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264 **CE** Posttraumatic Growth After Birth Trauma: "I Was Broken, Now I Am Unbreakable"

This study was conducted by one of the leading experts in the field, Dr. Cheryl Beck, along with her colleague Sue Watson, and offers a unique view of how some mothers have reported positive growth after a traumatic birth experience. Findings can help nurses better understand mothers' experiences and inform future nursing research.

Cheryl Tatano Beck, DNSc, CNM, FAAN,
Sue Watson

272 **CE** Chromosome Microarray

A comprehensive review of chromosome microarray is presented including how testing is performed and results are analyzed. A case report highlights how the technology is applied in clinical practice and the benefits and limitations of scientific and bioinformatics genetic technology. This information is valuable for maternal child nurses in all practice settings.

Sharon Anderson, DNP, NNP-BC, APNG

280 Medication Errors in Outpatient Pediatrics

An overview of pediatric medication errors in the outpatient setting with a focus on errors in medication administration and the contributing effects of parental health literacy is presented.

Kyla Berrier, BSN, RN



287 Counseling Women on Smoking Relapse Prevention During Postpartum

Many women who quit smoking after learning they are pregnant revert back to smoking after birth of their baby. The authors describe the Helping Women Stop Smoking in Pregnancy and Beyond education program designed for perinatal nurses to help inform women of negative risks of smoking and offer women effective strategies to avoid the high probability of resuming smoking after birth.

Ann Feeney, PhD, CNM, CRNP,
Geraldine Britton, PhD, RN, FNP

293 **SDC** Preconception Health Behaviors of Low-Income Women

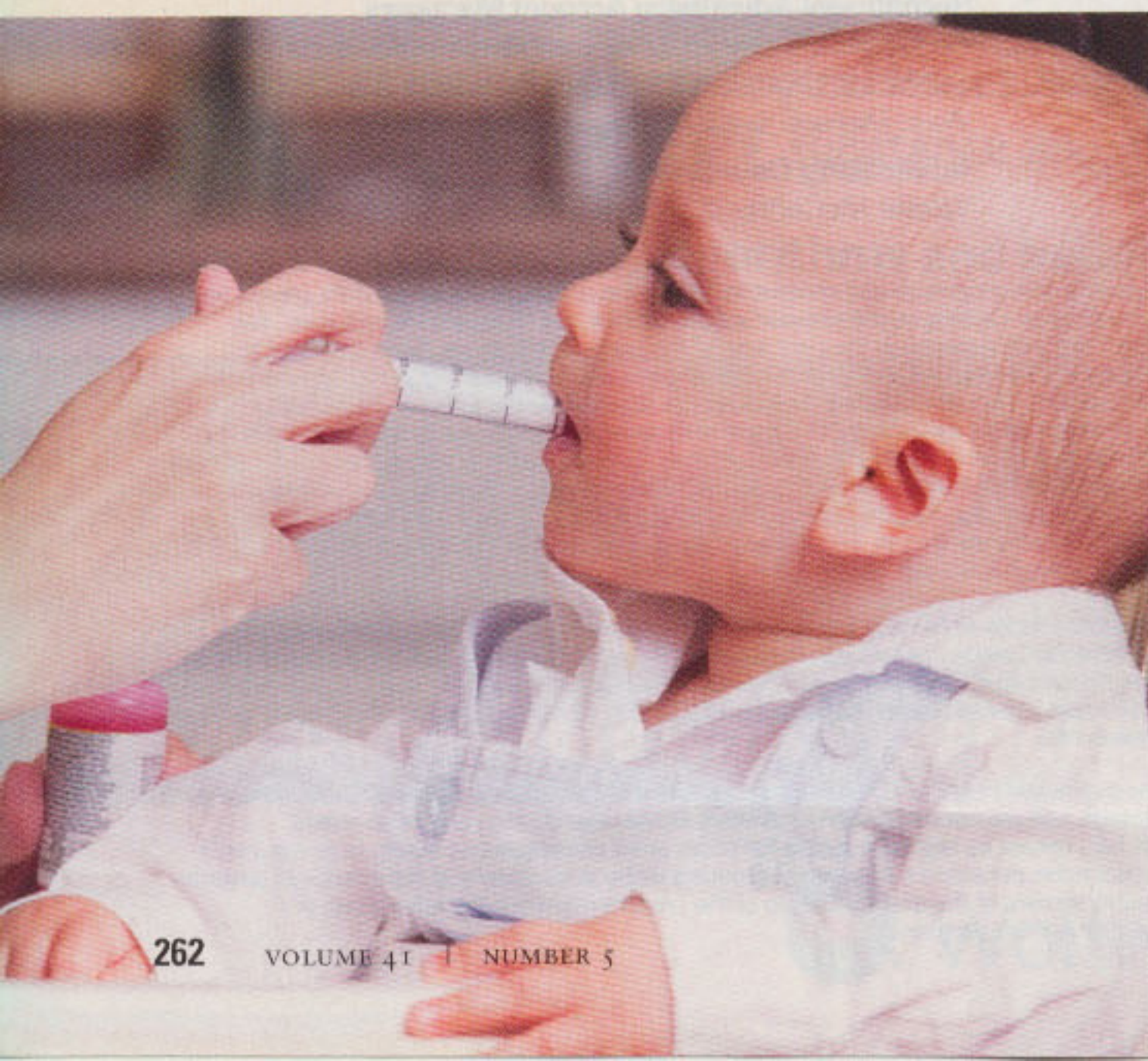
Women of childbearing age who are at risk of becoming pregnant do not always practice health promoting behaviors. As many pregnancies are unintended, all women of childbearing age could benefit from support and encouragement from nurses to be as healthy as they can by taking multivitamins and folic acid, avoiding smoking, and maintaining a healthy weight through a balanced diet and moderate activity.

