

Bedwetting Drug Caution



The FDA has warned that children should no longer use the nasal-spray form of the drug desmopressin to treat bedwetting because in rare circumstances, it can cause seizures and possibly death. But parents should also be aware that the more popular tablet form, too, can cause seizures if a child drinks too much after dinner. "The drug causes the kidneys to produce less urine at night, so I recommend kids drink no more than 8 ounces after dinner -and nothing for an hour before bedtime," says pediatrician Howard Bennett, M.D., author of *Waking Up Dry*. If a child drinks too much while taking the drug, it can lower the salt content in his bloodstream, and may lead to a seizure.

Strange White Spots

If your baby develops oval-shaped patches of skin on her trunk or back that seem to lack pigment, they may actually be a fungal infection caused by excess yeast, says Parents advisor Jody Alpert Levine, M.D., a pediatric dermatologist in New York City. Although the spots—which often occur in babies who also have cradle cap—will probably go away on their own within a few months, applying a prescription antifungal cream will get rid of them sooner.

PRODUCT RECALLS

1 **Marvel Toys Curious George Plush Dolls**

175,000 dolls (sold from December 2005 to August 2007) were recalled because the paint on the plastic face and construction hat contain lead. Call 800-352-2064 for a refund.

2 **The First Years Newborn-to-Toddler Reclining Feeding Seats**

100,000 children's seats (sold from November 2006 to October 2007) were recalled because the restraining straps can pull out of their slots, causing a child to fall, Call 866-725-4407 to receive free replacement straps.

3 **Boppy Pillow Slipcovers**

38,000 velvet and "boa" slipcovers (sold from July 2006 to September 2007) were recalled because the zipper pull can break, causing a choking hazard for young children. Also, the paint on the zippers contains lead. Call 888-713-3916 for a replacement.

4 **Infantino Lion Teethers**

28,000 teethers (sold from June 2006 to December 2007) were recalled because the plastic nose can detach, causing a choking hazard. Call 888-808-3111 for a replacement.

