BMJ in the News is a weekly digest of BMJ stories, plus any other news about the company that has appeared in the national and a selection of English-speaking international media.

This week's (2-8 Feb 2015) highlights include

**The BMJ**

**Analysis:** International donations to the Ebola virus outbreak: too little, too late?

- Study: Delays in Ebola funds could have helped virus spread - Deutsche Welle 4/2/15
- Fund delay may have helped Ebola spread - Sky News Australia 4/1/15
- Roughly $1.8 Billion in Ebola Relief Donations Haven't Made it to Africa - Newsweek 4/2/15


**Research:** Alternate Healthy Eating Index 2010 and risk of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease among US women and men: prospective study

- Get your oats and whole grains for healthy lungs - The Express 4/2/15
- Improve diet to keep chronic lung disease away - Times of India 4/2/15
- Healthy Diet May Be Linked to Lower Risk of Lung Disease - US News & World Report 4/2/15

Health diet study also covered by Medical Xpress, WebMD, Medical News Today, Americal Live Wire, Zee News, Family Practice News

**Personal View:** An open letter to the Prince of Wales: with respect, your highness, you've got it wrong

- Homeopathy and the petulant prince - Daily Mail & Scottish Daily Mail 4/2/15

**Research:** Televised medical talk shows—what they recommend and the evidence to support their recommendations: a prospective observational study
Behind the curtain with Dr Oz - Huffington Post 2/2/15

**Feature:** India’s private medical colleges and capitation fees

**Personal View:** We need to discuss India’s reliance on private medical colleges

Journal Eyes Corruption in India’s Medical Schools - New York Times 2/2/15
British journal eyes corruption in India's medical schools - Daily Times (Pakistan) 3/2/15
MUHS academic audit to focus on quality of education - Times of India 3/2/14
The BMJ mentioned in House of Lords by Baroness Finlay of Llandaff (study of bereaved parents) – 4/2/15 (15 mins 30 secs into broadcast)

**Research:** Financial incentives for smoking cessation in pregnancy: randomised controlled trial

Smoke and mirrors - The Guardian (feature) 7/2/15

**Education & Debate:** Making the NHS more like Kaiser Permanente

Labour’s advocates of NHS privatisation - The Guardian 3/2/15

**Research:** Oseltamivir for influenza in adults and children: systematic review of clinical study reports and summary of regulatory comments

Anti-flu drug useful, study finds - New Zealand Herald, The (New Zealand) 2/2/15

**Research:** Reported frequency of domestic violence: cross sectional survey of women attending general practice

Prostitution row makes me want to start charity for abused statistics - The Sunday Times 8/2/15

**Misc.**

Hit with attacks, milk industry lobs back at dairy foes - Chicago Tribune (link unavailable) 2/2/15

The Vaccine Lunacy - New York Times Sunday (link unavailable) 1/2/15

Would you tape your visit to see the GP? - Daily Mirror & Irish Daily Mirror (link unavailable) 9/2/15
Research: **Sleep and use of electronic devices in adolescence: results from a large population based study**

Screen time harms teenagers’ sleep - BBC News Online 03/02/15
Too much screen time means unhealthy sleep patterns for teens: study - South China Morning Post 03/02/15
Teens’ sleep affected by use of computers and mobile phones, study finds - ABC Online 03/02/15


Research: **The impact of economic austerity and prosperity events on suicide in Greece: a 30-year interrupted time-series analysis**

Greek suicide rise blamed on austerity - Japan Times 03/02/15
Austerity drives Greek suicides to record level as Germany’s decrease - Newsweek 03/02/15
Greek austerity measures resulted in increased suicides, study finds - Toronto Star 02/02/15


Hazardous drinking rife among students - Irish Health 02/02/15
Two thirds of students report hazardous drinking - The Irish Times 29/01/15
Female students now drinking more than male students - TheJournal. ie 30/01/15

This story was also covered by: Yahoo News, Entertainment.ie, Irish Independent, Breaking News.ie, Irish Examiner, The Nationalist, Her.ie

Osteoporosis: a disease of the modern world? 06/02/15 The Pharmaceutical Journal
**Drug & Therapeutics Bulletin**

**DTB survey on healthcare professionals’ attitudes to prescription charges**

Doctors call for more exemptions or free prescriptions - OnMedica 05/02/15
Call to review prescription charges in England - WebMD 05/02/15
Abolition demand for prescription charges - Yorkshire Post 05/02/15

**Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases**

**Research: Recent gut and urinary tract infections may curb risk of rheumatoid arthritis**

Infections tied to lower rheumatoid arthritis risk - New York Times (blog) 04/02/15
Certain infections linked to reduced risk of rheumatoid arthritis - Philly.com 04/02/15
Could infections protect against RA? - MedPage Today 04/02/15

This story was also covered by: Doctors Lounge, Youth Health Magazine, Medical Xpress, WebMD, HealthLine, Health Canal.com, Family Practice News Digital Network, OnMedica, HealthDay, 2Minute Medicine, Newsmax Health, Healio

Japanese scientists find genetic basis for gout - Japan Times 04/02/15
Cochrane confirms clinical efficacy of chondroitin sulfate for treatment of osteoarthritis - Financial Mirror 06/02/15

**British Journal of Sports Medicine**

**Review: Is there evidence that walking groups have health benefits? A systematic review and meta-analysis**

Continued media coverage:
Group walking may have many benefits, few harms - Reuters US 05/02/15
Life in the slow lane: walking groups boost health - South Asia Mail 02/02/15


Kids’ exercise guidelines need more focus on brain development - Reuters 4/02/15
Study: students’ exercise guidelines need more focus - Education World 4/02/15