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This week’s (27 Jul - 2 Aug) highlights include:

**BMJ**

*BMJ partners with European Society for Medical Oncology to publish new OA oncology journal* KnowledgeSpeak 28/07/15

**The BMJ**

**Head to head: Could a sugar tax help combat obesity?**

*Sugar tax would reduce weight, diabetes* - Yahoo News 30/07/15

*70 pence per kilogram of sugar tax would reduce obesity and sugar demand, study reveals* - Western Daily Press 30/07/15

*Tax on sugar ‘would cut diabetes’* - Daily Express & Scottish Daily Express 30/07/15

This story was also covered by Daily Mail, New Zealand Herald, BT.com, FoodNavigator.com, Taxation: News & Information, Techie News, Science Codex, Medical Xpress, The Economic Voice (blog), Conservative Home, 3News NZ, Times LIVE, South Wales Argus, Belfast Telegraph, Lancashire Evening Post, Durham Times

**Feature: Day case surgery: a good news story for the NHS**

*Rise in day surgery 'has saved NHS £2 billion'* - Daily Mail 30/07/15

*Day surgery may have saved NHS £2bn over past 15 years* - OnMedica 30/07/15

This story was also covered by Bicester Advertiser, Medical Daily, Medical Xpress

*Doctor’s Diary: Pseudo dementia* - Daily Telegraph 27/07/15

*Students Take Stab Swallowing Long Blades* - The Wall Street Journal Europe & US 27/07/15

*The cut-price fertility boost that childless couples aren't being offered* - Daily Mail & Scottish Daily Mail, 28/07/15
'TIDY UP' KNEE OP THAT MAY DO YOU MORE HARM THAN GOOD - Irish Daily Mail 28/07/15

Tobacco often 'candy in the coal mine' - Sydney Morning Herald 27/07/15
Also covered by The Age

Doctors' white coats, neckties spread dangerous infections - Times of Oman 27/07/15 (in print; no link available)

Rude health: Pass the tea bag - Independent ie 27/07/15

Medical Matters: Symptom checker sites beat Dr Google, but still get it wrong most of the time - Irish Times 27/07/15

How anti-vaxxers have scared reporters away from covering vaccine side effects - Vox 27/07/15

Dr. Oz brought in $1.7M after promoting a hemorrhoid treatment in a column - Med City News 27/07/15

Evidence supports artificial sweeteners over sugar - New York Times 27/07/15

Knee surgery to ease pain may not be worthwhile - Washington Post 28/07/15

Should You Self-Diagnose Your UTI? - Shape 28/07/15

Sodas linked to increasing cases of diabetes - The Science Times 28/07/15

Making antibiotics more widely available ‘could be a threat to public health’ says Cambridge expert - US News & World Report 28/07/15

How Mail killed death pathway: Box-ticking NHS staff turned killing patients into an industry, says top doctor - Daily Mail 30/07/15

NHMRC grant assessments pedantic, researchers say - Australian 29/07/15 (also in print)

New research makes online symptom checkers look sick - Chicago Tribune 29/07/15 (in print; no link available)

What a Doctor Wears Can Matter to a Patient’s Health - Next City 29/07/15

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BMJ Open

Research: Euthanasia requests, procedures and outcomes for 100 Belgian patients suffering from psychiatric disorders: a retrospective, descriptive study

Psychiatric woes often drive euthanasia requests in Belgium - US News & World Report 28/07/15
More than half patients who wanted right to die suffered from depression, study finds - Daily Mirror 28/07/15
Depression common cause of help to die - News.com.au 28/07/15
Older adults drinking too much  BBC R4 Today: Thought for the Day (not attrib) 27/07/15

Can affluence influence how much older people drink?  Discovery News 30/07/15

Smoking ban may be behind drop in childhood asthma  WebMD 31/07/15

Archives of Disease in Childhood (Fetal & Neonatal Edition)

Research:  Personality of adults who were born very preterm

Premature babies more likely to develop this personality type  - TIME 28/07/15
Premature birth linked to socially withdrawn personality  - Business Standard 28/07/15
Very premature or underweight babies at risk of being neurotic adults- study  - The Guardian 28/07/15

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health (external PR)

Research:  The effect of reduced street lighting on road casualties and crime in England and Wales: controlled interrupted time series analysis

Less lighting has no impact on crime or collisions says report  - BBC News Online 29/07/15
No evidence street light cuts dangerous  - Sky News 29/07/15
AA insists that street lights save lives despite research denying accident link  - Belfast Telegraph 29/07/15

British Journal of Sports Medicine

Former Ironman Guy Leech talks about making incidental exercise an intentional choice  - Daily Telegraph 01/08/15
How much exercise is too much? - The Asian Age 02/08/15

Building movement into a sedentary day - Newsday 29/07/15

Ankle injuries in youth soccer: causes and treatment - Football.com 27/07/15

**Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases**

Prolonged remission now possible in lupus - MedPage Today 02/08/15