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Nominations invited - The Hindu 13/07/2015

**The BMJ**

**Feature:** The BMJ 20 year online anniversary

Research into how parents cope with sick children in top three BMJ papers in last 20 years - Health Canal 17/07/15

**Research:** Risk of intracranial haemorrhage in antidepressant users with concurrent use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs: nationwide propensity score matched study

How taking antidepressants with painkillers can increase stroke risk - Daily Mail & Scottish Daily Mail 15/07/15

Antidepressants And Painkillers Together May Rise THE Risk Of Brain Bleeds - Forbes 15/07/15

Study: Mixing antidepressants and painkillers may be tied to elevated risk of bleeding - The Washington Post 15/07/15

**Personal view:** Women should be able to treat urinary tract infections with antibiotics without a prescription

*Should Women Be Able To Treat Bladder Infections Themselves?* - NPR 15/07/15
*Cystitis treatment should not require a prescription, GP says* - OnMedica 15/07/15
*GP expert calls for women to get antibiotics for cystitis without prescription* - Pulse 15/07/2015

This story was also covered by The Times & The Times Ireland, the Daily Mail and Medical Xpress.

**Head to head:** Should doctors recommend homeopathy?

*Queen’s physician calls for more homeopathy on NHS* - The Daily Telegraph & The Daily Telegraph Scotland 15/07/15 (also in print)
*Homeopathic treatments: Do they help or harm?* - Fox News 15/07/15
*Scientists argue on whether or not to recommend Homeopathy* - Financial Express 15/07/15

This story was also covered by Yahoo News UK, New Kerala, Business Standard, Life Science, Medical Xpress, Zee News, Health News Review, Science 2.0, Science Codex, Big News Network, ANINEWS, Zee News and Medical Daily.

**Research:** Avoidability of hospital deaths and association with hospital-wide mortality ratios: retrospective case record review and regression analysis

*Avoidable deaths measure condemned* - Belfast Telegraph 15/07/2015
*Standardised mortality ratio should not be used as an indicator of avoidable deaths* - OnMedica 15/07/2015

This story was also covered by The Guardian, Nursing Times, BT, Health Canal, Medical Xpress and local UK coverage.

*How do we start trusting doctors again?* - The Hindu (India) 17/07/2015
*Tax on fizzy drinks 'DOES help tackle obesity'* - The Toronto Star 17/07/2015
*Stewartry towns face doctor shortages - but nobody wants the jobs* - Daily Record 17/07/2015
*The 100-plus-year history of the anti-vaccination movement* - MinnPost 17/07/2015
*Most teens unable to identify depression* - Irish Examiner 18/07/2015
*New Doubts About Role of Serotonin in Depression* - Psych Central 17/07/15
Putting tax on fizzy drinks will help fight obesity, professor argues - Western Daily Press 16/07/15

New Advice on Common Drugs and Heart Health for Runners - Runners World 17/07/15

Did swine flu jabs give scores of children a crippling sleeping sickness? - the Daily Mail & Scottish Daily Mail 17/07/15

A Battle for Medicine's Soul Over Conflict of Interest - Medscape 15/07/2015

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Prozac a risk for baby - study - Independent 15/07/15

Is common knee surgery a waste of time and money for middle-aged people? - North Jersey 15/07/15

Blog: Standardized mortality ratios may be a bad measure of hospital quality - Modern Healthcare 15/07/2015

Self-Diagnosis Fails 66% of the Time, Study Finds - Latinos Health 14/07/2015

Homosexual activist group forced to apologize to defamed scientist - Lifesite 14/07/2015

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Exhausted social workers on the edge of burnout but still achieving positive change - Community Care 14/07/2015

Answering objections to Wisconsin's new abortion law (or how to get on a brony mailing list) - Live Action News 14/07/2015

Heart & Hilt: Sword swallower with local roots hopes to inspire through skill - The Decatur Daily 14/07/2015

An activity epiphany: I've realised most apps on straps are rubbish - The Irish Times 14/07/2015

A history of the baby bonus: Tories now tout benefits of program they once axed - National Post 13/07/2015

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Australia aims to silence doctors who blow whistle on abuse in refugee centres - The Independent 13/07/2015

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Study: People Who Self-Diagnose Online Accurate Nearly Half The Time - CBS Connecticut 13/07/2015
Doctors want 20% tax on sugary drinks to tackle obesity - Gloucester Citizen 13/07/2015

No smoke without fire: the e-cig row - Independent 17/07/15 (re-print of BMJ article)

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Doctors back 20% sugar tax to fight obesity - The Times & Times Ireland 13/07/2015

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Lose the puppy fat: study has bone to pick with Crufts’ dumpy dogs - The Guardian 14/07/15

Fat pups at top dog show set bad example, vets warn - New Zealand Herald 14/07/15


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