

who do not. Interestingly, Filetti's team found that patients who received an assessment that took into account indices of trauma during childhood used 35% fewer health services in the 2-year period after the assessment than patients who were assessed using a different approach. Felitti's findings on the negative impact of an early traumatic experience on subsequent health care use are both intriguing and ominous. As this work becomes more widely known, it will be increasingly difficult to ration the scant professional resources that are available to serve children with mental health needs in Canada.

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## Error in the *Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties*, 2008 edition

A potentially serious error has been identified in the *Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties (CPS)*, 2008 edition, in the Clin-Info section, Calculations and Dosing Tools, p. L3.<sup>1</sup> The square brackets in the first equation for body surface area (BSA) should enclose *both* the numerator and denominator. Using the equation as it is printed results in underdosage. The corrected formula is included below (equation). A complete listing of errata can be found at [www.pharmacists.ca/errata](http://www.pharmacists.ca/errata).

**Body surface area (BSA):**

$$\text{BSA (m}^2\text{)} = \left[ \frac{\text{height (cm)} \times \text{weight (kg)}}{3600} \right]^{0.5}$$

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## Correction

The lead author of a research paper<sup>1</sup> in the April 8 issue has provided the following clarification. The initial Health Canada warnings about the use of antidepressants were directed toward people aged 18 years and younger; however,

in June 2004, Health Canada expanded their warning to include all age groups. The implication of this omission for the study by Katz and colleagues is that the decrease in antidepressant use among young adults (19–24 years) is not a “spillover” effect but rather is a measure of the impact of the warning on young adults. The other events described in this study as “spillover effects” are accurately described.

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