

temperatures has precipitated one of Ethiopia's worst malaria epidemics. The current first line in malaria therapy in Ethiopia is sulphadoxine-pyrimethamine (SP) alone or with chloroquine. However it is becoming clear that SP is not working and it just may be increasing circulating gametocytes. And if they happen to be drug resistant, the results are likely to be catastrophic. At a meeting on epidemics on Dec 10, WHO recommended for the first time that regardless of national malaria policy, the only drugs to be used in a malaria epidemic are artemisinin-based combinations (ACTs). These are associated

with considerably lower circulating non-viable gametocytes, and are able to stop the epidemic in its tracks. The Ethiopian government, though aware of the resistance problem, is reluctant to switch treatments. Resistance to change will only encourage resistance to drugs (The Lancet Interactive 20 December 2003).

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Prevention of Child Abuse

The National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information – <http://www.calib.com/nccanch> This website contains information on the recognition, prevention, reporting and responding to child abuse. The website has statistical information on child abuse in the USA, an online digest, education and training resources.

Prevent Child Abuse America – www.preventchildabuse.org. This organization was established in 1972 in the USA. The website contains information about the activities of the organization, the 'Lookin up' news letter and information on good parenting. Their programs include 'Healthy Families America' which is an initiative to get children off to a good start in life and the 'Circle of Parents', which is a mutual self help group for parents.

Journals

Child Abuse Review – <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/jhome/5060>

Child Abuse and Neglect – www.science-direct.com/science/journal/01452134

Abstracts from these bi-monthly journal can be accessed without subscription.

Child Abuse Prevention Network - <http://child-abuse.com>. This is an useful source of information on child abuse. The website contains a listing of news-groups where one can participate in online discussions, conference listings, and training resources.

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