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...to your work in your hospital, health region, clinic, health centre, or personal care home?

...to your decisions in patient care?

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The survey is available at the following link and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete:

www.ssgresearch.com/value010

This international survey is being conducted with funding provided by the U.S. National Library of Medicine. Further information about the survey may be found at:

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Yet through it all the staff worked hard to maintain services. They dutifully wore hard hats upstairs, and distributed free ear plugs as walls fell and drills roared. In cramped temporary office space they endured the upheaval and confusion; and they boxed, moved, and unboxed (twice!) a collection of 200,000 books and journals.

It was worth all the trouble, however. The new library is a much larger and better-designed "health information place." The upper floor has been greatly enlarged with the addition of a new wing. The Aboriginal Health Collection and the Faculty of Medicine Archives have been transformed. The completely redesigned area also offers comfortable new furniture and ample study space, twelve high-tech seminar rooms, a large boardroom, and wheelchair-accessible public washrooms.

The main floor of the library is brighter and more accommodating, with upgraded workstations and computer labs, new offices for staff, and a redesigned work area for Circulation and Document Delivery.

Although we are finally open to the public, renovations are not quite done. The outside wall at the library entrance is still unfinished, as are three large illuminated walls on both levels. Signage is incomplete, and we ask you to bear with our improvised room labels and other temporary signs.

To all our patient users, the staff of the Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library bid you welcome and hope that you enjoy our new but familiar space.
Sharing Articles Under New UM Copyright Guidelines

As noted in a recent Bulletin article (January 13, 2011), the University of Manitoba has chosen not to renew with Access Copyright.

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The Guidelines affect course packs, reserves, and distribution of articles.

The Copyright Act allows instructors to:

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Without posting the full-text of an article, creating a link to the journal article that utilizes the UM Libraries Proxy and encourages users to login using their UM ID number and Library PIN may also be possible. We have prepared this short screencast to demonstrate how to do this with PubMed.

http://www.screencast.com/t/kWI6JMkDk6i

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Tania Gottschalk Appointed Acting Head of the Health Sciences Libraries

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Tania graduated from the University of Illinois with a Master of Science in Library and Information Science in 1986 and a Master of Education in 1987. She has held positions as an academic librarian at the University of Illinois (1987-1989), University of Idaho (1989-1997), and University of Manitoba (1997-Present).

In the Health Sciences Libraries she has held the positions of Education Services Librarian (2008-2010); WRHA Librarian (2006-2008); Acting Section Head, Deer Lodge Centre Library (2005-2006); Acting Section Head, Grace Hospital Library (2002-2003); Outreach and Reference Librarian (1998-2002 and 2003-2006).
The recent renovations to the Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library included the addition of 12 seminar rooms and a large boardroom.

Normal use of the seminar rooms and boardroom is for academic education purposes, including seminars, training, group study, journal clubs, presentations, exams, and meetings. Each seminar room is equipped with a wall-mounted monitor which can be connected to a laptop for group collaboration. The walls of the seminar rooms are painted with whiteboard paint and can be written on with whiteboard pens provided by the library.

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Lexicomp Online for Dentistry uses the same format and drug information as the main Lexicomp database (also available through the University of Manitoba Libraries) combined with a focus on the drugs commonly used in dental practice, and additional reference information to help inform diagnosis and treatment.

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Access to Lexicomp Online for Dentistry is generously provided by the Canadian Dental Association and CDSPI.

A handheld version is also available free for students and faculty through the NJM Library. Drop by the library to fill out an application.
What Your Patient Reads: Antibiotics for IBS?

On Jan 9, 2011 the CBC news posted an article describing new research study results for relief of irritable bowel syndrome symptoms. Two studies showing 41 per cent of patients taking the antibiotic rifaximin reported substantially improved symptoms for up to 10 weeks compared with placebo. The two studies involved 1260 patients with mild to moderate IBS without constipation. Patients were given either a placebo or 550 mg of rifaximin three times a day for two weeks. Lead researcher Dr. Mark Pimentel of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, noting the improved symptoms lasted past the two weeks, remarked "we've actually touched on the cause of IBS, as opposed to just covering up symptoms." Results from other studies investigating overgrowth of bacteria in the gut as the cause of IBS have been mixed. Dr. Jan Tack from the University of Leuven in Belgium states that the response to rifaximin in these studies is novel and important as well as within the range seen with other effective IBS treatments. Salix Pharmaceuticals, the makers of rifaximin, are seeking to expand the drug’s use to IBS. Rifaximin is approved for traveller’s diarrhea and complications of liver disease. The studies were paid for by Salix, some researchers were Salix employees, and others received consulting fees from the company. Cedars-Sinai holds a patent on the use of rifaximin for IBS.

Antibiotic helps with irritable bowel: studies. CBC news Jan 9, 2011.

Referenced Work


Pimental’s Key Points

- Two phase 3, double blind, placebo controlled trials. Participants were at least 18 years old, had a colonoscopy within previous two years, diagnosis of and had current symptoms of IBS, and did not have adequate IBS relief at time of screening and time of randomization.
- Total of 1260 patients in US and Canada who had IBS without constipation were treated in parallel from June 2008 to August 2009.
- Patients were randomly assigned to either 550 mg of rifaximin or placebo, three times a day for two weeks and followed for an additional ten weeks.
- Rifaximin is a minimally absorbed antibiotic that targets the gut and is associated with a low risk of bacterial resistance. Significantly more people in the rifaximin group had adequate relief of global IBS symptoms in the first four weeks after treatment.
- More patients in the rifaximin group had adequate relief of bloating.
- Significantly more people in the rifaximin group had a response to treatment as assessed by daily ratings of IBS symptoms, bloating, abdominal pain and stool consistency.
- Incidence of adverse events were similar in the rifaximin and placebo groups.
- Conclusion: Treatment with 550 mg of rifaxamin three times a day for two weeks provides better relief than placebo for up to ten weeks after completion of therapy.

Additional References from the Medical Literature


Links For Your Patients

MedlinePlus: Irritable Bowel Syndrome

National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse (NDDIC)

Merck Manual Home Edition: Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS)

Mayo Clinic: Irritable Bowel Syndrome

NOAH: Irritable Bowel Syndrome

Annals of Internal Medicine Summaries for Patients: Can Antibiotics Improve the Symptoms of the Irritable Bowel Syndrome?

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If you fire up PubMed today and try to search the medical subject headings, you’ll notice that the look and feel of the MeSH Database has changed. MeSH is the National Library of Medicine controlled vocabulary used for indexing articles for PubMed.

The database has been redesigned to provide a more streamlined interface that is more in keeping with the main PubMed look and feel.

The biggest difference you'll find from the old design is the PubMed Search Builder. Keep an eye on future news items for more information about the changes to PubMed.

See the announcement from the National Library of Medicine: http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/jf11/jf11_pm_mesh_db.html