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Signs of progress

Amidst all the debate over how to expand access to new vaccines and therapies, new products are making a splash. FDA recently approved Pfizer's Zmax for treating sinus infections and pneumonia. Wyeth made headlines in announcing FDA approval of Tygacil (tigecycline), a broad spectrum antibiotic developed to combat stomach and skin infections found resistant to existing treatments. FDA also has approved new booster vaccines from Glaxo and Aventis that offer added protection for adolescents against pertussis. And researchers recently released promising data on a Merck vaccine that would protect adults from developing the painful skin disease shingles.