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This week’s (16-22 Nov) highlights include:

**BMJ**

**BMJ & Fortis C-DOC announce program to support world-class diabetes care** - Economic Times 17/11/2015

**The BMJ**

**Editorial: Merging alcohol giants threaten global health**

*AB InBev and SABMiller beer manufacturer merger poses ‘major threat to global health’* - the Independent 18/11/2015

*Merger of the world’s two largest beer manufacturers is a ‘major threat to global health’* - Western Daily Press


Also covered by the Daily Star & the Daily Star Scotland, Independent i, New Kerala, Economic Times, Zee News, the Statesman, Medical Daily, Medical Xpress and Science Codex

**Feature: Tasers**

*Tasers May Be Deadly, Study Finds* - Popular Science 17/11/2015

*Tasers could cause major health problems* - New York Daily News 18/11/2015

*Growing concern over risks to health from Taser usage* - Irish Medical Times 19/11/2015

Also covered by Independent i, Inverse, Medical News Today, Medical Daily, Science 2.0, Science Codex, Frome Standard & local media coverage.

**Editorial: Combating climate change**

*UK reversing and undoing climate change policies, say doctors and nurses* - the Guardian 19/11/2015

**Research: Nosocomial transmission of avian influenza A (H7N9) virus in China**

*Person-to-Person Bird Flu Transmission Likely Happened at Chinese Hospital* - U.S. News & World Report 19/11/2015

*Person-to-Person Bird Flu Transmission Likely Happened at Chinese Hospital* - Doctors Lounge 18/11/2015
Person-to-person bird flu transmission scare - Business Standard 18/11/2015

Also covered by New Kerala, India.com, Financial Express, The Siasat Daily, HealthDay, TheHealthSite, Science Codex, Medical Xpress, Philly.com, ANINEWS.

Ongoing coverage for the NHS weekend death rates story:

Bath junior doctor's second open letter to local MP Ben Howlett over NHS contract dispute - Bath Chronicle 17/11/2015
Jeremy Hunt statement on weekend hospital care is misleading, experts warn - the Guardian 19/11/2015
Junior doctor: I voted for NHS strike with a heavy heart - the Daily Telegraph 19/11/2015

Addicted to chemsex - The Observer 22/11/2015
E-therapy may not help ease depression - Reuters 16/11/2015
'We need people to get angry about sugar' says leading cardiologist - the Guardian
Go beyond dairy for the calcium you need - the Globe & Mail (Canada) 17/11/2015
Study: More Doctor Spending Linked to Fewer Malpractice Risks - Bloomberg BNA 16/11/2015
Ranjit Chandra ordered to pay $1.6M to cover CBC's legal fees in libel lawsuit - CBC News 17/11/2015

The science of deception - the Telegram 18/11/2015
New deal risks junior doctor 'brain drain' - the Sunday Times
Companies Like Kikkoman Are Still Testing on Animals - Vice 16/11/2015
Also covered by Next Shark
Experts slam new 'iPram' gadget which attaches tablets to buggies so tots can watch films or play games while on the go - the Daily Mail 16/11/2-015
Fake anti-venoms costing lives, says researcher - Securing Industry 16/11/2015
A DAILY DOSE TO FIGHT TUBERCULOSIS MORE EFFECTIVELY - Mumbai Mirror 17/11/2015
The 3 cancers doctors miss most, plus 4 other commonly misdiagnosed conditions - Fox News 18/11/2015
Why aren't there more university graduates on Coronation Street? - the Guardian 19/11/2015
Is whole milk better for you than low-fat options? - Science Alert 20/11/2015
You cannot pooh-pooh the importance of sanitation - Thomson Reuters Foundation 19/11/2015
**Morning Agriculture** - Politico 19/11/2015

**Influenza vaccine had no affect on fetal mortality risk** - Medical Xpress 20/11/2015

**Dogs That Smell Cancer Get Clinical Trial in Britain** - News Max 20/11/2015

**Tongue ties - to snip or not to snip?** - stuff.co.nz 21/11/2015

**Joe Brolly: GAA's Margaret Thatcher approach does not encourage participation** - Independent.ie 22/11/2015

**JOURNALS**

**British Journal of Sports Medicine**

**Consensus statement: Direct to consumer genetic testing for predicting sports performance and talent identification: Consensus statement**

**Sorry parents: Genetic tests won’t show if your kid will be a sports superstar** - Los Angeles Times 18/11/15

**Thumbs down for genetic testing of children for sports and athletic prowess** - Sydney Morning Herald 17/11/15

** Genetic tests for sports performance ‘virtually meaningless,’ experts say** - CBC Canada 16/11/15


**Walking barefoot helps you avoid injuries; also improves posture, balance, and stability**
- Medical Daily 18/11/15

**Editorial: Labelling people as ‘High Risk’: A tyranny of eminence?**

**Being at high risk of cardiovascular disease should also be considered a disease: expert**
- Medical Daily 16/11/15

**Prof takes doctors to task for confusing absolute and relative risk**
- 6Minutes 18/11/15

**Telling people they are at risk of disease makes the healthy sick, warns professor**
- Daily Telegraph 17/11/15

Also covered by The Times + Times Ireland, Science Codex, Medical Xpress, Medical Daily.

**Why cage fighting is cruel and objectionable**
- The Age 16/11/15

**Study suggests tai chi can improve life for people with chronic health problems**
- Harvard Health 20/11/15

**Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health**

**Research: ‘First do no harm’: are disability assessments associated with adverse trends in mental health? A longitudinal ecological study**

**What effects have fit for work tests had on people’s mental health?**
- The Guardian
17/11/15
More suicides in government disability test areas - BBC News 17/11/15
Harder fit for work tests linked to rise in number of suicides - Daily Mail 17/11/15

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Research: Disparities in road crash mortality among pedestrians using wheelchairs in the USA: results of a capture-recapture analysis (US Focus)

Motorised wheelchair users at raised risk of traffic deaths: study - US News & World Report 19/11/15
Motorised wheelchair users at raised risk of traffic deaths - Philly.com 19/11/15
Pedestrian wheelchair users are at increased risk of road collisions, study finds - MinnPost 20/11/15

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Keeping score, clinical watchdogs push drugmakers for more open data - Xconomy 17/11/15
Clinical trial data underreported: study - The Scientist 16/11/15
Great communication in healthcare can save lives - The Guardian 18/11/15

On spot test to reduce inappropriate antibiotic prescribing - The Independent 18/11/15 (print only)

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Accessory Breast Described in Left Inframammary Fold - Doctor's Lounge 16/11/2015
Head Lice infestation Could Cause Iron Deficiency Anemia - Doctor's Lounge 17/11/2015

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Few hospitals 'stock enough poison antidotes for emergency use' - the Daily Mail 18/11/2015
Few hospitals 'stock enough poison antidotes for emergency use' - Yahoo News UK 18/11/2015
Less than a quarter of hospitals stock antidotes required for immediate use - Medical Xpress 18/11/2015
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Journal of Clinical Pathology

Have a cold? Zinc is not the answer - Globe & Mail 18/11/15
Open Heart

There really is no one size fits all diet plan, according to study - HuffPost Healthy Living
20/11/15

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Tackling the burden of COPD - The Guardian 18/11/15 (print only)

Acapella choice provides effective PEP therapy - The Guardian 18/11/15 (print only)