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Nasal Saline Irrigation May Relieve Chronic Sinonasal Symptoms

Nasal irrigation with saline has shown to be more effective than saline sprays for the treatment of chronic nasal and sinus symptoms, according to the November issue of the *Archives of Otolaryngology–Head Neck Surgery*. However, compliancy rates are higher with saline sprays. (*Arch Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg.* 2007;133:1115-1120.)

CF Research Leads to 2007 Nobel Prize in Medicine

The 2007 Nobel prize in medicine, was awarded to three scientists —Dr. Oliver Smithies of University of North Carolina, Sir Martin Evans of Cardiff University, and Dr. Mario Capecchi—for their work in creating mouse models of disease. Their collaboration resulted in the "CF mouse" which has been widely used throughout the cystic fibrosis research community. The altered mice are used to study the effects of potential CF treatments.

Aerosolized Hydrogen Peroxide May Counter MRSA Environmental Contamination

A new study indicates that aerosolized hydrogen peroxide demonstrates an excellent ability to neutralize methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) environmental contamination. It holds the promise of cost-effective infection control. Bioquell Ltd, is developing commercial application of the technology. The decontamination process uses 30% hydrogen peroxide and a hot plate to create the vapor. Over the course of about 2 hours, the H₂O₂ settles on all exposed surfaces, and the highly reactive molecule destroys the pathogen. (47th Annual Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy: Abstracts K-464, K-448, K-449. Presented September 17, 2007.)