**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 (26 Jun-2 Jul) highlights:

- A study in *The BMJ* suggesting that bright children are more likely to live longer appeared in outlets including the New York Times, several UK national newspapers and the Herald Sun (Australia)

- An OEM report suggesting that night shifts can hamper DNA repair generated extensive UK and international coverage, including Newsweek, Daily Telegraph and The Hindu Business Line

- A study in *Heart* suggesting that mental distress increases risk of death in heart patients was covered by several outlets, including Reuters, Business Insider and Hindustan Times

**The BMJ**

**Analysis:** Lack of evidence for interventions offered in UK fertility centres

*Fertility exploitation: The couples paying a high price for wanting a baby* - The Daily Telegraph 26/06/2017

**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  
*Also in:* The Wall Street Journal USA and Asia editions.

*Doctors' exodus pushes surgeries 'to the brink'* - Daily Express 27/06/2017

**Research:** Childhood intelligence in relation to major causes of death in 68 year follow-up: prospective population study

*Smart Kids Live Longer* - New York Times 28/06/2016  
*Why brightest children are more likely to live longer* - The Daily Telegraph 29/06/2017  
*Why do those with higher IQs live longer? A new study points to answers* - STAT News 28/06/2016
The medical profession and courts must take the instincts of parents more seriously - The Independent (App Edition) 29/06/2017

Research: Pathologists’ diagnosis of invasive melanoma and melanocytic proliferations: observer accuracy and reproducibility study

Experts may disagree on skin cancer diagnoses - Reuters 29/06/2017
Study raises concern over accuracy of melanoma diagnoses - Medical XPress 28/06/2017
Diagnosing Melanomas Is Not Easy - Medscape 28/06/2017

Research: Outcomes after observation stays among older adult Medicare beneficiaries in the USA: retrospective cohort study

More follow-up needed for elderly 'observed' in hospitals - Reuters 29/06/2017


Twenty times safer than smoking? [link unavailable] - The Guardian 01/07/2017

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Short report: Oxidative DNA damage during night shift work

Is Working At Night Healthy? Late Shifts May Increase Risk of Cancer And Lead to Poor Health - Newsweek 26/06/17
Night shift work may stop body repairing daily damage to DNA and trigger cancer, study suggests - Daily Telegraph 27/06/17
Night shifts may hamper DNA repair: study - The Hindu Business Line 27/06/17


FT Health: Can financial innovation help prevent catastrophes? - Financial Times 30/06/17

Heart

Research: Persistent psychological distress and mortality in patients with stable coronary artery disease
Editorial: Psychological distress and mortality in stable coronary heart disease: persistence of high distress means increased risk

Mental distress tied to higher odds of early death for heart patients - Business Insider 27/06/17
Take it easy: mental distress ups risk of death in heart patients - Hindustan Times 27/06/17
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Researchers: Protect African pupils from malaria to tackle anaemia, boost learning - NTV Ghana + Reuters 28/06/17

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Antenatal clinics cut pregnancy risks for obese women, finds study - Nursing Times 30/06/17

How virtual reality is helping patients 'see' their back pain - BT.com 28/06/17

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'I felt like my organs were exploding': Big Bang Theory star's wife describes the agony of suffering a twisted ovary – and tells how doctors palmed it off as nothing serious - Daily Mail 29/06/17

A clear view - Hydrocarbon Engineering 26/06/17

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Can exercise help lower back pain? - Blasting News 01/07/17
How to tell if you suffer from exercise addiction - Elle 30/06/17
RFU announces injury prevention exercise programme - England Rugby 26/06/17

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Medical experts seek laws against cut practice - ET Healthworld 29/06/17
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