RMNCH in the news: World Prematurity Day
*Media coverage of preterm birth on and around 17 November 2012*

**NORTH AMERICA:**

**Extremely Premature Babies Still at Risk of Health Issues As Youngsters**
TIME Health & Family (USA) – 5 December 2012
In two studies published online in the journal BMJ, scientists in the UK report that although preemie survival rates are up, the number of serious health issues and disabilities remain stubbornly unchanged between 1995 and 2006 ...

**Premature Birth Report Card**
KTBS (USA) – 4 December 2012
Shreveport, La. - A recent study by the March of Dimes says the U.S. pre-term birth rate dropped for the fifth straight year in 2011 to 11.7%. That's the lowest it's been in a decade, but the news is not ...

**Local docs support full-term births**
The Tribune-Democrat (USA) – 1 December 2012
Worldwide, 15 million babies are born too soon each year, and more than 1 million of those infants die as a result of their early births. “We're proud to partner with the March of Dimes to give more babies a healthy start in life,” Memorial's Chief ...

**Warning Signs, Risks of Pre-Term Labor**
WOWT (USA) – 29 November 2012
November is Prematurity Awareness Month and with it comes an effort to get the word out, letting expectant mothers and those who plan to get pregnant know what they can do to give their babies the best shot ...

**Caring for Late Preterm Infants: New Guidelines**
WBNG-TV (USA) – 28 November 2012
(WBNG Binghamton) In the U.S., more than a half a million babies are born premature each year. 75 percent of those are late preterm infants.

**Baystate Medical joins effort to halt elective preterm deliveries of ...**
MassLive.com (USA) – 28 November 2012
According to the recent 2012 Premature Birth Report Card, while the U.S. ... and has a long way to go in reducing the country's rate of premature births. ... received a “B” grade and are one step away from achieving the goal ...

**Hospitals, others work to reduce premature births**
Chicago Daily Herald (USA) – 26 November 2012
“If we could raise public awareness that this is a critical health care issue and educate women about what these risk factors are so they can manage and prevent preterm births, that would go a long way,” said Louise Fazio, clinical manager of the NICU at Rush-Copley ...
Babies born 'too small, too soon' focus of Prematurity Awareness Month
Milwaukee Courier Weekly Newspaper (USA) – 24 November 2012
One in eight — or 500,000 — babies are born prematurely in the U.S. each year. In Wisconsin the percent of preterm births decreased from 11.4 in 1996 to 10.8 in 2010, according to ...

Washington does better than most states in premature birth rates
Q13 FOX (USA) – 23 November 2012
In places like Seattle's Swedish Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit, experts, along with the March of Dimes, are working to improve the odds for babies born too early. Nurse manager Chantel ...

Concientización sobre partos prematuros y VSR
El Extra (USA) – 21 November 2012
El 17 de noviembre, el Día Mundial de la Prematuridad, pretende educar a todos los padres que esperan bebés acerca de la posibilidad y los ...

Reportan mejoras en cinco años de nacimientos prematuros
Washington Hispanic (USA) – 21 November 2012
La tasa de nacimientos prematuros de los EE.UU. disminuyó por quinto año consecutivo en el 2011 a un 11.7 por ciento, cifra que representa la tasa más baja en una década. Esto significa que ahora miles de bebés más pueden tener un comienzo sano en la vida, registrándose también un ahorro de miles de millones de dólares en costos de salud y sociales ...

Premature Birth: Troublesome Issue for Australia
TopNews United States – 21 November 2012
Premature Birth: Troublesome Issue for Australia. Central Coast residents were found to be taking part in World Prematurity Day, which was observed on Saturday. The day is observed to raise awareness among people about the issues that revolve around ...

Oklahoma gets 'D' for preterm birth rate
Tulsa World (USA) – 21 November 2012
Oklahoma has reduced its preterm birth rate to the lowest mark in five years but still received a grade of D on a recent report card from the March of Dimes ...

Significant number of PH babies 'born too soon,' says UN agency
Yahoo! News (USA – Yahoo! Southeast Asia News Room) – 20 November 2012
The Philippines is among the countries with the most number of babies "born too soon," a United Nations agency claimed. The country was ranked 8th out of 184 countries in terms of ...

