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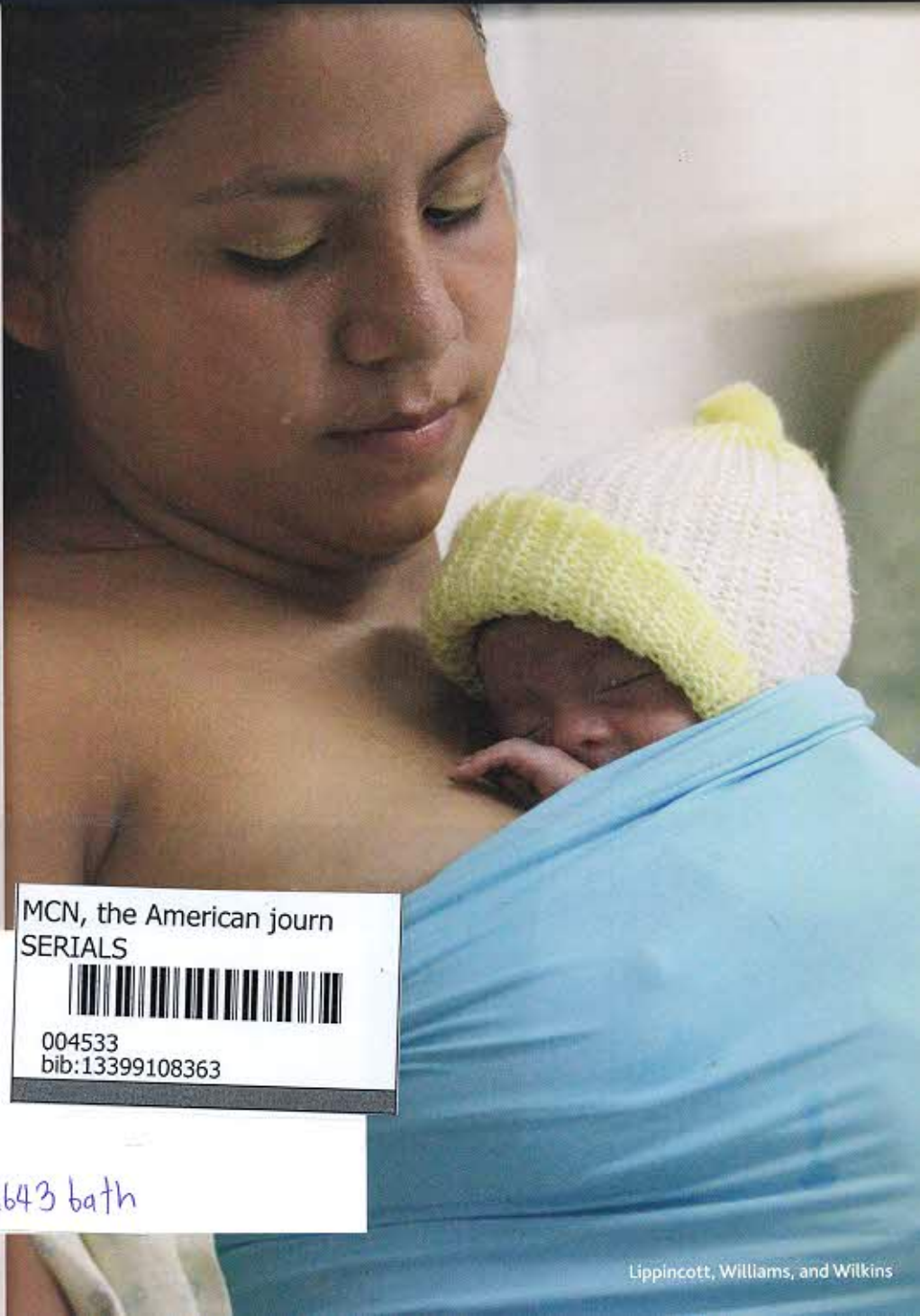
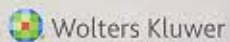
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278 Preterm Births: A Global Health Problem

Preterm birth is a significant health issue facing millions of babies and their families each year. Babies born preterm in developing countries with few resources often have poor outcomes. The United Nations and the World Health Organization have specifically identified nurses and midwives as key stakeholders capable of implementing strategies to decrease the global impact of preterm births.

Jane Greene Ryan, PhD, RN,
Evelyn Dogbey, PhD, RN, FNP

284 Womb Outsourcing: Commercial Surrogacy in India

As the costs of surrogacy in the United States have risen, some couples experiencing infertility are turning to international surrogates. India is one of the countries with a growing number of transnational surrogacy programs; however many Indian surrogate mothers are poorly educated and come from impoverished, rural areas of India where commercial surrogacy offers the possibility of nearly the equivalent of five years of family income. Are these surrogate mothers being exploited?

David M. Frankford, JD, Linda K. Bennington, PhD,
RN, Jane Greene Ryan, PhD, RN

291 Caring for Women Who Have Experienced Female Genital Cutting

Female genital cutting is a practice wide-spread in certain countries, yet the World Health Organization and professional organizations in most developed countries consider this practice child abuse and an extreme form of violence against women and girls. An overview of this issue and how to care for women who have female genital cutting is presented.

