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Making better use of antibiotics

Nithima Sumpradit et al. (905–913) describe ways to improve prescription patterns and demand.

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Monitoring malaria

Neelima Mishra et al. (895–904) report outcomes and risks for treatment failure.

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Keeping kids out of the dirt

Alexander van Geen et al. (878–886) examine lead contamination of soil in Peruvian mining towns.

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Grace Wu & Muhammad H Zaman (914–920) specify the low-cost tools needed for HIV testing and monitoring.

Containing costs

Tom L Drake et al. (940–941) look for the information needed to judge the cost–effectiveness of measures to mitigate pandemic influenza.

In the field

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Seeing the numbers

Manju Rani et al. (932–939) make a case for more access to health research data.