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3. World Health Organization. *Injury: A Leading Cause of the Global Burden of Disease, 2000*. Geneva, Switzerland: World Health Organization; 2002.

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4. Duchin JS. Can preparedness for biological terrorism save us from pertussis? *Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med*. 2004;158(2):106-107. <http://archpedi.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/158/2/106>. Accessed June 1, 2004.

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5. Truth and reconciliation: examining human rights violations in South Africa's health sector. American Association for the Advancement of Science Web site. <http://shr.aaas.org/trc-med/presub.htm>. Published 1997. Accessed April 30, 2004.

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6. Weiss R. The promise of precision prescriptions. *Washington Post*. June 24, 2000:A1. <http://www.washingtonpost.com>. Accessed October 10, 2001.

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ONLINE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS/PRESENTATIONS

8. Collins F. Talk presented at: National Human Research Protections Advisory Committee; April 9, 2001; Bethesda, MD. <http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/nhrpac/mtg04-01/0409mtg.txt>. Accessed February 26, 2004.