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This week’s (24-30 July) highlights:

- Researchers in The BMJ question whether patients should finish their course of antibiotics. The story was covered across the globe, including an interview with the author on BBC Radio 4 Today, ITV Good Morning Britain, CNN and Washington Post
- Also in The BMJ this week, a US study linking e-cigarette use to a rise in smokers quitting was covered widely, including Reuters, ABC News, CBS News and International Business Times
- A JECH study suggesting that dog ownership boosts physical activity in later life generated widespread coverage, including the New York Times, Times of India, The Asian Age and Sky News Australia

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Innovative Figure 1 Medical Information App – Health Professional Radio 30/7/2017

The BMJ

Analysis: The antibiotic course has had its day

Researchers question whether you should really finish your antibiotics – CNN 27/07/2017
Rule that patients must finish antibiotics course is wrong, study says - The Guardian 27/7/2017
BBC Radio 4 Today Programme Interview with author Tim Peto and Helen Stokes-Lampard, RCGP Chair (07.50am) 27/07/2017

Key broadcasts: BBC News Channel, BBC1 Breakfast, BBC1 London Breakfast, BBC2 Newsroom Live, BBC Radio 5 Live Breakfast, BBC Victoria Derbyshire, BBC News at One, Newsday & Newshour (BBC World Service Radio), Good Morning Britain (ITV), Sunrise (Sky News), The Live Desk (Sky News), Sky News at Nine, Sky News at Ten, 5 News Tonight (Channel 5), Pick of the Pops (BBC Radio 2)

Research: Investigating the impact of the English health inequalities strategy: time trend analysis

Austerity ‘derailing progress on life expectancy gap between rich and poor’, researchers fear - The Independent 27/7/2017
Austerity has lowered life expectancy in the poorest parts of England – International Business Times UK 27/07/2017

Research: E-cigarette use and associated changes in population smoking cessation: evidence from US current population surveys

Study links rising U.S. e-cigarette use to rise in smokers quitting- Reuters 26/7/2017
Smoking cessation rises for first time in 15 years, and e-cigs may be the key - The San Diego Union-Tribune 26/7/2017
E-Cigarettes Vs. Pharmacotherapy: Why Nicotine Is Helping More Americans Quit Smoking - Medical Daily 26/7/2017


Research: Antidepressants during pregnancy and autism in offspring: population based cohort study (continued coverage)

Italy’s Supreme Court declares no link between vaccines and autism - West 26/7/2017

Editorial: Why we must stay in the European Atomic Energy Community

Brexit: Leaving Euratom will put UK at risk of losing access to vital medical treatments, leading doctor warns - The Independent 27/07/2017
Patients at risk as UK plans to leave Euratom - European Pharmaceutical Review 27/07/2017
Leaving Europe's nuclear regulator will put patients at risk, warns expert - Medical XPress 27/07/2017

Research: Pharmaceutical companies' policies on access to trial data, results, and methods: audit study

Audit shows that pharma companies are still cheating by suppressing trials - boingboing.com 27/07/2017
Audit exposes gaps in pharma's promises on trial transparency - PMLive 28/07/2017

Head to Head: Should doctors work 24 hour shifts?

Live post on Figure 1 - 28/07/2017

Can a high IQ really stop you getting ill? – Irish Daily Mail (no link available) 25/7/2017


9 months later, hospitals see bundles of Cubs joy – Chicago Tribune 26/7/2017

Declining sperm counts: fertile ground for study but hard results prove slippery – Cosmos 27/7/2017

What's driving the suicide epidemic among Indian women – Daily O 26/7/2017

Dunmore pharmacy to talk to prescription opioid customers about reversal medication - The Times Tribune 26/7/2017

'Diagnosed with diabetes after the New York Marathon' - The Times Tribune 26/7/2017

Stopping the opioid epidemic means smarter prescribing - The Globe and Mail 26/7/2017

Can men in their 20s and 30s suffer from erectile dysfunction? - The Health Site 27/7/2017

A tale of two (BMJ) studies: one gets attention, the other gets neglected. Why? - Health News Review 26/7/2017

