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Research: Beverage purchases from stores in Mexico under the excise tax on sugar sweetened beverages: observational study

Mexican Soda Tax Followed by Drop in Sugary Drink Sales - New York Times 06/01/2016
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Research: Maternal use of oral contraceptives and risk of birth defects in Denmark: prospective, nationwide cohort study

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Head to Head: Should patients pay to see the GP?

**Call to charge patients £10 for appointment with GP** - The Times & The Times Ireland
07/01/2016

**Should patients be charged for seeing their GP?** - The Today Programme (BBC Radio 4)
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£10 charge to visit GP would ease waiting lists, says doctor - The Daily Telegraph
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No time for stodgy: Crusading editor of the BMJ aims to shake things up in science - STAT
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This cruelly timed junior doctors' strike could risk losing the public's sympathy - Independent
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Sir Bruce Keogh: The respected doctor exploited for political gains - the Independent
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Junior doctors: Whitehall edited letter from 'independent' medic to build 'hard-edged' case against strike - the Independent 08/01/2016

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Satirical paper puts evidence-based medicine in the spotlight - Nature 08/01/2016

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Sensor may detect cancer from breath - The Japan News 09/01/2016

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Drink less by using a thin glass - iol.co.za 05/01/2016

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Medical matters: Can acute fear actually curdle blood? - Irish Times 05/01/2016

7 Women's Health Issues That Everyone Should Be Aware Of - Bustle 05/01/2016

Doctors debate need for regular checkups - TribLive 04/01/2016
SSRIs and Birth Defects: A New Analysis - Medscape 04/01/2016

Ibuprofen vs Acetaminophen: When Should You Use One Over The Other? - Medical Daily 05/01/2016

E-cigarette device given NHS prescription licence - National Health Executive 04/01/2016

How 'outcome switching' can fool us into thinking certain drugs are effective - MinnPost 05/01/2016

English have better teeth than Americans - Dentistry.co.uk

Healthcare outsider developing software to improve diagnosis - CIO 06/01/2016

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