**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 (16-22 Feb) highlights include:

**The BMJ**

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

*Sierra Leone Loses Track of Millions in Ebola Funds* - New York Times 14/2/15
*The Ebola crisis, WHO and missing funds to fight the epidemic* - Digital Journal 15/2/15

**Research: Divorce among physicians and other healthcare professionals in the United States: analysis of census survey data**

*Divorce among doctors isn’t as common as you think, study finds* - Washington Post 19/2/15
*MGH study says physicians have low divorce rates* - Boston Journal 18/2/15
*Women doctors at higher divorce risk* - Business Standard 19/2/15

Also covered by Hindustan Times, New Orama Online, New Kerala, Medical Express

**Campaign: Statins - a call for transparent data**

*Statins expert calls for safety checks over the drug* - Sunday Express 15/02/15
*Oxford professor to reassess side effects of statins* - Cherwell 20/02/15

Also covered by Scottish Sunday Express, Daily Mirror and Irish Daily Mirror.

**Head to Head: Can patients use test results effectively if they have direct access?**

*Can patients use test results effectively if they have direct access?* – Risk Science Center 18/2/15

**Research: Antidepressant use and risk of suicide and attempted suicide or self harm in people aged 20 to 64: cohort study using a primary care database**

*Study rates antidepressants for suicide danger* - 6minutes 19/2/15
*Prescription drugs linked to suicide risk* - The Times & The Times Ireland 20/2/15
Research: Mortality on Mount Everest, 1921-2006: descriptive study

Nepal changes route up Mount Everest following 2014 avalanche disaster that killed 19 Sherpas - National Post 19/2/15

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

Continued media coverage:
Healthcare prevention holds the key - Financial Times 16/2/15

Research: Milk intake and risk of mortality and fractures in women and men: cohort studies

Continued media coverage:
Should you be drinking milk - Cosmopolitan 16/02/15

Spotlight on Patient Centred Care: Decision aids that really promote shared decision making: the pace quickens

Electronic decision aids to improve doctor-patient talks - FierceHealthIT 17/2/15

Research: All cause mortality and the case for age specific alcohol consumption guidelines: pooled analyses of up to 10 population based cohorts
Editorial: Alcohol’s evaporating health benefits

Continued media coverage:

Research: Health outcomes of youth development programme in England: prospective matched comparison study

BMJ article referenced in a discussion about a recent report suggesting the roll out of sex education in all primary and secondary schools - BBC News 17/2/15 (link unavailable)

To protect against cancer, experts say, lifestyle - diet, weight control and exercise is what can make the difference - Washington Post 18/2/15 (link unavailable)

Research: Death rates of characters in soap operas on British television: is a government health warning required?

98 years old and STILL horrified by soap operas - Daily Express & Scottish Daily Express 19/02/15
We reveal soap’s birthday secrets - Daily Mirror 18/2/15 (link unavailable)
Investigation: Sugar: spinning a web of influence

Continued media coverage:
How The Food Industry Shapes Health Research - Huffington Post 17/2/15
Research Confirms Big Sugar's Stranglehold On Science And Public Policy - Think Progress 18/2/15

Also covered by Inquisitr and Stuff.co.nz

Editorial: Avoiding premature death in epilepsy

Premature death: call to explore risk factors - Epilepsy Today 18/2/15

Research: Severe adverse maternal outcomes among low risk women with planned home versus hospital births in the Netherlands: nationwide cohort study

Home birth debate heats up in Delaware, Maryland - WDMT 18/2/15

Analysis: Pharmaceutical research and development: what do we get for all that money?
Kindness that kills - Trans-Pacific Partnership's Big Pharma giveaway - The Ecologist 20/2/15

Clinical Review: Endometriosis

Endometriosis is more than just 'period pain' for women - Independent 16/2/15
Endometriosis is more than just a 'woman's problem' - The Conversation 16/2/15

Research: Televised medical talk shows - what they recommend and the evidence to support their recommendations: a prospective observational study

Looking for that fruit or vegetable that might prevent cancer? - Washington Post 16/2/15

Research: 25 year trends in first time hospitalisation for acute myocardial infarction, subsequent short and long term mortality, and the prognostic impact of sex and comorbidity

When can you start having sex after a heart attack? - New Zealand Herald 20/02/15

Editorial: The unknown risks of youth rugby
Things finally coming to a head in concussion debate - Irish Times 21/2/15

Analysis: Commentary: we need to be better prepared for a technological future
Time to get onboard the digital revolution - Australian Doctor 18/2/15
When tiredness is a warning sign you ignore at your peril: And why it's men especially who need to wake up to the danger - Daily Mail 16/2/15

JOURNALS

Archives of Disease in Childhood

Research: Napping, development and health from 0 to 5 years: a systematic review

Do pre-schoolers still need naps? - CBS News 17/02/15
Afternoon nap is bad for your toddler. Here’s why - Times of India 18/02/15
Afternoon naps may be bad for kids’ sleep - The Australian 17/02/15


Journal of Medical Ethics

Research: Can physicians conceive of performing euthanasia in case of psychiatric disease, dementia, or being tired of living?

One in three Dutch doctors would consider assisted suicide for patients with dementia & We’ll all die one day. Isn’t it time we got used to the idea? - Guardian 18/2/15
Many Dutch doctors OK with euthanasia for non-physical suffering - Newsweek 17/2/15

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British Journal of Sports Medicine

Athletic tape may have limited benefit for pain - Reuters UK 16/2/15
The genetics of being injury prone - The Atlantic 20/2/15
Evidence Based Medicine

Research: An evidence-based approach to an ancient pursuit: systematic review on converting online contact into a first date

Continued media coverage:
The science of online dating - New York Times 16/2/15

BMJ Open

Research: Suicide risk in relation to air pollen counts: a study based on data from Danish registers

Utah suicides linked to air pollution - Live Science 18/2/15

Research: Over-reassurance and undersupport after a 'false alarm': a systematic review of the impact on subsequent cancer symptom attribution and help seeking

Over reassurance after cancer false alarm may delay help - Medical Research.com 20/2/15

Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry

Research: Diagnostic delays in paediatric stroke

Childhood stroke: how a prompt MRI scan can make all the difference - The Guardian 2/2/15

Open Heart

Continued media coverage:
Bad week - Sydney Morning Herald 14/2/15 (link unavailable)
Gold top parents are vindicated - Daily Mail 16/2/15 (link unavailable)

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases

Cold hands? New gel can warm them up - Scottish Daily Mail 17/2/15 (link unavailable)