NURSING YOUR BABY HAS SIGNIFICANT HEALTH BENEFITS - The Jerusalem Post 30/7/2017

Doctors said that in some cases fried foods are not harmful to the body - MICEtimes Asia 30/7/2017

Is Happiness Contagious? How to Make it Go Viral - Inc.com 28/7/2017

BENGAL’S RICE REVIVALISTS - Inc.com 28/7/2017

JOURNALS

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health
Research: Dog ownership supports the maintenance of physical activity during poor weather in older English adults: cross-sectional results from the EPIC Norfolk cohort

**Quantifying the benefits of owning a dog**  New York Times 26/07/17

**Walk the dog to boost physical activity in later life**  Times of India 25/07/17

**Borrow your next-door neighbour's pooch to boost your health, the elderly are told as scientists call for dog-lending to be available on prescription**  Daily Mail + Scottish Daily Mail 25/07/17


**S*x For Optimal Health**  Information Nigeria 27/07/17

**Thumbs up to council for going chemical-free**  Northern Star  24/07/17

**BMJ Global Health**

Research: Changing views on child mortality and economic sanctions in Iraq: a history of lies, damned lies and statistics

**Iraq accused of rigging figures on 500,000 child deaths**  The Times + Times Scotland, Times Ireland  27/07/17

**Also covered by:**  Medical Xpress, NW Evening Mail, News & Star, Expansion.com (Spain)

**Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases**

**Chronic Widespread Pain Patients More Likely to Die Early**  MedPage Today 30/07/17

**Dietary Remedies for Achy Knees?**  HuffPost UK 24/07/17

**Archives of Disease in Childhood**

**Screen time linked to diabetes**  Medical Xpress 28/07/17

**BMJ Case Reports**
Vegetative stroke patient, 36, was able to speak and move just 16 DAYS after being given a Parkinson's disease drug  Daily Mail 26/07/17

How curry spice helped a dying woman beat cancer  Daily Mail + Scottish Daily Mail 24/07/17 (misattrib BMJ)

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Cycling to Work Could Help You Live Longer  Prensa Latina 30/07/17

CNN accidentally lets slip the secret to heart health  Personal Liberty Digest 29/07/17

Are Heartburn Pills Safe?  LabMate 28/07/17

Adverse event concerns fuel nonadherence to statins after stroke  Healio 28/07/17

The Air That We Breathe  Geographical 28/07/17

Human extinction may hang in the balance after study finds 50% drop in sperm  Ars Technica UK 27/07/17

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Stroke survivors often stop taking life-saving medicines because of side effects:  BMJ Hindustan Times 24/07/17

Teen Vogue Silencing Women's Views On Sex Is Misogyny  HuffPost UK 24/07/17

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John McCain: Cancer as Combatant  Scoop World (New Zealand) 24/07/17

British Journal of Sports Medicine

CAS extends Dutee Chand’s eligibility  The Indian Express 30/07/17

Your scientific step-by-step guide to buying running shoes - how to avoid injury  South China Morning Post 28/07/17

Group takes aim at concussion risk with national guidelines  Globe & Mail 28/07/17

Office worker with a bad back? Here’s what you need to do to fix your problems  Daily Telegraph 28/07/17

Sport federations could do more to promote public health  Reuters UK 28/07/17

Should Testosterone Be Regulated in Female Athletes?  Nova Next 27/07/17
Is your spin class making you sick? The Times [2] 25/07/17 (Link unavailable)

Protein shakes really DO help you bulk up Daily Mail 24/07/17

**Journal of Family Planning and Reproductive Healthcare**

Migraine and periods — is there a connection? Know more about menstrual migraine TheHealthSite 24/07/17

**Journal of Medical Ethics**

What rights do parents have when they disagree with doctors? Great Bend Tribune (Kansas) 30/07/17 + Deseret News

How pregnant women are sidelined by science Times LIVE (South Africa) 28/07/17

**Occupational & Environmental Medicine**

Chunky Carcinogen? Traces of Toxic Weedkiller Found in Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream Care2.com 26/07/17

**Thorax**

Smokers who undergo a CT scan of their lungs are more likely to quit, study finds The Independent 25/07/17

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**Tobacco Control**

Vaping turns teenagers on to smoking, Stirling University study finds The Times Scotland 28/07/17 + Science Daily