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This week’s (4-10 July) highlights include:

**The BMJ**

**Research:** Safety of reduced antibiotic prescribing for self limiting RTIs in primary care

- Study supports reducing antibiotics for sore throat, ear infections - CBC News 05/07/2016
- New research suggests doctors are over-prescribing antibiotics - Herald Sun 05/07/2016
- It’s safe to prescribe fewer antibiotics for coughs and colds - New Scientist 05/07/2016

**Also covered by:** the Daily Mail & Irish Daily, the Daily Express, International Business Times AU, Global News, Medscape, Medical Xpress, Science Daily, Infection Control Today, Science Codex, Tech Times, Health 24, Health Canal, Drug Discovery & Development,

**Research:** Use of evidence based practices to improve survival without severe morbidity for very preterm infants: results from the EPICE population based cohort

- The premature babies being failed by the NHS: 40% 'don't receive potentially life-saving treatment' - the Daily Mail 05/07/2016
- Study: Preterm Infants Shortchanged on Care in European NICUs - MedPage Today 07/07/2016
- Very premature infants: Towards better care - Science Daily 05/07/2016

**Also covered by:** Medical Xpress

**Editorial:** Brexit: the decision of a divided country

- Blame austerity not immigration for the inequality underlying Brexit, argues expert - Phys.org 07/07/2015

**Also covered by:** OnMedica

- Martin McKee's anti-intellectualism blog - The Guardian 04/07/2016

- The Brain Versus the Mind - New York Times 05/07/2016
Let's make peer review scientific - Nature 05/07/2016

'Medical Error' Study Shows Major Flaws, Should Be Retracted - Yahoo News 05/07/2016

Why H-Block hunger strikers were not force-fed - Irish Times 05/07/2016
Are health risks part of the mix when living in a wet county in Texas? - Dallas News 06/07/2016

It's time for NHS England to 'do the right thing' and fund PrEP for HIV prevention - Medical Xpress
Also covered by Science Daily

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Tobacco Control

Brief report: Association of metals (Cd, Fe, As, Ni, Cu, Zn and Mn) with cigarette butts in northern part of the Persian Gulf

Cigarette butts seeping into waterways, food chain The Australian 07/07/16
How Cigarettes Could Be Hurting the World's Fish TIME 06/07/16
Metals from cigarette butts contaminate marine environment New Indian Express 10/07/16


Tobacco control helping to reduce student smoking Otago Daily Times 05/07/16 + Petrol Plaza

Trauma Surgery & Acute Care Open

Current opinion: Response to mass casualty events: from the battlefield to the Stop the Bleed campaign

Trauma research funding needed now more than ever, say experts Science Daily 07/07/16

Also covered by: Medical Xpress

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases

Celltrion to develop lab assays for evidence-based decision-making in anti-TNF treatment Pharmabiz News 07/07/16 + Business Wire

EULAR: Updated Fibromyalgia Management Recommendations Monthly Prescribing Reference 08/07/16
BMJ Case Reports

In rare cases, a dog’s lick can carry more than just love - the Conversation 05/07/2016
Woman admitted to intensive care after infection from pet dog - New Zealand Doctor Online 04/07/2016
Also covered by: Herald Sun, Women’s Health, Kansas City Star, 20minutes

Teenage girl's stomach ache diagnosed as appendicitis turned out to be a 'multitude of worms' - International Business Times UK 04/07/2016
Pinworms found in teenage girl's appendix **video available** - New Zealand Doctor Online 04/07/2016

Concerns over traditional Indian herbal remedy - New Zealand Doctor Online 04/07/2016

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How race perverts our view of gun violence Newsweek 08/07/16
Researchers call for overhaul of ‘confrontational’ complaints system Pulse 05/07/16
Also in: News-Medical.net, Medical Research.com

More attractive the women, less likely men are to wear a condom Deccan Chronicle 04/07/16

British Journal of Sports Medicine

Ask Well: Exercising on smog alert days New York Times 08/07/16
Exercise improves children’s intelligence and school performance Times of Malta 08/07/16
Also in: Good Therapy.org

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

Five things you can do to live longer TheHealthSite 08/07/16
Diabetes increases mortality risk after acute MI Healio 05/07/16

Journal of Medical Ethics

Catholic care home in Belgium fined for refusing euthanasia Catholic Herald 04/07/16
Drug company influence seen in creation of market for sex desire drug Milwaukee Sentinel Journal 05/07/16

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Experts say not to worry if your child eats dirt, it can be good for them  
08/07/16

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Discussion on attempt to ban use of homeopathy in animals  
BBC R4 Today 08/07/16