



What's happening in Public Health?

July is ...

Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month

Juvenile arthritis (JA) is not a disease in itself. Also known as pediatric rheumatic disease, JA is an umbrella term used to describe the many autoimmune and inflammatory conditions or pediatric rheumatic diseases that can develop in children under the age of 16. JA affects nearly 300,000 children in the United States. Although the various types of JA share many common symptoms, like pain, joint swelling, redness and warmth, each type of JA is distinct and has its own special concerns and symptoms. Unfortunately, there is no cure for JA, although with early diagnosis and aggressive treatment, remission is possible.

(Source: <http://www.arthritis.org/about-arthritis/types/juvenile-arthritis>)

Public Health News Links

Local Public Health News (Grand Rapids Area)

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- [Camp in Grand Rapids gives fun to children coping with grief](#)

State Public Health News

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- [Michigan communities federally recognized for their commitment to water fluoridation](#)
- [What women should know about the Michigan Breast Density Notification Law; Primary care provider education modules available](#)
- [Franciscan Alliance to build new hospital in Michigan City](#)
- [Self-management, physical activity key to combatting unique challenges of arthritis](#)

National Public Health News

- [Depression awareness on the red carpet](#)
- [Michigan, Florida, Nevada & Maryland Most Expensive States for Retirement Health Care; Hawaii, Vermont and Maine the Least Expensive](#)
- [\\$1 of every \\$5 spent in US will be on health care](#)
- [CVS And IBM's Watson Cloud Pursue Ways To Predict Patient Health](#)
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