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This week’s (2 - 8 Jan) highlights include:

The BMJ

Investigation: Referral management schemes: good for whom?

NHS groups 'paying millions to private firms that block GP referrals' - the Guardian 04/01/2017
Questions over private firm 'interference' to Durham GPs - Metro Radio 04/01/2017
NHS pays millions to private firms to query GP hospital referrals - iNews 04/01/2017

Also covered by The Times, The Sun, The Scottish Sun, the Irish Sun, the Daily Mail, Metro newspaper (front page) Metro Radio, Northern Echo, Morning Star Online & extensive local newspaper coverage, National Health Executive, Medical Xpress, MedIndia, Health Medicinet

Research: Efficacy and effectiveness of screen and treat policies in prevention of type 2 diabetes

NHS screening plan for type 2 diabetes 'inaccurate' - BBC News 05/1/2017
CardioBrief: Screen-And-Treat to Prevent Diabetes Doomed to Fail - MedPage Today 05/1/2017
NHS Diabetes Prevention Plan 'Unlikely' To Have Impact, Study Suggests - Huffington Post UK 05/01/2017


Fiona Godlee talked about air pollution on BBC Newsroom Live 05/01/2017 (online clip of recording unavailable)

Contestant on the ITV game show The Case was asked: "The BMJ is the weekly journal for people working in what field?" 05/01/2017
Second opinion - Satirical look back on 2016 in health news - BBC 2 04/01/2017 (mention of Jeremy Hunt's misuse of data from The BMJ paper on weekend death rates)

Not a morning person? You must have been born at night! - Daily Mail 05/01/2017

Theresa May has just been savaged over the NHS – by her own Tory health Chair - The Canary 04/01/2017

Doctors urge Theresa May to publish anti-smoking strategy - the Guardian 04/01/2017

Research data, missing for decades, raise concerns on morning sickness drug - STAT 04/01/2017

Toronto doctor questions evidence quality for morning-sickness drug Diclectin
The Globe and Mail 04/12/2016

New Year's resolutions are like babies – fun to make, difficult to maintain - Irish Times 02/1/2017

Does Peer Review Help Weed Out Bad Science? - The Wire 03/1/2017

Sir Isaac Newton birthday: Things you didn't know about the genius - International Business Times 03/01/2017

Human Hibernation: The Big Sleep - BBC Radio 4 03/01/2017

Solar power wins hearts as well as minds as it looks to revolutionise the biotech industry - The Canary 04/01/2017

Now and Then explores the stories behind Toronto's historical plaques and monuments - Torontoist 05/01/2017

How to avoid a peptic ulcer in 2017 - The Courier-Journal 05/01/2017

Why Cough Syrup Doesn't Do Anything and Is a Waste of Money - ATTN 07/01/2017

'My hell at hands of doctor who abused and experimented on me' - Derby Telegraph 07/01/2017

A Massive Measles Outbreak Is Coming, Says Texas Researcher - The Inquisitr 07/01/2017

Why can't Yorkshire's NHS get over its addiction to consultancy? - Wakefield Express 07/01/2017

E-Cigarettes Found To Be A 'Cost-Effective Way To Help Smokers Quit' - Huffington Post UK 06/01/2017
This Is How Powerful The Mind-Body Connection Really Is - Collective Evolution 08/01/2017

Dr. Zorba Paster: Why 900 steps a day may be magic number for elderly - Madison.com 06/01/2017

The BMJ Christmas

Zombies Would Wipe Out Humans in Less than 100 Days - Live Science 06/01/2017

Did Angelina Jolie's breast cancer op-ed cause $13.5M in unnecessary costs? - Lancaster Online 06/01/2017

Could eating caviar be a 'risk factor' for having lots of money? - Stanford Medical Center Report 05/01/2017

Study on imprecise language examines how the term "risk factor" has multiple meanings in scientific literature - Medical Xpress 06/01/2017

JOURNALS

BMJ Case Reports

Article: Acute severe hyponatraemia secondary to polydipsia and associated herbal remedy use

Doctors issue new year detox health warning - BBC News 03/01/2017

New Year detox warning after patient suffers seizure - Scotsman 03/01/2017

Woman's New Year's "detox" goes horribly wrong - CBS News 03/01/2017


Losing hope in Mae La - BBC Magazine 03/02/2017

Acupuncture in Medicine

Fake Medical Journals Are Spreading, And They Are Filled With Bad Science - Forbes 3/01/17

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases

Combo Tx Aids in Scleroderma PAH - MedPage Today 06/01/17
Archives of Disease in Childhood

The choking hazard of grapes - Medical News Bulletin 08/01/17

BMJ Open

Double standards on binge drinking - Prospect Magazine 06/01/17

BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care

Lifestyle intervention program may decrease cardiovascular risk in obese adults with diabetes - Cardiovascular Business 05/01/17
Joslin Reports Benefits of Weight-Loss Intervention Can Last 5 Years - AJMC Managed Markets.com 05/01/17
Shedding ‘just a few pounds’ cuts risk of diabetes and stroke - The Scotsman 08/01/17

British Journal of Sports Medicine

Participation in Specific Sports Tied to Significant Health Benefits - Renal & Urology News 02/01/17
Playing certain sports leads to a longer life - Charlottesville Newsplex 06/01/17

UK Multidisciplinary Team Presents First of its Kind Protocol for Traumatic Brain Injuries in Equine Sports in Berlin - UKNow (University of Kentucky) 08/01/17

European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy

Pharmacist review boosts detection of inappropriate prescribing - The Pharmaceutical Journal 03/01/2017

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

The Truth About Green Tea for Weight Loss - Consumer Reports 08/01/17

Occupational & Environmental Medicine

Research round-up: back pain in nursing homes - Personnel Today 02/01/17
How to get published in occupational health journals - Personnel Today 03/01/17

Thorax

Study connecting meat to asthma ‘reckless’ says NAMI - Food Navigator.com 05/01/17
Bad to the bone? - Times of Malta 06/01/17

Tobacco Control

Calls for rethink on vaping ban in hospital grounds - The Scotsman 05/01/17
Hospital vaping ban sends ‘mixed message’ about dangers, says public health expert - Herald Scotland 06/01/17