EDITOR'S MEMO

Making Sure the Kids Are Alright

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Welcome to the first-ever online-only P&T special issue. This edition is devoted primarily to pediatric topics. Look for a combined January/February print issue next month.

As we approach the third decade of the 21st century, we've been inspired to think outside the box to present our content in new and innovative ways beyond the traditional print journal, digital edition, and our website, ptcommunity.com. This year, we'll continue to produce 12 issues, but two—this one and another in July—will be online-only thematic issues.

While pondering my 357-word memo, I googled “the kids are alright,” which I vaguely knew was the title of a song by The Who (as you can see, I'm not afraid to reveal my age, more or less). I discovered that it was also a 1970s TV sitcom in which the eldest son quits the seminary to go off and “save the world” (you learn something new every day around here). We'll settle for saving a few kids, or at least making them healthier.

January's special issue has a pediatric theme, but also includes Kimberly Ng's timely drug forecast article on a new drug (Xofluza) for influenza, which of course affects both kids and adults. Jared Austin et al. present four clinical cases that remind us of the value pediatricians bring to P&T committees by, for example, ensuring that children receive age-appropriate doses and formulations of medications that traditionally have been established with adults in mind. Paula Baichoo and Gladys El-Chaar discuss the use of intravenous acetaminophen for pain management during vaso-occlusive crises in pediatric patients (a frequent occurrence among patients with sickle cell disease). Finally, our long-time contributing clinical writer, Janet Dyer, presents a recap of the latest information on respiratory distress in neonates.

Our next online-only issue is scheduled for July. If you have ideas for featured topics or are interested in writing for future issues, you can contact me at sonja.sherritze@iconplc.com. Our articles are always accessible via PubMed Central.

Thanks for reading, and happy new year to you and all the kids, big and small, in your world.