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Alcohol and the Developing Adolescent Brain: Evidence Review



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- **Brain development in adolescence**
- **The effects of alcohol on the developing adolescent brain**
- **The role of genetics in alcohol consumption**
- **The clinical implications of alcohol's effects on the brain**
- **The effects of alcohol on psychological and cognitive function**

Appendices:

- **Young people's drinking**
- **Alcohol-related harm**

Recommendations

Protecting young people from alcohol-related harm has to be:

- **within the context of a ‘whole population’ approach to reduce overall alcohol consumption**
- **embedded in national and local policy**



Recommendations

Emerging evidence that the adolescent brain may be especially vulnerable to alcohol harms should:

- **inform all health-promoting activities**
- **prompt investment in further exploratory research**



Dissemination – so far:

- Parliamentary launch of findings
- 5,000 copies of publication disseminated in Scotland, across Europe and on website
- RCPE College Journal, March 2015

Coming up:

- 27th August 2015 – National conference with Children's Commissioner and Chief Medical Officer
- 2 seminars being planned for parents, youth workers and teachers

The cover of the journal features a blue header with the title "THE JOURNAL" and "of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh". Below the header is a photograph of a medical procedure. To the right of the image are three columns of article titles under headings: "CLINICAL", "EDUCATION", and "HISTORY".

CLINICAL

- Alcohol and the developing adolescent brain
- Perspectives on Ebola
- Diagnosis of multiple sclerosis and the McDonald criteria
- Heart failure in primary care and the use of BNP
- Alström syndrome with myopathy

EDUCATION

- Parenteral nutrition
- Enteral tube feeding in adults
- Psychological aspects of endocrine disease

HISTORY

- The rise and fall of uroscopy
- The Monros – three medical dynasties
- Maternity records from 1936 in Edinburgh and Aberdeen
- Second World War Doctors

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