**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 (6 - 12 April) highlights include:

**BMJ**

*BMJ expands portfolio of specialist and open access journals with two new titles*  
Knowledgespeak 10/04/15

**The BMJ Awards**

*Peterborough City Hospital health team up for award*  - Peterborough Telegraph 6/4/15

**The BMJ**

*Analysis: Austerity, sanctions, and the rise of food banks in the UK*

*Food banks concentrated in areas hit hardest by benefit sanctions, study finds*  - the Guardian 9/4/15  
*Food bank growth linked to welfare cuts, study finds*  - The Financial Times 9/4/15  
*Study: 'Clear evidence' links welfare cuts and food banks*  - ITV News 8/4/15

Also covered by Newsweek, the Mirror, Herald Scotland, Left Foot Forward, OnMedica, Care appointments, Inside Housing, Scottish Daily Record, South Cotswolds Gazette, NDTV, Rochdale Online, Falmouth Packe, HITC, Benefits & Work, HealthCanal, and Medical Xpress. Also broadcast by RT UK.

**Letter: UK government must apologise for assisting tobacco industry lobbying in Pakistan**

*Health experts demand Foreign Office apology after they attend meeting lobbying for tobacco company with Pakistani ministers*  - the Independent 8/4/15  
*Our man in Pakistan accused of lobbying for Big Tobacco*  - the Independent 9/4/15 (in print; no link available)

**Personal View: Deep cuts to India’s health spending will delay universal access to healthcare**

*Personal View: Bureaucracy and budget revision: how spending cuts are affecting India’s public health programmes*

*Health spending cuts in India will lead to continued inadequate services: Experts*  - Zee News 10/4/15
Letter: UK government must apologise for assisting tobacco industry lobbying in Pakistan

Health experts demand Foreign Office apology after they attend meeting lobbying for tobacco company with Pakistani ministers - the Independent 8/4/15
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Research: Efficacy and safety of paracetamol for spinal pain and osteoarthritis: systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised placebo controlled trials
Continued media coverage:
Common painkiller may not ease lower back pain or osteoarthritis - Reuters 8/4/15

Also covered by New Zealand Herald, 2 minute medicine, Mumbai Mirror

Investigation: Why have UK doctors been deterred from prescribing Avastin?
Continued media coverage:
Leading UK medical journal backs use of 'off-label' eye treatment drug - Out Law 7/4/15
Did Novartis try to sabotage Avastin ophthalmic trials? - BioPharma Drive 6/4/15

Also covered by Healio, Bidness ETC

Editorial: Risks of the unregulated market in human breast milk
Continued media coverage:
Study: 1 in 10 breast milk samples sold online contains cow's milk - Al Jazeera 6/4/15
Breast Milk Sold Online At Risk For Cow's Milk Contamination - Medical Daily 6/4/15

REVEALED: Most commonly prescribed stroke drug linked to fatal brain bleeds and death - the Sunday Express + Scottish Sunday Express 12/4/15
The sugar lobby's sour tactics - the Washington Post 10/4/15

All parties agree that health service needs changes – but fail to find common ground - the Independent 11/4/15 (in print; no link available)
Mark Cuban’s Advice a ‘Recipe For Making All Of Us Sick,’ Expert Says - Pro Publica 6/4/15
Rugby and American football injuries - Financial Times 6/4/15

Strenuous exercise is 'unlikely to cause cardiac arrest' - The Daily Telegraph, 7/4/15 (also in print)
Why being 'overweight' means you live longer: The way scientists twist the facts - the Independent 7/4/15 (also in print)
Parental worries about rugby and American football injuries - The Financial Times 7/4/15


The experts who want ALL women over 70 screened for breast cancer - the Daily Mail & Scottish Daily Mail 7/4/15

WHAT TO EAT WHEN - Irish Daily Mail 7/4/15 (in print; no link available)

Those predictions in medicine and astrology - The Hinu 7/4/15

The NHS must remain a health service for everyone - The News Hub 7/4/15

Cheeseburger with your checkup? This map shows which hospitals have fast-food restaurants - Tree Hugger 6/4/15


Preventive healthcare doesn't always work - Live Mint 7/4/15

Experts can't agree on how much salt is too much - Washington Post 7/4/15 (in print; no link available)

Antiques Roadshow Detectives - BBC 2 7/4/15 (mentions a series of 1984 reports on workhouses)

Oh My: RFK, Jr. Reportedly Compares Vaccinations To The Holocaust - Town Hall 9/4/15

Is Commuting Bad for Your Health? - Kolo News 10/4/15

Taylor Swift Giving Wrong Cancer Advice? The Truth Revealed! - The Latino Post 10/4/15

Self-harm, suicide and capitalist alienation - In Defence of Marxism 10/4/15

Outrage of the Month: Misprescribing of Antipsychotic Drugs to Elderly Dementia Patients - Huffington Post 8/4/15

Many Unforeseen Drug-drug Interactions Possible By Following Clinical Guidelines - Mad in America 8/4/15

Will the Affordable Care Act eliminate health disparities? - Insurance News 9/4/15

New Study Suggests Short-Term Exposure to Pollution Increases the Risk of Stroke - Pollution Solution 8/4/15

Bad News: Medical Misinformation and the Ethics of TV Docs - Medscape 8/4/15

Helping you navigate the crowded world of medical news - Global News 8/4/15

Fast Food Being Sold in Dozens of US Hospitals (+Map) - the Epoch Times 8/4/15

I've seen first-hand how palliative care in India is compromised by privatisation - the Guardian 8/4/15

Does the food children eat for breakfast fuel exam grades? - The Conversation 9/4/15

Why I wasn't excited about the medieval remedy that works against MRSA - The Conversation 9/4/15
JOURNALS

British Journal of Sports Medicine
Why a stroll around the block is better than running a marathon - Daily Mail + Scottish Daily Mail 07/04/15 (Previous PR)
How the feet run the show in a healthy body - Globe & Mail 05/04/15

BMJ Case Reports
Woman's 'Burning Mouth Syndrome' Had Strange Cause - Live Science 10/4/15

BMJ Open
Reducing salt significantly nearly impossible: study - (Previous PR) CTV News 10/04/15
Lifestyle changes are the answer - Times of Malta 12/04/15
WHO sodium, potassium guidelines are unrealistic - Science 2.0 07/04/15
Former pitcher dies suddenly, what was the cause? (Previous PR) - The Inquisitr 09/04/15

British Journal of Ophthalmology
Op that helps if a stroke freezes your face muscles - Daily Mail + Scottish Daily Mail 07/04/15

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
Allopurinol may cut MI risk in gout patients - MedPage Today 09/04/15
Early RA: defining the window of opportunity - MedPage Today 10/04/15

Occupational & Environmental Medicine (continuing PR coverage)
Exposure to bleach may increase childhood infections - Irish Medical Times 08/04/15
Bleach implicated in child illness - The Age 04/04/15 (link unavailable)

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health
Are you in denial about how much you drink? - Yorkshire Post 08/04/15