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*Digitisation propels the service management desk beyond internal support* - Computer Weekly

*UK firm to develop healthcare media skills in Saudi* - Trade Arabia  11/10/15

*BMJ to support KSA’s medical researchers in developing research skills* - Thomson Reuters Zawya  11/10/15

**The BMJ**

**Head to head:** *Should women abstain from alcohol throughout pregnancy?*

*Is it wrong to drink alcohol while pregnant? Even the experts disagree* - The Guardian 07/10/2015

*Alcohol during pregnancy: We drank while expecting* - BBC News 07/10/2015

*Mothers-to-be warned by doctors to not drink at all* - the Scotsman 07/10/2015

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**Analysis:** *Is home always the best and preferred place of death?*

*Home not always best place to die, says end-of-life care expert* - The Independent 08/10/2015

*Home not always the best place to die, academic says* - Telegraph.co.uk 08/10/2015
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Research: Influence of tumour stage at breast cancer detection on survival in modern times

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Tumor Stage Still Influences Survival in Breast Cancer - Medscape 06/10/2015
Catching Breast Cancer Early Saves Lives, Study Confirms - NBC News 07/10/2015

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Attempts to boost calcium levels seem to have little effect on risk of bone breaks - the Washington Post 06/10/2015 (in print)
Calcium Isn't a Bone Saver - the New York Times 06/10/2015 (in print)
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More drugs qualifying for FDA accelerated review, driven by non-innovative medicines - The Pharmaceutical Journal 06/10/2015

For decades, the government steered millions away from whole milk. Was that wrong? - the Washington Post 06/10/2015

England’s Health Secretary wants to make us all work as hard as the Chinese – and our doctors and nurses already know it - Open Democracy 06/10/2015

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Yes, America, we can eat butter - Fox News 09/10/2015
A story of hope: the Guardian launches phase II of its climate change campaign - the Guardian 05/10/2015

Is the chilli pepper friend or foe? - BBC News 05/10/2015
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Mistakes found in paper that identified retraction-error link - Times Higher Education 08/10/2015

Allyson Pollock: Time to tackle brain injury in rugby at all levels - Irish Times 06/10/2015

Nina Teicholz: 5 things you need to know about the 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans - Beef Magazine 05/10/2015
The money behind the fight over healthy eating - Politico 07/10/2015
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Third of footballers have mental health issues: study - the Bangkok Post 07/10/2015 (also in print)

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Probiotics for Your Baby: 4 Things You Should Know - Newsmax 07/10/2015

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A thinning case that fat causes heart ills - The Washington Post 07/10/2015 (in print)

The disease you never shake off - the Daily Mail & the Scottish Daily Mail 10/10/2015 (in print)

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Exercise pre-pregnancy cuts pelvic pain - Irish Examiner 08/10/15
Regular exercise before pregnancy may stave off pains common in mums to be - New Zealand Doctor Online 07/10/15

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