Genesee County's high infant mortality rate encourages local ...
The Flint Journal - MLive.com (USA) – 20 November 2012
Between the years of 2000-2010, 677 babies died before their first birthday in Genesee County, county health department officials said in a press release ...

Global Observance Aims to Lower Rates of Premature Births
Voice of America (USA) – 19 November 2012
In recent years, organizations focused on child health have been trying to raise awareness about the dangers of premature births and what can be done to prevent them. That's the purpose of World Prematurity Day this Saturday, November 17th. As VOA's ...
Five effective strategies for preventing preterm birth

eMaxHealth (USA) – 19 November 2012
Each year, 1.1 million babies around the globe die from prematurity ...

Ten-Minute Test Can Predict Preterm Birth Risk

Medical Daily – 19 November 2012
A quick test can now tell if a woman is at an increased risk of giving birth to a premature child. Researchers say that the test can now give peace ...

Preterm Births can be easily Prevented

Onlymyhealth (USA) – 19 November 2012
Preterm births, though decreased in number from previous years’ statistics, continue to stand at a higher scale, especially in the U.S where every 1 in 8 babies is preterm as opposed to 1 in 10 babies in the rest of the world ...

March of Dimes gives Missouri "C" rating

Los Angeles Times (USA) – 18 November 2012
SPRINGFIELD, Mo. - The March of Dimes has dedicated the month of November to raise awareness to pre-term births. Premature birth is the number one killer of newborns ...

Too soon and too small — the challenge of premature babies

Daytona Beach News-Journal (USA) – 18 November 2012
But there are many families who can attest to the importance of understanding the consequences of premature births. Babies born too soon can represent significant consequences in terms of ...

Family with Premature Twins Looks Back on Life in the Hospital

stjoechannel.com (USA) – 18 November 2012
On World Prematurity Day, a St. Joseph family is reflecting on the long, hard road that's behind them and giving thanks for what's ahead.

Reducir los partos prematuros es posible

Siglo21 (Guatemala) – 18 November 2012
Expertos británicos aconsejan cinco medidas para reducir los partos prematuros, como dejar de fumar o reducir los embarazos múltiples por fecundación in vitro ...

Nacimientos prematuros se podrían prevenir

elsalvador.com (El Salvador) – 18 November 2012
Pese a todas las historias sobre milagros de diminutos bebés prematuros que sobreviven, la triste realidad es que los científicos saben muy poco sobre lo que causa un nacimiento antes de tiempo y cómo prevenirllo ...

U.S. Gets 'C' Grade in Premature Births

ABC News (USA) – 17 November 2012
The March of Dimes has once again given the United States an unenviable "C" rating with regard to preterm birth rates. Statistics suggest that the country has actually been doing a better job in recent years, cutting its rate of premature births -- babies born before 37 weeks of pregnancy ...
World Prematurity Day Aims to Lower Rates of Premature Births
Voice of America – 17 November 2012
This tiny newborn is one of more than 15 million babies who start their lives with a major disadvantage...being born too soon. Preterm birth is the greatest killer of newborns around the world, yet most of these babies could be saved, according to Dr. Joy Lawn with Save the Children.

[VIDEO] World Prematurity Day Aims to Lower Premature Births
Voice of America – 17 November 2012
... of premature births and what can be done to prevent them. That's the purpose of World Prematurity Day today (November 17, 2012). As VOA's Carol Pearson reports, it’s also a day to educate mothers about how to care for babies who are born too soon.

Op Ed: Reauthorizing PREEMIE Act will help reduce premature birth ...
NJ.com (USA) – 17 November 2012
This week, the March of Dimes will release its annual state premature birth report cards, which show that the U.S. prematurity rate dropped for ...

Technology gives premature babies fighting chance
Shreveport Times (USA) – 17 November 2012
Davis Durrett faced the fight of his life when he was born three months too soon ...

CN Tower goes purple for tiny babies
Global Toronto (Canada) – 17 November 2012
TORONTO – Saturday was World Prematurity Awareness Day, and for the first time, Toronto’s CN Tower lit up in purple as part of the Global ...

