



Consolidated weekly report

POLICY: Health

Focus article coming soon

Hazard Level

Change Codes
↓ Deteriorated
• Steady
↑ Improved
↗ Alert

week-ended	See daily list of news items
2007 Jul 01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sadly, as with all zealots of the Right and Left <i>facts</i> are sometimes killed off in the interest of a good story -- The facts and numbers behind Moore's Sicko. Pfizer and the Nigerian government are locked in <i>litigation</i> -- "The government is seeking the damages after nearly <u>200 children</u> either died or suffered deformities [from immoral drug trials]."
2007 Jun 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • " ... between [Michael]Moore's slick illusion that a valuable service can be provided for "free" and the chance to get the same buying power for health care that Americans have in the rest of the economy" -- The Coming Health Care War.
2007 Jun 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [nothing significant to summarize but see links to stories in this topical area]
2007 Jun 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [nothing significant to summarize but see links to stories in this topical area]
2007 Jun 03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A selfish stupid US lawyer who traveled knowing he had highly drug-resistant TB shows how ready the world is to contain <i>pandemics</i> -- TB patient "very sorry" for endangering others. Obama calls for universal health care coverage, paid for by government, business, consumers -- "If you are one of 45 million Americans who don't have health insurance, you will after this plan becomes law."
2007 May 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↓ <i>Pilots</i> acting as <i>whistle-blowers</i> have found toxins on <i>passenger jets</i> -- "The neuro-toxin is on the walls of the passenger cabin and in the flight deck...."
2007 May 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↓ <i>Toothpaste poisoned</i> with <i>anti-freeze</i> found in Panama is believed to be from China. [The claimed difficulty in tracing culprits indicates official corruption and/or utterly inadequate safety systems.] Holding Big Pharma's Feet to the Fire -- more in-depth on Thailand's "patent breaking".
2007 May 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↓ <i>Chinese drug counterfeiters</i> are using <i>diethylene glycol</i> [anti-freeze] instead of <i>glycerin</i> and other ingredients in <i>fake drugs</i> appearing throughout the <i>developing world</i>, and killing thousands -- From China to Panama, a Trail of Poisoned Medicine.
2007 May 06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↓ According to the Defense Department's Task Force on Mental Health chaired by Navy Surgeon General <u>one-third</u> of US troops are suffering from <i>mental health problems</i>. Jose Ramos-Horta, the current prime minister of East Timor says he will [with an eye on the <i>Fretilin</i> electorate] consolidate ties with <i>communist states</i> -- "collaboration with Cuba is very important to us, especially in relation to the <i>health system</i>".
2007 Apr 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More detail on Thailand's use of a WTO rule that permits a state to break a <i>patent</i> under certain circumstances -- Thai 'drug war'.



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2007 Apr 22	<p>↓ In the US, improvement in the <i>infant mortality rate</i> in <i>Mississippi</i> and several southern other states has stalled and then <u>risen</u>. [This is not good news for a developed nation.] More bad press on the possible downsides of <i>nano-particles</i> -- Nanoparticles can damage DNA, increase cancer risk.</p>
2007 Apr 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [nothing significant to summarize but see links to stories in this topical area]
2007 Apr 08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [nothing significant to summarize but see links to stories in this topical area]
2007 Apr 01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [nothing significant to summarize but see links to stories in this topical area]
2007 Mar 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FDA has ruled that <i>medical practitioners</i> who receive more than \$50,000 from a company would no longer be allowed to serve on the <i>committees</i> deciding on that companies' products. [Not that big pharma has ever engaged in shady practice.]
2007 Mar 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [nothing significant to summarize but see links to stories in this topical area]
2007 Mar 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>National Center for Policy Analysis</i> says a new order of <i>transparency</i> in <i>health-care</i> – a consumer-rights orientation -- is as important as <i>equity</i> in availability. Also: "it is critical to remember there are other solutions besides overpriced, <i>one-size-fits-all</i> comprehensive plans."
2007 Mar 04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Massachusetts</i> continues with its "<i>landmark insurance initiative designed to require health coverage for all Massachusetts</i>". Governor Schwarzenegger of <i>California</i> proposes extending the state <i>Medicaid</i> program to include working families earning twice the federal poverty level.

Commencement of this Topic

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