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This week’s (18 - 24 May) highlights include:

**BMJ**

- **BMJ announces continued partnership with Saudi government and healthcare institutions** - Knowledge Speak 19/05/2015

**The BMJ Awards**

- **Basingstoke charity lands top award** - Gazette 18/5/2015
- **‘Top Hospitals’ accolade for Northumbria NHS Trust** - Berwick Advertiser 12/05/2015
- **Top Hospitals award puts Northumbria among best in the NHS** - Northumberland Gazette 22/05/2015 (also in print)

**The BMJ**

**Research:** **Primary prevention with lipid lowering drugs and long term risk of vascular events in older people: population based cohort study**

- **Statins slash stroke risk by 30 per cent: Millions more should be given drug, say experts** - Daily Express (also in print - front page story) 19/5/2015
- **Statins 'slash stroke risk by 30%’** - Belfast Telegraph 19/05/2015
- **Statins can cut stroke risk by 30% in elderly** - Business Standard 19/05/2015


**Feature:** **Ticket to Glyndebourne or the Oval? Big Tobacco’s bid to woo parliamentarians**

- **MPs took tobacco firms' gifts before packaging vote** - The Daily Telegraph & The Daily Telegraph Scotland (also in print) 21/5/2015
- **MPs accept tobacco industry hospitality worth £60,000 - including a Paul McCartney concert** - The Independent (also in print) 21/5/2015
- **MPs ‘accepted tobacco firm hospitality’** - The Scotsman 21/5/2015

**Research:** The role of intervening hospital admissions on trajectories of disability in the last year of life: prospective cohort study of older people

- Link between admission rate and disability at end of life - Nursing Times 21/4/2015
- Researchers find link between acute hospitalizations and disability among older adults at the end of life - News Medical 21/5/2015

This story was also covered by Technology.org, McKnight's Long Term Care News, HealthCanal, MedicalResearch.com, Science Blog and Medical Xpress.

**Can CDC in the US takings millions from pharma industry be unbiased?** - The Times of India 20/5/2015

**Gelsemium: the plant that can cause convulsions, paralysis and asphyxia** - The Guardian 18/8/2015

**No, there is no evidence for a link between video games and Alzheimer’s disease** - the Guardian 20/05/2015

**Antipsychotics Safe During Pregnancy, After Corrective Algorithm** - Mad in America 21/05/2015

**What's the truth about the risk of drinking milk?** - Cosmos 18/5/2015

**MCV Pacific Women In Games: Maru Nihonho** - MCV Pacific 18/5/2015

**Health and data: can digital fitness monitors revolutionise our lives?** - The Guardian 19/5/2015

**Is my doctor giving me drugs I don’t really need?** - Irish Daily Mirror (also in print) 18/5/2015

**Feldman: Dr. Oz is the wizard of celebrity snake oil** - Indianapolis Star 19/5/2015

**Nottingham’s hospitals fighting for children’s dermatology services** - Nottingham Post 2/05/2015

**Air Pollution Linked to Increased Risk of Anxiety and Stroke** - PsychCentral 21/05/2015

**Five of the weirdest things to cause a cough** - Health 24 (wrongly attributed to The BMJ) 21/05/2015

**Gelsemium Just a few leaves of plant can kill** - The Daily Telegraph (no link available) 19/5/2015

**Beware Dr Google** - Times of Oman 20/5/2015 (no link available)
**JOURNALS**

*Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health* (follow on PR)

- **Single motherhood linked to poorer health in later life** - Irish Medical Times 21/05/15
- **Single motherhood tied to poorer health in later life** - Channel News Asia 22/05/15
- **Being a single mom tied to poor health after 50: study** - New York Daily News 21/05/15

Also covered by: Asia One, Business Insider, Reuters UK, NewsMax, Fox News, GlobalPost, 2Minute Medicine Yahoo Health, Yahoo News and PsychCentral.

**British Journal of Sports Medicine**

- **Exercise may cut risk of death among elderly men** - Reuters UK 22/05/15 (follow on PR)

This story was also covered by Bangkok Post, Times of Oman, Star (Malaysia), CarehomeUK News, Clinical Advisor, Monthly Prescribing Reference, Citizen News

- **Walking groups and health** - Brain Blogger 18/05/15 (previous PR)
- **Want to lose weight? Forget the fitbit Focus on lunch** - Chicago Tribune 19/05/15 (previous PR)
- **Fat or fit? These obese athletes are proud of their extra pounds** - CNN International 20/05/15 (previous PR)
- **Calorie intake not sedentary lifestyle fuelling obesity epidemic** - Sydney Morning Herald 18/05/15 (previous PR)
- **Rugby U: concussion temporary subs allowed at World Cup** - GlobalPost 15/05/15 (previous PR)

**BMJ Open**

- **Depression-abuse link investigated** - Daily Mail 20/05/15
- **Depression-abuse link investigated** - Belfast Telegraph 20/05/15

This story as also covered by the Times (x2) + Time Ireland, Asian Image, Yahoo News, extensive regional/local coverage, Family Law Week, Pulse, HealthCanal, Medical Xpress

- **Mood instability may be common to range of mental health disorders** - Science World Report 22/05/15
Also covered by Medical Xpress

- **Study examines increase in calls to emergency services** - HealthCanal 23/05/15