Overall risk of birth defects appears low for women taking antiretrovirals during early pregnancy
While the study found that overall risk was low, the researchers did find that one ARV drug, atazanavir, was associated with increased risk of birth defects and they said it should be studied further.

Pursuing a path of diversity, inclusivity
Meredith Rosenthal is marking one year as HSPH's associate dean for diversity. Here, she discusses goals and challenges in creating a more diverse, more inclusive School—and why it's so important.

Text messages effective in treating malaria
Simple text message reminders to take medication can help malaria patients stick to their medication regimen, according to a new study. When patients don’t complete their full medication regimen, the disease can develop resistance to treatment.

Event Highlights

Diversity Talks Series — Addressing LGBT Health Disparities through Federal and State Policy Changes
Sean Cahill, Fenway Health
November 17
12:30–1:20 PM
Kresge G1

Ecoopportunlity Seminar: Harnessing the Himalayan Sun
Catlin Powers
November 18
12:30–1:30 PM
FXB G11

Lown Scholars Program Lecture Series — The Health Status of South Africans: A Microcosm of the World
Bongani Mayosi, Groote Schuur Hospital, Univ. of Cape Town
November 20
4:00–5:00 PM
Kresge G3

Yerby Diversity Lecture — Native American Health Care: Challenges For The Future
Tom Sequist
December 1
11:30 AM–12:30 PM
Office of Diversity & Inclusion, 35 Wigginsworth Street

Featured videos

Around the School

Students, researchers share

November 13, 2014

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findings at annual poster day
Students, postdocs, and research scientists presented their research at the annual school-wide poster day on November 7.

Harvard's 2015 health benefits changes and you
Open Enrollment for employee benefits ends November 19, and a number of important changes are occurring to health insurance benefits for faculty and non-union employees that you should know about before making final benefits decisions. To learn more, take this tutorial or attend one of the information sessions being offered. The tutorial covers the health plan changes for faculty, nonunion staff and retirees under age 65, including how the deductibles, coinsurance, and out-of-pocket maximums will work, and is followed by a short self-assessment to help you focus on the plans that may best meet your needs and those of your family.

Harvard Community Gifts Campaign begins
Please join Harvard's community of kindness by giving to a charity or cause near and dear to your heart, during the 2015 Harvard Community Gifts Campaign, which is now open and runs through November 19, 2014. All donations are made online by visiting the giving website and entering your Harvard University ID as your user name and your birth date (expressed as MMDD) as your password.

Season of Giving
The Season of Giving celebrates the good work and the goodwill of those within our community. Highlights include food and toy drives, and the opportunity to send colleagues notes of appreciation.

Research news
Helping doctors talk to patients about guns
HSPH-UNICEF child protection curriculum recognized