Welcome to the HepTalk Listserv. For July, we offer two articles about immunizing adolescents. Adolescents are often seen by many of you in your clinics for a variety of reasons, from prenatal care to sports physical exams, presenting a good opportunity to see if they have had their Hep B shots. The first article, co-authored by Dr. Jennie McLauren who is on the staff at MCN, discusses the difficulties of and the importance of immunizing adolescents in high risk settings such as homeless shelters and migrant camps. The second discusses the positive effect of a school-entry vaccination requirement on racial and ethnic disparities in Hepatitis B immunization coverage levels. Our third article is offered via the Medscape Business of Medicine website, and offers some good practical tips for including preventive care in the midst of a busy acute care agenda. The entire brief article is presented below. Finally we offer an important announcement from MCN. Please join us at the National Summit of Clinicians for Healthcare Justice in Washington DC, October 23-25, 2008. For more registration and details, open the attachment or go to http://www.migrantclinician.org/

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