Adejoke B Ayoola, PhD, RN, Krista Sneller, MS, RN,
Tega D. Ebeye, Megan Jongekrijg Dykstra,
Victoria L. Ellens, BSN, RN, HaEun Grace Lee,
Gail L Zandee, MSN, RN

299 Interventions That Enhance Breastfeeding Initiation, Duration, and Exclusivity: A Systematic Review

Results of this systematic review highlight the significant gaps in knowledge about effective interventions to promote successful breastfeeding.

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Antenatal Corticosteroids in the Late Preterm Period

Results of a recent multicenter randomized clinical trial found less respiratory morbidity among newborns when their mothers who were at risk for preterm birth from 34 weeks and 0 days up to 36 weeks and 5 days gestation were given antenatal betamethasone. Therefore the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine now recommends that women at risk for late preterm birth be given antenatal steroids using a suggested protocol for dosing, appropriate candidates, and gestational dating criteria to reduce respiratory morbidity among late preterm babies.

Kirsten Wisner, MS, RNC, CNS

309 GLOBAL HEALTH AND NURSING

Refugee Women and Children: What Can I Do?

Many of the refugees fleeing war and violence around the world are women and children. The United Nations has suggestions for offering help. Our global health expert, Dr. Callister, lists ways you can make a difference.

Lynn Clark Callister, PhD, RN, FAAN

310 HOT TOPICS IN PEDIATRIC NURSING

Adolescent Use of E-Cigarettes: What are the Risks?

More and more teenagers are using e-cigarettes. Our pediatric nursing expert, Dr. Beal, explains what is known and unknown about the risks to their health.

Judy A. Beal, DNSc, RN, FNAP, FAAN



311 NUTRITION FOR THE FAMILY

Dietary Influence on Depression

Food can influence mental wellbeing, making a nutritional assessment a critical aspect of nursing practice. Our nutrition expert, Dr. Morin, explains the potential link between diet and depression.

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

312 TOWARD EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

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

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316 PERINATAL PATIENT SAFETY

Evaluating Quality of Second Stage Labor Care

The condition of the baby at birth is a potentially valuable indicator of the quality of care during the second stage of labor. Consider using Apgar scores less than 7 at one minute as criteria for selecting cases for team review. Use the lessons learned to change practice accordingly.

Kathleen Rice Simpson, PhD, RN, CNS-BC, FAAN

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