Photos: World Prematurity Day in Edmonton
Edmonton Sun (Canada) – 17 November 2012
Photos: World Prematurity Day ...

World Prematurity Day marked at the Grey Nuns Hospital
Global Edmonton (Canada) – 17 November 2012
Dozens of babies, and their families, gathered at the Grey Nuns Hospital to raise awareness for World Prematurity Day ...

Maternal Child Outreach program seeks to reduce prematurity ...
Bonney Lake and Sumner Courier-Herald (USA) – 17 November 2012
To call attention to the problem of premature birth, the March of Dimes is promoting World Prematurity Day on Nov. 17. “Babies born just a few ...

Nacimientos prematuros, primera causa de muerte en bebés
Vanguardia (Mexico) – 17 November 2012
Los nacimientos prematuros son la principal causa de muertes de bebés en sus cuatro primeras semanas de vida, y también la segunda causa de los decesos, tras la pulmonía, entre los niños de menos de cinco años, según un reporte de la Organización Mundial de Salud (OMS) ...
Se podrían reducir los nacimientos prematuros
El Sol de la Florida (USA) – 17 November 2012
Pese a todas las historias sobre milagros de diminutos bebés prematuros que sobreviven, la triste realidad es que los científicos saben muy poco sobre lo que causa un nacimiento antes de tiempo y cómo prevenirllo ...

Report: Steps can reduce preterm births _ a little
Businessweek (USA) – 16 November 2012
WASHINGTON (AP) — For all the miracle stories of tiny preemies who survive, the sad reality is that scientists know far too little about what ...

World Prematurity Day: 5 Ways to Reduce Preterm Births
TIME Health & Family (USA) – 16 November 2012
To mark the second annual World Prematurity Day, there is both encouraging and discouraging news about premature birth trends ...

Doctors: cut rates of preterm birth with five steps
GlobalPost (USA) – 16 November 2012
The United States and other developed countries could be doing a far better job of preventing premature births, reports AP ...

Premature birth rates could fall with five proven steps, report finds
CBS News – 16 November 2012
Premature birth rates could be reduced if five proven interventions were implemented by 39 high-resource countries, a new report finds ...

Steps can be taken to reduce preterm births, report claims
FOX News (USA) – 16 November 2012
For all the miracle stories of tiny preemies who survive, the sad reality is that scientists know far too little about what triggers premature birth and how to prevent it. And despite some recent ...

5 Steps Would Lower Preemie Rates in Richest Countries: Study
Each year, about 15 million babies are born preterm (before 37 weeks of pregnancy) and about 1.1 million of them die. Most of those deaths occur in poor countries, where the infants die from lack of simple care. The issue is the focus of World Prematurity Day ...

Report: Steps can reduce preterm births _ a little
Yahoo! News (USA) – 16 November 2012
WASHINGTON (AP) — For all the miracle stories of tiny preemies who survive, the sad reality is that scientists know far too little about what triggers premature birth and how to prevent it ...

Simple technologies can save premature babies
The Houston Chronicle (USA) – 16 November 2012
Last May, for the first time ever, a team of 45 public health experts from 11 countries compiled national estimates of premature birth. The results are contained in a report entitled Born Too Soon, and the findings are sobering. Each year, 15 million babies are born prematurely, and 60 percent of these births are in the developing world ...
March of Dimes celebrates World Prematurity Day
Chicago Tribune (USA) – 16 November 2012
The March of Dimes Foundation is asking people to wear purple today to raise awareness of this issue. According to a release, 15 million babies worldwide are born prematurely each year. For more information, visit facebook.com/worldprematurityday.

Think your baby won’t come early? Think twice and prepare!
SheKnows.com (USA) – 16 November 2012
November 17 is World Prematurity Day. One in eight babies ... Prematurity is defined as birth before 37 weeks’ gestation. In the United States, ...

Sugieren cinco medidas para reducir los partos prematuros
Diario de Yucatan (Mexico) – 16 November 2012
LONDRES (EFE).— Con motivo de la celebración mañana del Día Internacional de los Nacimientos Prematuros, expertos británicos aconsejan cinco medidas para reducir estos partos, como dejar de fumar o reducir los embarazos múltiples por fecundación in vitro ...

