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- **NHS part of £250m China health trade mission** - OnMedica 23/12/2016
- **BMJ partners with Guangdong Family Doctor Association to support primary healthcare in China** - KnowledgeSpeak 19/12/2016
- **BMJ announces new partnership to support primary healthcare in China** - InPublishing 19/12/2016

**BMJ Awards South Asia**

- **Miracles In Sight Partner, Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital in India, Wins Prestigious British Medical Journal Award** - PR Newswire 27/12/2016

**The BMJ Christmas**

- **Doctors confirm 200-year-old diagnosis** - BBC News + BBC World Service Radio + Today Programme (from 1 hr 09 mins) 26/12/2016
- **Pokemon Go just can't seem to catch a break** - Stuff.co.nz 20/12/2016
  
  Also in the Daily Express, the Star, The National (UAE), MedPage Today, Zawya, Dominion Post, Times of Oman

- **Spam emails difficult to suppress, finds study** - Times Higher Education 22/12/2016
- **There's Finally Scientific Evidence That People Who Enjoy Life Live Longer** - Huffington Post 20/12/2016
- **Study Finds Bad Boss Shortens Your Lifespan (5 Questions To Predict It)** - Forbes 19/12/2016

- **BAD SANTA!** - The Guardian [G2] 20/12/2016 (in print)

- **Once a Year, Scientific Journals Try to Be Funny, Not Everyone Gets the Joke** - Smithsonian 19/12/2016
- **Joke Science Papers Get Less Funny Every Year** - Gizmodo India 30/12/2016
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Did a US Firm Use a Doctor-Industry Nexus in India To Push Through an Untested Drug? - Wired India 27/12/2016
US drug maker follows unethical practice in India: The BMJ - Economy Lead 20/12/2016

A few of our favourite health stories from 2016 - CBC 23/12/2016 (including a documentary featuring Fiona Godlee)

Dyslexia: Major cause of learning difficulty may have been discovered by neuroscientists - The Independent 22/12/2016

Even with little stumpy legs, these salamanders are made for extreme walking — up to 9 miles - Washington Post 21/12/2016

Low-Dose Aspirin, NSAIDs Offer Chemoprevention Options for CRC - Cancer Network 20/12/2016

A history of New Zealand’s recreational drug use - Newshub 22/12/2016

No, Scientists Cannot Predict Whether Toddlers Will Become Criminals - Gizmodo India 21/12/2016

Want to be smarter and have a better memory? Eat foods rich in this - Global News 21/12/2016

Top 4 Emerging Trends Impacting the Global Cervical Cancer Diagnostic - Business Wire 21/12/2016

Research on Error-Related Hospital Deaths Is Flawed - Yahoo Finance 21/12/2016

Medical News Stories Lack Qualified Independent Commentators - Medscape 19/12/2016

Doctor’s Diary: Suspicious symptoms – or side effects? - Telegraph.co.uk 19/12/2016


NSAIDs may prevent recurrence of colorectal cancer - Business Standard 20/12/2016

Social Science Congress sheds light on health, quality of life - Times of India 20/12/2016

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News releases exaggerate the results of scientific research - Health News Review 20/12/2016

Shared decision making boosts patients' knowledge of acute coronary syndrome risk - Clinical Advisor 20/12/2016

The 13 biggest nutrition discoveries of 2016 - Fox News 20/12/2016

Corruption In Medical Industry Increases Healthcare Spending By 25%, Says Renowned
The leftovers question that divides families: how old is too old when it comes to turkey? - Sydney Morning Herald 27/12/2016

Winter: Health Risks and Tips to Stay Healthy - Latinos Health 27/12/2016

Urine luck? Genetics may explain why you can (or can't) smell 'asparagus pee' - MinnPost 23/12/2016

India to kickstart R&D programme on Ebola and Zika virus - Bangalore Mirror 24/12/2016

National portrait: Joanne Dixon, geneticist - Stuff.co.nz 24/12/2016


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Lessons from the year of post-truth politics: Editorial - Toronto Star 27/12/2016

Dr Google will see you now - Paul Biegler 31/12/2016

Arthur Conan Doyle revealed: 5 things you didn't know about Sherlock Holmes's creator - BT.com 31/12/2016

It's Time To Bring An End To The Nonsense Of 'Dry January' - Heat Street 30/12/2016

Ageing with attitude: Change track to hold back advancing years - Irish Examiner 30/12/2016

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Hi-tech plaster to stop deadly blood clots - Irish Daily Mail 20/12/2016

ARE YOU GETTING ENOUGH SUNSHINE? Irish Daily Mail 24/12/2016

What Every Knee Arthritis Sufferer Should Know Especially If You Are "Bone On Bone" or Facing Surgery - Chicago Tribune 19/12/016

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Got gonorrhoea? Try gargling with Listerine. No really - Forbes 21/12/16
Listerine gargle every day helps to slow spread of gonorrhoea, study finds - The Guardian 19/12/16
Common mouthwash may prevent spread of gonorrhoea infection - Business Standard 21/12/16


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Case report: The choking hazard of grapes: a plea for awareness

Choking on grapes can kill young children, doctors warn - CBS News 21/12/16
Calls for health warnings on GRAPE packaging as doctors warn under fives can easily choke on them - Daily Mail + Scottish Daily Mail 21/12/16
‘Ideally we’d like supermarkets to put choking hazard warnings on grapes’ - News.com.au


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Research: Cured meat intake is associated with worsening asthma symptoms

Processed Meat Could Aggravate Asthma, French Study Finds - Newsweek 21/12/16
Processed meat ‘could be bad for asthma’ - BBC News 21/12/16
Too much of processed meat may worsen your asthma - The New Indian Express 21/12/16

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**Editorial: Reforming abortion services in the UK: less hypocrisy, more acknowledgment of complexity**

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Want to Exercise More? Try Screen Time - Wall Street Journal US + Asia + Europe 19/12/16

More studies needed on cholesterol risks: HMC - Gulf Times 29/12/16

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'Word Clouds' comfort families and doctors of dying patients - Reuters 27/12/2016
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Sports trends of 2017: why you will be practising your golf swing next year - Malay Mail
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Play badminton, tennis or squash if you want a long life - Star2.com 29/12/16

Change your life in just 15 minutes! Irish Daily Mail 29/12/16 (link unavailable)

Only Orthotics, Not Cushioned Shoe Inserts, Can Help Prevent Injuries, Review Suggests - Physical Therapy Products 30/12/16 + Medical Research.com

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Be prepared for life’s stressors - Meditate.com 23/12/16

Single fathers rate mental and physical health low - Reuters UK 24/12/16
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