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

The BMJ

Research: Atrial fibrillation as risk factor for cardiovascular disease and death in women compared with men

Irregular heartbeat 'riskier for women' & Warning for women over irregular heartbeat - BBC Online News & TV 20/01/2016
Women With Irregular Heartbeat At Greater Risk Of Heart Disease Than Men, Says Study - Huffington Post UK 20/01/2016
Atrial fibrillation poses greater risk for women than men - OnMedica 20/01/2016


Feature: Should India's quacks be trained to deliver basic patient care?

Will alternative cadre of doctors help India? - Times of India 25/01/2016
Questions raised on the training 'quacks' to meet the shortage of doctors in India - TheHealthSite 22/01/2016
Can training quacks help ease India's shortage of doctors? - The Siasat Daily 22/01/2016
Should India's quacks be trained to deliver basic patient care? - Medical Xpress 21/01/2016

BBC Radio 4's Inside Health hosted a discussion on The BMJ's ‘weekend effect’ article and featured Fiona Godlee and the paper's lead author Nick Freenmantle.

The Today Programme 18/01/2016 - mention of the misuse of figures from the 'weekend effect' article

Doctors urge Hunt to tell patients it's safe to visit hospital - The Independent 22/01/2016 (in print)

Hunt accused of misleading public over hospital deaths - The Daily Telegraph & The Daily Telegraph Scotland 22/01/2016 (in print)
A thank you letter to David Bowie from a palliative care doctor, published on the BMJ blogs, was retweeted by the late singer's son and received widespread international coverage:

David Bowie 'helped lift lid on taboo' after death - BBC News 19/01/2016
David Bowie's son shares powerful letter - CNN 18/01/2016
David Bowie: Son Duncan Jones shares powerful open letter from palliative care doctor following singer's death - the Independent 18/01/2016

Also covered by ITV News, the Sun, the Scottish Sun, the Daily Mail, Irish Independent, Jakarta Post, US News & World Report, International Business Times UK, Yahoo, USA TODAY.

Journal Editors Say Authors Must Share Clinical Trial Data - Medscape 21/01/2016
Journal editors call for greater data sharing on clinical trials - STAT 20/01/2016
Also covered by MedCity News, Laboratory Equipment, Mass Device

“The BMJ sets the standard” following results from the Outcome Switching Project: How Scientists Are Doing A Bait-And-Switch With Medical Data - Buzzfeed 22/01/2016

Ongoing coverage for the Mexico sugar tax article:
Kellogg's and Coca-Cola pledge to slash calorie content in their products in bid to beat the sugar tax - the Daily Mail 24/01/2016
What Canada can learn from Mexico’s sugar tax: It’s no magic bullet - Globe & Mail (Canada) 18/01/2016
NHS England 'to impose 20% sugar tax' in hospital cafes - BBC News 18/01/2016

Ongoing coverage for the potato consumption and diabetes risk in pregnant women:
Pregnant women who eat potatoes raise diabetes risk - International New York Times 20/01/2016 (in print)
Also covered by the Bangkok Post, South China Morning Post, The Inquisitr and 6minutes.

Breakfast on BBC 1 18/01/2016 (link unavailable) - Doctor Michael Moseley mentions an article on pre-diabetes that has trebled in recent times

Why a dry spell dampens spirit - Irish Sunday Mirror 24/01/2016 (in print)


Recent study that said Diet Coke can help you lose weight was quietly funded by Coca-Cola - Irish Independent 18/01/2016

Can art therapy succeed with flying colours? - Irish Medical Times 19/01/2016

Why bad science won’t ever die - Quartz 19/01/2016
Animal testing doesn't make human trials safe - Belfast Telegraph 20/01/2016

Report finds too little has changed to combat still birth - Radio New Zealand 21/02/2016


JOURNALS

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases

Cervical Cancer and RA: Are TNF Inhibitors to Blame? - MedPage Today 21/01/16

BMJ Open

Ban Killer Heels - Scottish Daily Mail 24/01/16  (print only)

On sweating the big stuff in healthcare - Irish Medical Times  22/01/16

A Retiring Drug Warrior And A Captured Kingpin Illustrate The Folly Of Prohibition - Forbes 21/01/16

NHS Health check shows 'limited but improving success' - Pharmaceutical Journal 20/01/16

NHS urged to screen stroke patients for silent heart disease to prevent thousands of deaths - Medical Xpress 20/01/16

British Journal of Sports Medicine

Racing's probe into concussion - Daily Mail + Scottish Daily Mail 21/01/16 (print only)

Legends of the falls to spearhead study into concussion - Irish Daily Mail, 21/01/16  (print only)

Sir Anthony McCoy and Peter Scudamore among 200 jockeys to take part in racing's probe into concussion - Daily Mail 20/01/16


The $25 'cardboard box' that could transform your workspace into a standing desk - Daily Mail 20/01/16

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

18 Reasons to Eat Healthy That Have Nothing to Do with Weight Loss - Yahoo Health
Music Videos on YouTube Pose Health Hazard to Teens  Counsel & Heal  22/01/16

Journal of Medical Ethics

Australia's offshore detention damages asylum seekers because it's supposed to  - The Guardian  19/01/16

Tobacco Control (external PR)

Research: Impact of advertisements promoting candy-like flavoured e-cigarettes on appeal of tobacco smoking amongst children: an experimental study

Candy-flavoured e-cigarette ads can influence school kids  - Times of India 19/01/16
Study eyes candy-flavored e-cigarette ads targeted to kids  - CBS News 18/01/16
Candy flavored e-cigarettes may encourage vaping among kids  - Business Standard 18/01/16


Veterinary Record

Oldest land creature on Earth - a tortoise, 183 - perks up on a better diet  - the Washington Post 19/01/2016

Veterinary Case Reports

Sick Siku: Photos of a Runny-Nosed Walrus  - Live Science 22/01/2016
Walrus’s Runny Nose Had Surprising Source (It Wasn’t the Common Cold)  - Yahoo News 26/01/2016

BMJ Case Reports

Unexplained depression could be brain tumour, warn doctors  - China Daily Hong Kong (China) 16/01/2016 (in print)