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Awareness Topics

[Eli Lilly Offers Obesity Drug Directly to Consumers](#)

“Eli Lilly, maker of the anti-obesity drug Zepbound, announced this week the launch of LillyDirect, a direct-to-patient portal, allowing some patients to obtain its drug for as little as \$25 a month.”

[Lessons From the Mpox Response](#)

“During the summer of 2022, mpox (then known as monkeypox) was spreading rapidly across the US, largely affecting gay and bisexual men who have sex with men (GBMSM).”

[Antibiotic resistance is a growing threat — is climate change making it worse?](#)

“Although researchers have some understanding of how climate change will exacerbate the rise in antibiotic resistance, scientists are now digging into the mechanisms and exploring how large the effect could be, says Pamela Yeh, an evolutionary biologist at the University of California.”

Many diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes may have a different form of the disease

“The condition is often called latent autoimmune diabetes of adults, or LADA for short.”

Alcohol Leaves its Mark on Immune Cells

“Chronic alcohol consumption impairs production of blood and immune cells and dysregulates immune cell functions, but its long term effects remain poorly understood.”

US FDA to allow Florida to import cheaper drugs from Canada

“Florida on Friday won authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to directly import prescription drugs from Canada, the first state to get such approval for a strategy that could lower prices for medicines.”

Long COVID Has Caused Thousands of US Deaths: New CDC Data

“While COVID has now claimed more than 1 million lives in the United States alone, these aren't the only fatalities caused at least in part by the virus. A small but growing number of Americans are surviving acute infections only to succumb months later to the lingering health problems caused by long COVID.”

Events

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