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This week’s (20-26 Feb) highlights include:

**The BMJ Awards**

- Finalists announced for BMJ Awards 2017 - MDDUS 20/02/2017
- Finalists announced for BMJ Awards 2017 - Satellite PR News 20/02/2017
- GP teams reach finals of BMJ Awards 2017 - OnMedica 21/02/2017
- BMJ Awards announce 2017 nominations - ehospice 21/02/2017

**The BMJ**

**Editorial:** Standing up for science in the era of Trump

- Standing up for science in the era of Trump: why politics should not create policy - Wired.co.uk 21/02/2017
- Trump presidency could 'disrupt flow of scientific ideas' - The Scotsman 22/02/2017
- BMJ: Science and Health Endangered by Trump Administration - Medscape 21/02/2017

**Also covered by** International Business Times, Fierce Biotech, Medical Xpress, Healio, BT.com

**Research:** Off-label indications for antidepressants in primary care: descriptive study of prescriptions from an indication based electronic prescribing system

- Off-label antidepressant use not backed by science: study - CTV News 22/02/2017
- Antidepressant use for pain and insomnia based on little scientific evidence, study finds - iNews 21/02/2017
- Off-label antidepressants 'lack evidence' - NEWS.com.au 22/02/2017

Analysis: **Time for the UK to commit to tackling child obesity**

**Leading experts claim governments childhood obesity strategy had several key failings** - Diabetes.co.uk 22/02/2017  
**Anti-obesity chief urges Scots to cut the fat with meat-free days** - The Times 26/02/2017

**Also covered by** OnMedica, Medical Xpress, FoodNavigator, OnMedica + extensive coverage from local newspapers

Research: **Low intensity pulsed ultrasound for bone healing: systematic review of randomized controlled trials** + **Practice: Low intensity pulsed ultrasound (LIPUS) for bone healing: a clinical practice guideline**

**Bone healing procedure 'inefficient':study** - The Australian 22/02/2017  
**Forget ultrasound for fracture healing** - 6minutes 23/02/2017  
**Ultrasound Does Not Appear to Speed Up Fracture Healing** - Doctors Lounge 23/02/2017

**Also covered by** MedIndia, Philly.com

Feature: **Is the United States Preventive Services Task Force still a voice of caution?**

**Experts raise concern over US advice to screen all adults and all teens for depression** - Medical Xpress 21/02/2017  
**Experts raise concern over US advice to screen all adults and all teens for depression** - Medical News Today 22/02/2017  
**Screen All Adults and All Teens for Depression** - MedIndia 24/02/2017

**Ongoing coverage for last week’s paper on Vitamin D & respiratory conditions**

**Dr Dillner's dilemma Should I take vitamin D every day?** - The Guardian 20/02/2017  
**Should Vitamin D be added to milk and bread to stop us getting sick?** - the Daily Mail 20/02/2017  
Also in the Atlantic, the Globe & Mail, The Pharmaceutical Journal, the Independent, Latinos Health

**Company-funded studies of approved drugs may not catch safety issues** - Reuters 20/02/2017

**Activists sully vaccine science; drive slows down** - Times of India 21/02/2017

**Why fitness apps that advise you to walk 10000 steps a day could be doing you more harm than good** - the Daily Mail 21/02/2017

**New report casts doubt on death rates at north Cumbria’s main hospitals** - News and Star 21/02/2017

**The benefits (and risks) of drinking wine** - WPTZ 21/02/2017
Trump Travel Ban Spotlights US Dependence On Foreign-Born Doctors - Houston Public Media 20/02/2017

The Low BMI Myth - Medical News Bulletin 20/02/2017

How Shoes Can Make Politicians Look More Powerful - Next Shark 20/02/2017

Why our mental health matters, too - Houston Chronicle 20/02/2017

Mickey Nardo: Tangled up in Life - Mad In America 20/02/2017

American carnage... the emergence of “Grandpa Dumping” - Irish Independent 20/02/2017

Bill Miller: The critical ingredient to the success of vaccination programs - Alabama Today 21/02/2017

Switch to primary care checks major factor in reducing heart attack and strokes - Irish Medical News 22/02/2017

Fears over the use of antidepressants for other illnesses - Irish Independent 22/02/2017

Women Need 1 Glass Of Red Wine Per Day To Boost Heart Health - Latin Post 21/02/2017

Anti-vaccine movement gains strength in Texas - Washington Post 21/02/2017

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Research: Childhood academic ability in relation to cigarette, alcohol and cannabis use from adolescence into early adulthood

Top students more likely to smoke pot, drink alcohol, study says - CNN 22/02/17

Intelligent teenagers ‘twice as likely’ to smoke cannabis - Times of India 26/02/17

Clever teenagers twice as likely to smoke cannabis due to their curious minds, study finds - Daily Telegraph 22/02/17


Concerning study says psychotherapy research has a problem with undeclared researcher bias - The British Psychological Society 20/02/17
Anti-epilepsy medicine taken by pregnant women does not harm the child's overall health - Science Daily 21/02/17
Also in: Science News

Why it's time to ditch the cough 'cures' that cost us £2m a month - Daily Express + Scottish Daily Express 21/02/17

GPs poorly informed about degenerative eye disease, survey suggests - OnMedica 22/02/17
Also in: Optician Online, The Hippocratic Post

Walking benefits advanced cancer patients - Irish Health 22/02/17
Also in: Specialty Pharmacy Times

The slimming jab that cuts risk of diabetes by 80% - Daily Mail + Scottish Daily Mail 23/02/17
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Tai chi may help prevent seniors hurting themselves from falls - Star2.com (Malaysia) 24/02/17

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Research: **Periodontitis as a possible early sign of diabetes mellitus**

Diabetes Testing at the Dentist's Office - New York Times 23/02/17
Dentists at the frontline in obesity epidemic - WebMD 23/02/17
Severe gum disease linked to undiagnosed type 2 diabetes in new study - Diabetes.co.uk 23/02/17


New drug shows promise in preventing diabetes - RTE.ie 24/02/17

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Current and Former Smokers: Eat Your Fruits and Vegetables - New York Times 23/02/17
Eating fruits, vegetables may lower lung disease risk: study - Business Standard 23/02/17
Fruit and vegetable-rich diet can reduce lung disease risk in smokers - Hindustan Times 23/02/17

Resveretrol may slow lung ageing - NewsMax 23/02/17

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Meet the back mechanic - he can stop your pain - The Times + Times Ireland 21/02/17

Rheumatologic side effects possible with immunotherapies - Modern Medicine 21/02/17

'Weak Signal' for Using Immunosuppressants in Early dcSSc - MedPage Today 20/02/17

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Youth handball players get injured by sudden increases in training volume - Science Daily 21/02/17

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**Fitness apps are step in wrong direction for health** - The Times + The Times Ireland 21/02/2017 (wrongly attributed to The BMJ)
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**No reason for streetlights** - Moscow-Pullman Daily News 24/02/17

**Heart Asia**

**Don't cringe, it is actually safe to reuse cardiac electronic devices** - The Indian Express 22/02/17

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