**BMJ in the News** is a weekly digest of BMJ stories, plus any other news about the company that has appeared in the national and a selection of English-speaking international media.

This week’s (19-25 June) highlights:

- Announcement that Carl Heneghan is new Editor in Chief of **Evidence-Based Medicine** was covered by *InPublishing* and *Outsell*

- An editorial by Carl Heneghan, Fiona Godlee and others in *The BMJ*, outlining a manifesto for evidence-based medicine, was picked up by *Science Daily*, *OnMedica*, *Medical Xpress* and *Medworm*

- Several **BMJ Open** studies were picked up around the world this week, including calls to prevent child head injuries in traffic accidents (*The Straits Times*), barriers have virtually eliminated suicides at several bridges in Canada (*Radio Canada International, CBC*), and specialist midwives key to tackling obesity complications in pregnancy (*Nursing Times, Medical Xpress, Science Daily*)

**BMJ**

*New Editor-in-Chief for BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine* - *InPublishing* 22/06/2017  
*BMJ appoints Carl Heneghan as new Editor-in-Chief of BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine* - *Outsell Industry Headlines* 22/06/2017  
*New Editor-in-Chief for BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine* - *Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences website* 21/06/2017

**The BMJ**

Editorial: **Evidence based manifesto for better healthcare**  
*Experts set out plan to tackle 'questionable integrity' of medical evidence* - *Science Daily* 20/06/2017  
*Experts write manifesto for evidence-based medicine* - *OnMedica* 21/06/17

Also covered by *MedicalXpress* and *Medworm*

Editorial: **Cannabis as medicine**  
*Can cannabis cure period pain? – The Guardian* 19/06/2017  
*Could Weed Be Used to Treat Period Pain?* - *AlterNet* 21/06/2017

**JED MERCURIO, TV SCRIPTWRITER** (interview with doctor Jed Mercurio,
who began his writing career when he saw an ad in The BMJ for a medical drama) – Independent i 19/06/2017

**Personal View:** I am a better doctor for allowing myself to stop, reflect, and grieve
Council has let us down, says vicar who stepped in (print only) - London Evening Standard 20/06/2017

**Research:** Quality of care delivered by general internists in US hospitals who graduated from foreign versus US medical schools
The kind of doctor mom doesn’t want to see - Toronto Star 21/06/2017

Too much texting could be a pain in the wrist, some experts say - Fox6now.com (CNN wire service) - 21/06/2017

**Research:** Benchmarking life expectancy and cancer mortality: global comparison with cardiovascular disease 1981-2010
Big Gap in Cancer Deaths Between Rich, Poor Countries - Philly.com 22/06/2017
Call for urgent action to close gap in cancer deaths between rich and poor countries - Medical Xpress 22/06/2017

**Continued coverage of Research:** Risk of major congenital malformations in relation to maternal overweight and obesity severity
Mothers’ obesity tied to increased risk of birth defects - Reuters UK 22/06/2017
Recent study shows Obese Pregnancy and Birth Defects Relation - KFYRTV (USA) 22/06/2017

Do we really need to eat fruits and vegetables to be healthy? - National Post (Canada) 22/06/2017

Confused by healthy diet advice? Doctors offer their verdicts on everything from booze to butter - Daily Mirror, 23/06/2017

**The Big Picture:** Most London hospitals and clinics exceed air pollution limits
Illegal levels of toxic air blight 70% of medical centres in central London - Evening Standard 23/06/2017

**Research:** The health and development of children born to older mothers in the United Kingdom: observational study using longitudinal cohort data
7 surprising benefits of being older parent - NBC News.com

**Research:** Association between active commuting and incident cardiovascular disease, cancer, and mortality: prospective cohort study
Gear up for bike to work day - The Coloradoan 25/06/2017

Forget the juice and eat the whole fruit instead - ConsumerReports 25/06/2017
Research: **Physician age and outcomes in elderly patients in hospital in the US: observational study**

*When Are Doctors Too Old?* - The Wall Street Journal Europe, 25/06/2017

**JOURNALS**

*Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases*

**Rituximab Biosimilar Shows Clinical Equivalence** - MedPage Today 23/06/17

**Doctors admit what's really best for low back pain relief** - Information Nigeria 25/06/17

**BMJ Case Reports**

**How testosterone injections made this guy's penis grow longer** - Men's Health 20/06/17

**Also in:** Daily Star, The Guardian (blog), Gay Pop Buzz

**Flesh-eating bug almost kills man!** - Deccan Chronicle 20/06/17

**BMJ Open**

**Do more to prevent child head injuries in traffic accidents: Docs** - The Straits Times 19/06/17

**Study finds suicide barrier worked** - Radio Canada International 20/06/17

**Toronto psychiatrist recommends suicide barrier at Reversing Falls bridge** - CBC Canada 20/06/17

**Also in:** CityNews, Hamilton Spectator

**Reports on role of advertising in reducing binge drinking in Australia** - Newsday, BBC World Service Radio (aired at 05:21 / 06:55 / 21:33) 21/06/2017

**Stillbirths 'eight times less likely' if severely obese mothers attend specialist antenatal clinic** - Herald Scotland 23/06/17

**Specialist midwives and clinics key to tackling obesity complications in pregnancy** - Nursing Times 23/06/17

**Also in:** AOL UK, Medical Xpress, Science Daily

**Are drug companies grooming new customers in the womb?** - Baltimore Sun 23/06/17

**WHEN FERTILITY TREATMENT FAILS** - The Sun [Fabulous] 25/06/17

**British Journal of Ophthalmology**

**Higher IOP risk for development of visual field defects** - Healio 20/06/17
British Journal of Sports Medicine

**Functional-Coffee Trends in 2017** - Nutritional Outlook 19/06/17

**How does hot weather affect your cycling?** - Cyclist 20/06/17

**Bend Bulletin** - Brisk walks may slow dementia 22/06/17

**Look good feel better with balanced nutrition** - ABS-CBN News 23/06/17

**Superfit at 70!** - Mail on Sunday + Scottish Mail on Sunday 24/06/17

Injury Prevention

**Fewer kids injured on bikes, while more senior cyclists suffer more severe injuries** - inews.org 19/06/17

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

**How low blood pressure could be to blame for depression** - Irish Daily Mail 20/06/17 (print only)

**Five reasons dads should continue to push for shared parenting** - The Daily Caller 20/06/17

**If you’re not Daniel Day-Lewis, can you afford early retirement?** - Independent i 22/06/17

Journal of Medical Ethics

**Academy for Life no longer an ‘enclave of the ideologically pure** - Crux 19/06/17

**The CIA paid psychologists $81 million to devise brutal tactics for use on terror suspects, and they’re suing** - Business Insider 22/06/17

**Delaware research animals could be adopted under new legislation** - The News Journal 23/06/17

Occupational & Environmental Medicine

**Nighttime airport noise may raise heart problem risk** - Health24 19/06/17

Thorax

**Five foods you should give up immediately** - Daily Star 22/06/17

Tobacco Control
What we are seeing is truly candy-flavoured tobacco: San Francisco ban highlights tobacco discrimination - Verdict 22/06/17