Cindy Little, PhD, WHNP-BC

298 Measles: Still a Significant Health Threat

A recent outbreak of measles has generated controversy about parents who decide against vaccinating their children with the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella vaccine. Clinical, epidemiological, and legal aspects of vaccination are discussed.

Claire Lindberg, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, ANP-BC,
Maria Lanzi, MS, MPH, ANP-BC, COHN-S,
Kristen Lindberg, JD, MPAff



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306 Hydrocortisone Cream to Reduce Perineal Pain after Vaginal Birth: A Randomized Controlled Trial

Does hydrocortisone cream offer perineal pain relief after vaginal birth? A randomized controlled trial examines this clinical question in a study of postpartum women after vaginal birth.

Margaret Manfre, BSN, RN, IBCLC,
Donita Adams, BS, RNC, Gloria Callahan, RN,
Patricia Gould, BSN, RNC, Susan Lang, RN, IBCLC,
Holly McCubbins, BSN, RN, Amy Mintz, BSN, RN,
Sommer Williams, RNC, Mark Bishard, Pharm-D,
Amy Dempsey, MSN, RNC,
Marianne Chulay, PhD, RN, FAAN

313 Breastfeeding and Childhood Obesity Among African Americans: A Systematic Review

Does breastfeeding offer protection against childhood obesity among children of African-American mothers who breastfed? This systematic review of the evidence suggests there is a positive association between breastfeeding and a reduction in childhood obesity in this population.

Camber Hess, MSN, RN, FNP, NP-C,
Agatha Ofei, MSN, RN, FNP, NP-C,
Alicia Mincher, MSN, RN

320 Relational Care for Perinatal Substance Use: A Systematic Review

This systematic review suggests comprehensive, integrated multidisciplinary services for pregnant women with substance use disorder are showing positive results. Pregnant women's engagement with comprehensive services facilitated by caring relationships with health care providers may improve perinatal outcomes.

Debra Kramlich, MSN, RN, CCRN,
Rebecca Kronk, PhD, MSN, CRNP

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277 GUEST EDITORIAL

Global Health and the Millennium Development Goals

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) have not been fully achieved; much more work is needed to better the lives of families around the world. The three feature articles in this special topics series on international issues in maternal child nursing provide information on some of the challenges in meeting the objectives of the MDGs affecting women and children.

Jane Greene Ryan, PhD, RN

327 HOT TOPICS IN MATERNITY NURSING

Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing in Group B Streptococcus-Positive, Penicillin-Allergic Women

Compliance with some important aspects of the CDC guidelines for prevention of perinatal group B streptococcal disease regarding antimicrobial susceptibility testing in penicillin-allergic women remains unacceptably low. Lack of adherence to some of the details increases risk of harm to newborn babies. Our maternity nursing expert has prepared a brief overview.

Kirsten Wisner, MS, RNC, CNS

328 HOT TOPICS IN PEDIATRIC NURSING

Rejecting Standard Care: Vitamin K Prophylaxis for Newborns and Parent Choice

Parental refusal of vitamin K administration for newborns after birth is on the rise. How can nurses provide adequate information to assist parents in making a truly informed choice about vitamin K so risk of unnecessary harm to babies can be minimized?

Jill A. Bauer, MA, RN

329 NUTRITION FOR THE FAMILY

Implications of Excessive Gestational Weight Gain

Excessive weight gain during pregnancy may influence long-term child health outcomes.

Karen H. Morin, PhD, RN, ANEF, FAAN

330 HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Robotic Journalism and Nursing

Robotic journalism is the use of software algorithms designed to generate written articles. Summarized structured quantifiable data are key content in healthcare communications. New journalism technology may soon challenge nurse authors and editors to incorporate robot generated content. Will we be reading nursing literature generated by robots in the near future?

Patricia McCartney, PhD, RNC, FAAN

331 GLOBAL HEALTH AND NURSING

Empowering Sudanese Women and Promoting Their Health and Wellbeing: The Courage and Commitment of One Woman

Individual efforts of courageous women in under-resourced countries are making a difference to move forward in achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

Lynn Clark Callister, PhD, RN, FAAN

332 TOWARD EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

Experts suggest how 6 research articles can be used in nursing practice.

Coordinated by Judith A. Lewis, PhD, RN, FAAN
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336 PERINATAL PATIENT SAFETY

Safe Care for Maternal Substance Use and Neonatal Drug Withdrawal

As maternal use and abuse of opioids and other prescription drugs increases, plans are needed for safe care in the inpatient setting for babies with symptoms of drug withdrawal. Staffing a well-baby nursery with a registered nurse to care for one newborn with withdrawal symptoms can negatively affect overall unit staffing and productivity budgets, but based on the population served and recent history of positive maternal and newborn drug screens, predictions can be made for staffing needs and staffing budgets adjusted accordingly.

Karhleen Rice Simpson, PhD, RNC, CNS-BC, FAAN

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