Nacen al año 15 millones de bebés de forma prematura: OMS
La Jornada (Mexico) – 16 November 2012
Unos 15 millones de bebés nacen de forma prematura (antes de 37 semanas de gestación pasadas) cada año en el mundo, es decir más de uno de cada diez bebés, según las cifras de la Organización Mundial de Salud (OMS), publicadas el viernes en la víspera del Día Mundial de la Prematurez ...

Expertos sugieren 5 medidas para evitar partos prematuros
LaRaza (USA) – 16 November 2012
Londres (EFE).- Con motivo de la celebración mañana del Día Internacional de los Nacimientos Prematuros, expertos británicos aconsejan cinco medidas para reducir estos partos, como dejar de fumar o reducir los embarazos múltiples por fecundación in vitro ...

Sugieren medidas para evitar partos prematuros
La Verdad de Yucatan (Mexico) – 16 November 2012
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Preemie births may be prevented, but only a little
VITALS on NBCNEWS.com (USA) – 16 November 2012
For all the miracle stories of tiny preemies who survive, the sad reality is that scientists know far too little about what triggers premature birth and how to prevent it. And despite some recent progress, the U.S. has a far higher rate of preterm births than other similar nations.

Sugieren 5 medidas como dejar de fumar para reducir los partos prematuros
Panorama Diario (Dominican Republic) – 16 November 2012
Londres.- Con motivo de la celebración mañana del Día Internacional de los Nacimientos Prematuros, expertos británicos aconsejan cinco medidas para reducir estos partos, como dejar de fumar o reducir los embarazos múltiples por fecundación in vitro ...
Día Mundial del Bebé Prematuro: cifras y problemática
Terra México – 16 November 2012
La prematurez es un problema de salud mundial, reconocido por la ... el Día Mundial del Prematuro, con el objetivo de generar conciencia ...

Un millón de niños prematuros mueren al año: OMS
Sexenio (Mexico) – 16 November 2012
En la víspera del Día Mundial de los Nacimientos Prematuros, la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) denunció que más de un millón de niños mueren cada año como consecuencia de esta condición ...

Más de uno de cada 10 bebés nace de forma prematura
Estrategia Negocios (Honduras) – 16 November 2012
“Hay globalmente 15 millones de bebés prematuros, de los cuales mueren cada año un millón”, declaró la directora del departamento de Salud y Desarrollo del Niño y del Adolescente en la OMS, Elizabeth Mason, durante una conferencia de prensa ...

Los nacimientos prematuros pueden prevenirse
La Jornada (Nicaragua) – 16 November 2012
WHITE PLAINS, Nueva York - Reducir las tasas de nacimientos prematuros en un promedio de 5 por ciento en 39 países de altos ingresos, incluyendo los Estados Unidos, para 2015 prevendría la prematuridad para 58,000 bebés al año, dijo hoy un grupo de expertos internacionales ...

Report: Steps can reduce preterm births _ a little
Associated Press (USA) – 15 November 2012
WASHINGTON (AP) — For all the miracle stories of tiny preemies who survive, the sad reality is that scientists know far too little about what ...

Experts focus on preemie birth rate in developed world
CTV News (Canada) – 15 November 2012
That's a blip in the global epidemic of prematurity: About 15 million preterm babies are born every year, most of them in Africa and parts of Asia ...

Report: Steps can reduce preterm births _ a little
USA Today – 15 November 2012
WASHINGTON (AP) — For all the miracle stories of tiny preemies who survive, the sad reality is that scientists know far too little about what ...

New Guidelines Released for the Care of Late Preterm Infants
HealthNewsDigest.com – 15 November 2012
(HealthNewsDigest.com) - BINGHAMTON, N.Y., Nov. 15, 2012-- In conjunction with tomorrow's National Premature Infant Awareness Day, the ...

November is Prematurity Awareness Month
WBGH (USA) – 15 November 2012
November 17th is World Prematurity Day and everyone across the globe is being asked to focus their attention on the serious problem of premature birth. Honor the more than one million babies worldwide who died this year because they were born too soon ...
State premature birth rate sees drop
Albany Times Union (USA) – 15 November 2012
In the March of Dimes 2012 Premature Birth report card, New York state earned a B as its preterm birth rate dropped to 10.9 percent for 2011 from 11.5 percent in 2010. The state rate is below ... "You can see this stack for miles around. We're trying to get the ...

