epileptic encephalopathy caused primarily by SCN1A haploinsufficiency.
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NEJM March 12/19, 2026
Perspective
Good Compressions
Faced with a young woman whose seizures, of untraceable cause, can't be stopped by the medical team, a medical student viscerally learns the limits to what can be accomplished by pushing harder.
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Article
DB-OTO Gene Therapy for Inherited Deafness
Genetic deficiency of otoferlin, a protein critical to synaptic transmission by the sensory hair cells of the ear, causes congenital deafness. Medicines to treat the condition are lacking; children typically receive cochlear implants. DB-OTO is a dual adeno-associated virus 1 gene therapy that delivers human OTOF complementary DNA (encoding otoferlin) regulated by a hair cell–specific promoter.
Full text options: https://libkey.io/libraries/1656/10.1056/NEJMoa2400521

Editorial
Gene Therapy to Treat Profound Hearing Loss
The authors describe the scientific foundations of a study of gene therapy for hearing loss caused by damaging variants in the gene OTOF.
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Postpartum Persistence of Ebola Virus in Breast Milk
The 2018–2020 Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak in the northeast of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) was associated with 3481 confirmed cases, of which 57.3% occurred in females and 44.7% occurred in children (<18 years of age).
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NEJM March 26, 2026
Perspective
Number needed to treat
Medical evidence comes in the form of population statistics, but patients behave like people, each one unique. Physicians walk the line, studying bell curves but hoping each intervention has an NNT of 1.
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Review article
Clinical Implications of Minipuberty
Minipuberty refers to a specific period in early postnatal life with high activity of the hypothalamic–pituitary–gonadal (HPG) hormone axis.
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Case records of the Massachusetts General Hospital
Case 9-2026: A 12-Year-Old Girl with Altered Mental Status and Hypoglycemia
A 12-year-old girl was admitted to the hospital with altered mental status and abdominal distention. The blood glucose level was 30 mg per deciliter. Symptoms abated with glucose administration. A diagnosis was made.
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