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- **Goa Medical Council partners with BMJ Learning to help doctors improve knowledge and skills** - Knowledge Speak 21/4/15
- **Space for super-speciality block at GMC identified** - Times of India 19/4/15

**BMJ launches new global network to advance patient-centred outcomes** - Outsell

- BMJ launches new online network for enhanced patient-centred outcomes - Knowledge Speak 22/4/2015
- **Sharon Cooper, CTO** - CIO 23/4/2014

**The BMJ**

**Analysis: Rugby injury surveillance and prevention programmes: are they effective?**

- **Concerns over lack of school rugby injury research** - The Scotsman 22/4/15
- **School rugby plan 'too dangerous'** - BBC News 22/4/15
- **School rugby harms children and should not be promoted, says prof** - the Telegraph 22/4/15


**Analysis: Women, children, and global public health: beyond the millennium development goals**

- **Have we achieved the millennium development goals?** - Medical Xpress 21/4/15
Editorial: **Serotonin and depression**

Is the Link Between Depression and Serotonin a Myth? - TIME 21/4/15  
Link between serotonin and depression ‘a myth’ - OnMedica 22/4/15  
‘Brain chemical not behind depression’ - Business Standard 22/4/15

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Lancet medical journal under attack for ‘extremist hate propaganda’ over its coverage of Israeli-Palestinian conflict - The Independent 24/4/2015 (also in print)  
These academics complaining of Lancet’s pro-Palestinian bias are fighting a lost battle - The Independent 23/4/2015 (also in print)  
Israel war on critics of Gaza crimes - Press TV 25/4/2015

Scientific peer reviews are a ‘sacred cow’ ready to be slaughtered, says former editor of BMJ - the Independent - the Independent 22/4/15  

Dr. Oz to Respond on Show to Criticism by Physicians - The New York Times 20/4/15 (also in print)  
Columbia and the Problem of Dr. Oz - The New Yorker 23/4/2015  
Doctors call for removal of Penn graduate Dr. Oz from Columbia faculty - 20/4/2015


How the great almond health fad has turned California into a dustbowl - Daily Mail 21/4/2015 (in print) + Irish Daily Mail  
Report Questions Health Apps' Value - The New York Times 20/4/2015 (also in print)  
JAMA, BMJ each call for more health app evidence - MobiHealthNews 20/4/2015  
Pregnant women employ ‘doulas’ for support during labour as NHS cuts hit - The Independent 21/4/2015  
Air pollution may cause stroke: Study - The Times of India 21/4/2015 (also in print)  
Surgical experience improves outcomes in Peritoneal Mesothelioma - Surviving Mesothelioma 20/4/2015  
Medical misdiagnosis - Ahmedabad Mirror 21/4/2015  
Stop arguing, parents: Yet another study says there’s no link between vaccines and autism - Salon 21/4/2015  
Science writer David Spurgeon took a human-interest focus - Globe & Mail (Canada) 22/4/2015 (also in print)

Another study finds no link between MMR vaccine and autism - CNN 23/4/2015

More than 1 million people used food banks last year: that’s not what the evidence shows. Full Fact 22/4/2015

Getting up early in the morning to go to work is good for you, Iain Duncan Smith claims - The Independent 23/4/2015

Patients hospitalized on weekends risk more falls and infections - Reuters 22/4/2015

#healthdebate trends on twitter as political parties discuss the NHS and social care - carehome.co.uk

Eat healthfully and wash your hands, please - The Spectrum 21/4/2015

Foundation for Chiropractic Progress: Study Shows Acetaminophen Ineffective in Reducing

Back Pain, Chiropractic Care Rapidly Becoming First Option for Pain Relief - Business Wire 21/4/2015

An Asthma Attack Of A Different Kind: Australian Woman Gets Earring Lodged In Lung - Medical Daily 21/4/2015

It's never late to quit smoking as heart disease risk plummets after 5 years - Mirror 23/4/2015 (Also in print)

5 Points Elaborated By UnitedHealth's (NYSE:UNH) For Its Investors - WallStreet.org 24/4/2015

Midwife: 'My 10 year fight to prove that cutting the cord too soon puts babies at risk' - Telegraph 22/4/15

Food bank use is on the rise, with austerity the clear culprit - the Conversation 22/4/15

Co-Worker's Bad Mood Getting You Down? Here's What To Do About It - Huffington Post 21/4/15

WHO urges disclosure of all results from drug trials - SciDev 23/4/15

USPSTF Draft Breast Cancer Screening Guidelines Don't Go Far Enough - Huffington Post 23/4/15

NHS crisis: GP with 4,300 patients says he is struggling to provide 'safe service' - the Mirror 21/4/15

A vote of confidence - the Pharmaceutical Journal 23/4/15

It's never too late to quit smoking as heart disease risk plummets after 5 years - the Mirror 23/4/15

Low risk of birth defects from antidepressant use in pregnancy - Health Canal 23/4/15

Lack of Clinical Trial Results Reporting Prompts Outcry from World Health Organization and AllTrials - MesotheliomaHelp 23/4/15

Quit smoking at any age 'to help you live longer' - WebDM 24/4/15

'There are worse things in this world than being fat,' says Irish obesity expert - Irish Times 25/4/15

Filipino doctors debunk myths about vaccines - Manila Standard Today 25/4/15

Data devices to help alter behaviour Technophobia - International New York Times 20/4/2015 (in print; link unavailable)

All that sun didn't do him any harm - The Daily Telegraph 20/4/2015 (in print; link unavailable)

What will we get for extra NHS spending? - The Daily Telegraph 20/4/2015 (in print; link unavailable)

THE NHS - The Guardian 21/4/2015 (in print; link unavailable)

A welcome new arrival for mothers-to-be? - Independent 21/4/2015 (in print; no link available)

Obese patients could be denied routine NHS ops - Daily Mail 23/4/2015 (in print: link unavailable)

Back to grass roots - Daily Express 23/4/2015 (in print; link unavailable)

Harvard sells out to Hollywood - The Straits Times 23/4/2015 (link unavailable)

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British Journal of Sports Medicine

Editorial: It's time to bust the myth of physical inactivity and obesity; you can't outrun a bad diet

The key to losing weight? You can't outrun a bad diet - CBS News 23/04/15

Obesity occurs due to carbs you eat, not sitting idle - Times of India 23/04/15

Exercise is good, but it won't help you lose weight, say doctors - The Guardian 23/04/15


**Broadcast**

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**School sport: variety is the key to success** - Daily Telegraph 21/04/15

It’s the great British Escape - Daily Star 21/04/15 (in print; link unavailable)

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**Research:** The lifetime cost to English students of borrowing to invest in a medical degree: a gender comparison using data from the Office for National Statistics

Graduate doctors landed with £82K of debt they can’t pay back - Huffington Post 21/04/15

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Cloth masks may up risk of infections - Business Standard 23/04/15

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Physicians withholding, withdrawing treatment from elderly say it’s not ageism - Forbes 21/04/15

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Bad effects of devastating terror attacks linger - Dominion Post 20/04/15 (previous PR)

Bleach could be making your kids sick with respiratory infections - Globe & Mail 22/4/2015 (previous PR)

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Heart surgery for those below 50 - Business Times (Singapore) 18/04/15 (in print; link unavailable)