Premature births down in Indiana
WTHI (USA) – 15 November 2012
TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (WTHI) - It’s a staggering statistic, 1 in 8 babies is born prematurely In the United states and consequently the number one cause of new born death is from pre mature birth. A new study out this week found Indiana went from a failing grade for infant mortality rates to a passing one. You've seen the walks and the fundraisers, but if you're not a parent who has lived ...

Last Chance To Turn The White House Purple For Preemie Families
Hola Arkansas (USA) – 15 November 2012
To turn the White House purple, we need to secure 25,000 signatures on an online petition. Please help us reach this goal in honor of World Prematurity Day, Saturday, November 17 ...

Indiana's preterm birth rate improves
Examiner.com (USA) – 15 November 2012
Indiana's preterm birth rate has improved, according to the annual March of Dimes Premature Birth Report Card released yesterday, which boosted the state from an “F” grade in 2006 to a “C” grade this year. Specifically, Indiana’s preterm birth rate has decreased to 11.6 ... Card as their preterm birth rates met the March of Dimes 9.6 percent goal. “These results demonstrate that many premature births can be prevented with the right policies and bold leadership,” said March of ...

OMS: más de 1 millón de niños prematuros mueren al año
La Prensa (Nicaragua) – 15 November 2012
Más de un millón de niños mueren cada año como consecuencia de un nacimiento prematuro, denunció hoy la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS), que aseguró que un 75 por ciento se salvaría con tratamientos "muy baratos y efectivos" ...

Michigan focuses on reducing premature births
Manisteenews (USA) – 15 November 2012
Michigan focuses on reducing premature births. LANSING – Saturday is World Prematurity Day, so Gov. Rick Snyder is calling for the Michigan ...

Premature birth rate declines
Los Angeles Times (USA) – 15 November 2012
INDIANAPOLIS -- Indiana has lowered the rate of premature births in the state, reflecting a nationwide decline. The March of Dimes says Indiana lowered its preterm birth rate to 11.6 percent, down nearly two percentage points ...

Preterm Birth: Report Recommends Steps to Keep Babies From Being Born Too Soon
Huffington Post (USA) – 15 November 2012
WASHINGTON -- For all the miracle stories of tiny preemies who survive, the sad reality is that scientists know far too little about what triggers premature birth and how to prevent it. And despite some recent progress, the U.S. has a far higher rate of preterm births than other similar nations ...
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www.pmnh.org

Preterm Birth Can Be Prevented With A Few Proven Treatments, Lancet Article...
The Herald (USA) | HeraldOnline.com – 15 November 2012
In an article published in The Lancet to coincide with the second annual World Prematurity Day, the expert group say prevention of preterm birth also could save billions in economic costs. “Governments and health professionals in these 39 countries need to ...

Tiffany and Stephen Bowen Launch Skyler’s Gift Foundation
DigitalJournal.com (USA) – 15 November 2012
The timing of the announcement coincides with World Prematurity Day, held on November 17. This day aims to raise awareness on the 15 ...

NeonCRM Nonprofit Spotlight: Share Pregnancy & Infant Loss...
San Francisco Chronicle (USA) – 15 November 2012
On the eve of World Prematurity Day (Nov. 17, 2012) NeonCRM by Z2 Systems, Inc, wanted to "share" the incredible mission and success of ...

Despite Modest Improvement, Premature Birth Rates Cause Concern
Kaiser Health News (USA) – 14 November 2012
The United States is slowly reducing its rate of premature births, bringing the rate to 11.7 percent in 2011, but the figure is still higher than public health advocates believe it should be ...

Preterm birth rate in US shows improvement
WREX-TV (USA) – 14 November 2012
The preterm birth rate in the United States has dropped for the fifth year in a row, reaching 11.7 percent in 2011. That number is the lowest the ... rates to eight percent by 2014. Report Card information for the country and individual states can be found here.

Babies Born in Mississippi Are Less Likely to Reach First Birthday...
Jezebel (USA) – 14 November 2012
As it happens, Mississippi had the highest teen birth rate in the U.S. in ... There are no real interventions that could prevent premature births in ...

Premature birth report: La. gets F
The Advocate (USA) – 14 November 2012
The F grade is based on how close Louisiana is to a goal set by the March of Dimes of less than 10 premature births in 100 deliveries, or about 10 percent, a rate it hopes to achieve by the year 2020. The report card includes data from the National ...

Nevada premature birth rate among worst in the nation
Carson Now (USA) – 14 November 2012
The March of Dimes released their premature birth report card today - and gave nevada a "D." Experts say the rate isn't as bad as it used to be, but there's a lot of room for improvement. "I think problems of the beginning of life are most important," said lain ...

US preterm birth rate continues to drop
KTTC (USA) – 14 November 2012
Prematurity puts infants at risk for a number of health problems including breathing difficulty, heart defects and bleeding in the brain. Some conditions are only temporary while others can persist ...
Utah earns 'B' grade for premature birth rate
10TV (USA) – 14 November 2012
The report shows areas where Utah could improve, such as getting more women insured ...

Indiana premature birth rate declines
Indianapolis Star (USA) – 14 November 2012
While Indiana continues to make incremental improvements in its preterm birth rate, these have not been enough to help the state boost its “C” grade on the March of Dimes annual report card. Over the past five years, Indiana’s preterm birth rate has inched ...

Mo. receives "C" in ranking of premature birth rates
KBIA (USA) – 14 November 2012
For the second year in a row, the March of Dimes has given Missouri a grade of “C” in its annual state rankings of premature birth rates. Factors including ... Cole said babies born too soon can have serious problems with their lungs, liver, or kidneys. They can ...

Utah earns 'B' grade for premature birth rate
San Francisco Chronicle (USA) – 14 November 2012
The March of Dimes and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials have set a goal to reduce the rate to 9.6 percent nationally by 2020. In Utah, that would mean 500 fewer premature births. The report card also made several recommendations ...

News Section: Local Government
The Bradenton Times (USA) – 14 November 2012
City Clerk Carl Callahan gave a proclamation for World Prematurity Day on November 17, "to help bring awareness to the seriousness of the problem of premature birth." Mr. Callahan noted that there were 29,975 premature births in Florida in 2009, "which accounts for a societal annual loss of 26.2 billion in medical expenses and lost wages," as well as taking a financial and emotional toll on affected families ...

US Lowering Rate Of Premature Births, But Slowly
Kaiser Health News (USA) – 13 November 2012
From this year's report card, Howse said her group noted four evidence-based interventions that can contribute to lower premature birth rates: insuring soon-to-be moms, reducing the number of scheduled deliveries, investing in smoking cessation programs ...

U.S. Preterm Births Drop To Lowest Rate In A Decade
Huffington Post (USA) – 13 November 2012
... the U.S. still lags behind other countries in preterm birth rates, ranking 131 out of 184 countries, according to a May report compiled by some 50 health organizations, including the March of Dimes and the World Health Organization. Globally, nearly 15 million infants are born premature each year.

Infant deaths: Searching for answers in Mississippi
CNN (USA) – 13 November 2012
For every 1,000 Mississippi babies born in 2011, 9.4 died before their first birthday, according to the state's health office. That makes Mississippi's infant mortality rate more comparable to countries such as Costa Rica (9.2), Sri Lanka (9.5) and Botswana (10.5) than the United States (6.0), according to latest estimates in the CIA World Factbook ...
**US Preterm Birth Rates Lowest in Decade**
Medical Daily (USA) – 13 November 2012
"These results demonstrate that many premature births can be prevented with the right policies and bold leadership. Our national progress in reducing premature births over the past five years shows that when infant health becomes a priority, babies benefit.

**Preventing premature birth saves lives, dollars**
Billings Gazette (USA) – 13 November 2012
Over the last five years, Montana has lowered its preterm birth rate from 11.9 to ...

**Missouri Earns 'C' In Preterm Birth Rate Ranking**
St. Louis Public Radio (USA) – 13 November 2012
The state's preterm birth rate has been gradually improving over the past five years, falling from 12.8 percent in 2006 to 11.6 percent in 2011. That puts ... Cole says babies born too soon can have serious problems with their lungs, liver, or kidneys. They can ...

**Nebraska's premature birth rate dips**
KVNO News (USA) – 13 November 2012
Omaha, NE – For the fifth consecutive year, the rate of premature births declined in Nebraska. That's despite a rise ... “People will have access not only to prenatal care but they will also have access to preconception health,” Larsen said. “And in that process, ...

**Preterm Birth Rate in US Down to Lowest in a Decade**
East Idaho News (USA) – 13 November 2012
Taking these steps to lower premature births will also result in lower health care costs. “It's estimated that the improvement in preterm birth rate represents a potential savings of ... 

**Preterm Birth Rates Drop**
KULR-TV (USA) – 13 November 2012
March of Dimes estimates a possible savings of about $3 billion in health care and economic costs for the U.S. because of the reduction ... 

**US Premature Births Down Fifth Straight Year**
RedOrbit (USA) – 13 November 2012
Four states, including Vermont, Oregon, New Hampshire and Maine, earned an “A” on the report card as their preterm birth rates met the March of Dimes 9.6 percent goal ...

**March of Dimes gives Ala. an "F" for its high preterm birth rate**
WSFA (USA) – 13 November 2012
State leaders and healthcare professionals were disappointed Tuesday that the state was one of three to get an "F" from the March of Dimes when it comes to reducing the number of premature births. The March of Dimes has a goal to reduce the percent of ...

**Minn. Gets 'B' on Premature Birth Report Card**
kstc45 (USA) – 13 November 2012
The non-profit says we could raise our grade to an "A" by lowering the number of babies born before 37 weeks. That's an important time for developing a baby's lungs and other organs. Nationally, the rate of premature births is 11.7 percent. That gives the ...
Report card out on premature births
WTNH (USA) – 13 November 2012
Studies show that 39 weeks is important for a baby's health because major organs, including the brain and lungs, are not completely developed until then. This Saturday is World Prematurity Day, in support of the 'Every Women Every Child' effort led by the ...

Premature Birth Rates Study
KLFY (USA) – 13 November 2012
This comes after a national campaign urged doctors to avoid scheduling early deliveries without a medical reason. But the same can't be said about Louisiana. The march of dimes gives the state an **F** for premature births. 15.6% of births were premature ...

California improves its ranking on March of Dimes Annual Preterm Birth Report ...
Science Codex (USA) – 13 November 2012
"Preterm birth had risen 30 percent since the 1980's, but today we can celebrate a reversal of that trend and announce steps we are taking to raise our grade to an "A" by 2014," said March of Dimes California Chapter Associate Director Leslie Kowalewski. "We are ... The California Department of Public Health joins 47 other states as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico in a pledge to reduce premature birth and infant mortality, according to the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO).

Washington lowers preterm birth rate | Prematurity Awareness Month
Bremerton Patriot (USA) – 13 November 2012
On November 17th, partners from around the world will mark the Second World Prematurity Day in support of the Every Woman Every Child effort led by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. An estimated 15 million babies are born preterm and of those more ...

Despite "C" Grade, Missouri's Premature Birth Rate is Improving
OzarksFirst.com (USA) – 13 November 2012
"When you're in the NICU, you think it will never end, and you look at this helpless tiny little baby but there's always hope," says Insley. The United States preterm birth rate improved to 11.7 percent from 12.8 percent in 2010. While still a "C," it's the lowest in a ...

Louisiana given "F" grade for premature births by March of Dimes
NOLA.com (USA) – 13 November 2012
Almost 16 of every 100 Louisiana babies were born prematurely in 2011, earning the state an "F" grade from the March of Dimes, which is encouraging states to adopt policies that will reduce the rate of early births to less than 10 percent. The idea is to focus ...

TN gets a "C" on preemie birth report card
WBIR-TV (USA) - Nov 13, 2012
It's not the end of the fall semester just yet, but the grades are in, at least for moms. The March of Dimes has released its 2012 Premature Birth Report Card and Tennessee has been graded a "C". According to the report, 12.8 percent of babies born in Tennessee are premature, which is lower than the rate of 12.9 percent in 2010. The state's rate has decreased ...
US preterm birth rate drops; NC earns 'C' on Report Card
WECT-TV6 (USA) – 13 November 2012
NORTH CAROLINA (WECT) – While the preterm birth rate in the United States dropped for a fifth consecutive year, it again earned a "C" on the Report Card, according to the March of Dimes. With one in eight babies born too soon, the rate is higher than that ...

U.S. premature birth rate dropping, but not enough
Examiner.com (USA) – 13 November 2012
In 2011 “the rate of preterm birth [was] at 11.7 percent, which is the lowest we've seen in a decade,” Edward McCabe, MD, PhD, medical director for the March of Dimes, told HealthDay ...

Ark. celebrates 5 year improvement in pre-term birth rate
Today's THV (USA) – 13 November 2012
UNDATED (March of Dimes) - The five-year improving trend in Arkansas’ preterm birth rate, helped give more babies a healthy start in life re-energizing local prematurity prevention efforts. Arkansas again earned a "D" on the report card. "Although our rate of ...

Preterm Birth Rate Shows Improvement
WBKO (USA) – 13 November 2012
Any baby born 37 weeks or earlier is premature, and it's been a case of educating both the doctors as well as the moms that you need to stick it out and get as close to forty weeks as possible, which is full term," said Registered Nurse, George Miller. A report from the March of Dimes gives each state a letter grade, and Kentucky didn't do so well it earned a D. The reason isn't ...

Nevada Receives 'D' Grade for Premature Births
KLAS-TV (USA) – 13 November 2012
According to the March of Dimes Premature Birth Report Card for 2012, Nevada earned a "D" which was an improvement over previous years when the Silver State received an "F" grade. Improvement in the grade ... When the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit opened at Sunrise in 1976, the survival rate for a pre-term baby was only about 30 percent but that number has increased to about 80 percent due, in part, to modern technology ...

Tennessee receives 'C' on March of Dimes report card
WATE-TV (USA) – 13 November 2012
Doctors are happy premature births are dropping, but explain taking a few simple steps before becoming pregnant can decrease the likelihood ...

US Preterm Birth Rate Shows Five-Year Improvement
The Herald (USA) | HeraldOnline.com – 12 November 2012
This November 17th, the March of Dimes and its global partners will mark the second World Prematurity Day by asking everyone to post a story about a baby born too soon at http://www.facebook.com/WorldPrematurityDay. The page will feature an interactive ...

Ohio improves slightly in premature births; gets C grade on March of Dimes 2012 ...
Plain Dealer – 12 November 2012
Much of the progress in Ohio can be credited to the Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative, which represents the state's largest birthing hospitals working together to reduce preterm births at 36, 37 and 38 weeks gestation that aren't medically necessary ...

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**Strategic Alliance Could Reduce Burden of Preterm Birth**

Monthly Prescribing Reference (USA) – 9 November 2012

(HealthDay News) – A strategic alliance, including researchers, funders, and key stakeholders in the fields of pregnancy, childbirth, and early life, will help alleviate the lack of consensus among researchers about how to prevent the adverse outcomes of pregnancy ...

**Help light the White House purple to celebrate the anniversary of March of Dimes**

Examiner.com (USA) – 9 November 2012

Premature birth is a global problem, however in the United States 1 in 8 babies are born too soon, costing the United States $26.2 billion dollars. Families are left ...

**November marks premature births**

Port Huron Times Herald (USA) – 7 November 2012

Because these babies are premature, their lungs and brain haven’t ... as World Prematurity Awareness Month and World Prematurity Day on ...

**Martin County Healthy Start Coalition decreases number of infant ...**

TCPalm (USA) – 6 November 2012

Nov. 17 marks World Prematurity Day, a day to honor all babies who have died as a result of premature birth and a day to increase awareness about ...

**Foundation formed to help 'micro-preemies'**

Charlotte Observer (USA) – 2 November 2012

The fund is a nonprofit 501(c)3 managed by the Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation. The advisory council made up of doctors, nurses, social workers and micro-preemie parents will oversee the fund and have its first board meeting on World Prematurity Day on Nov. 17 ...