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This week’s (3-9 July) highlights:

- An investigation by The BMJ, showing a surge in special funding requests for treatment in England was covered across UK news outlets, including The Guardian, Daily Mail, and BBC

- A BMJ Open study on potential harms of proton pump inhibitors generated global headlines, including TIME, CNN, Hindustan Times, and The Australian

- A BJSM study suggesting that testosterone boosts performance of female athletes also generated global headlines, including Reuters, ABC News, Boston Globe and Times of India

The BMJ

Red meat linked to increased risk of death from nine diseases - The Daily Mirror + Irish Daily Mirror 03/07/2017

What I Wish I’d Known About My Knees - New York Times 03/07/2017

Editorial: Paramedic practitioners and emergency admissions

Nice recommends increased use of advanced paramedics - Pharma Times 03/07/2017

NHS needs more advanced paramedics to ease A & E pressure, says NICE - 03/07/2017

More advanced training needed for paramedics to cut A&E admissions - National Health Executive 04/07/2017

Investigation: Pressure on NHS finances drives new wave of postcode rationing
Doctors forced to plead with NHS for treatments for patients, BMJ finds - The Guardian 05/07/2017
The BMJ reveals a new wave of postcode rationing as pressure on NHS finances grows - The Economic Voice 05/07/2017
Patients forced to beg NHS to fund cataract or hip surgery - Daily Mail 05/07/2017

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Heal With Exercise: Physical inactivity will kill you - New Straits Times (Malaysia) 04/07/2017

Research: Temporal trend in dementia incidence since 2002 and projections for prevalence in England and Wales to 2040: modelling study

More than 1.2m to live with dementia by 2040 - The Guardian 06/07/2017
Number of dementia sufferers set to hit 1.2 million by 2040, predict Alzheimer's experts - The Independent 06/07/2017
Alzheimer’s breakthrough: New drug hope as experts warn of surge in cases - Daily Express 06/07/2017


Statin muscle aches are all in the mind - research proves it - The Mirror + Irish Daily Mirror 06/07/2017

As America recovers from a holiday weekend, a look at alcohol's effects - KBTX-TV (Texas) - 05/07/2017

Use of WhatsApp in NHS 'widespread', say doctors - BBC News online 06/07/2017
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Long commutes to work take toll on employee health - Personnel Today 06/07/2017

Dementia: physical activity does not have protective effect - Silver Times 06/07/2017

Teen girls are having genital surgery to look more like Barbie – Quartz 07/07/2017

Health Care Debate: Debunking propaganda and more phony claims – GOPUSA 07/07/2017

Committee to tackle doctors' 'cut practice' to meet today - The Hindu 07/07/2017

'Diabetes epidemic shifting to urban poor, India needs urgent prevention, screening' -
Personalised Emails Proven to Assist in Smoking Cessation - Medical News Bulletin 10/07/2017

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Research: Risk of death among users of Proton Pump Inhibitors: a longitudinal observational cohort study of United States veterans

Heartburn Drugs May Increase Risk of Early Death - New York Times 05/07/17
People taking heartburn drugs could have higher risk of death, study claims - The Guardian 04/07/17 + Blog
Are Indigestion Pills Harmful? Heartburn Drugs Could Lead To An Early Death, Study Finds
International Business Times 04/07/17

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Medical & Other
Who’s paying for lunch? Here’s exactly how drug companies wine and dine our doctors - The Conversation Australia 03/07/17

Girls under 10 are now asking for vagina surgery - Refinery29 03/07/17

What is best practice in school sex education? - Medical Xpress 03/07/17

Here’s Why You Should Stop Using Your Smartphone in Bed—Seriously - Reader’s Digest 05/07/17

SECOND OPINION | Did Canadians get a caloric kick from NAFTA? - CBC News Canada 08/07/17

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Research: Serum androgen levels and their relation to performance in track and field: mass spectrometry results from 2127 observations in male and female elite athletes

Athletics: Gender tests study 'shows female testosterone advantage' - BBC Sports 04/07/17
Testosterone does boost women athletes - Business Day (South Africa) 05/07/17
Higher testosterone offers 'competitive advantage' in women's track and field - CBC Canada 05/07/17


Being active may reduce risk of chronic low back pain - Japan Today 02/07/17
Also in: Coach, Olympic Talk, Deccan Chronicle, Daily Mail

Cold weather is not the cause of colds and flu, germs are - The Tembisan (South Africa) 02/07/17 + Randfontein Herald (South Africa)

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New Guideline Addresses Childhood SLE - MedPage Today 03/07/17

Archives of Disease in Childhood

Childhood obesity may up hip disease risk - India Today 09/07/17
Also in: TheHealthSite, Zee News, The Tribune, Science Daily, NDTV

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Study finds link between pain reliever to kidney injury in endurance runners - Xinhua 09/07/17

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Listen Up! Hearing Loss is #1 Work Related Injury - Workers Compensation.com 07/07/17

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Dunedin teen becomes first-ever high school student published in renowned medical journal - New Zealand TV 03/07/17

A desire to care - Church Times 07/07/17

Aiming at Charlie Gard’s death? The age of creeping infanticide - Crux 07/07/17

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Cancer incidence among female lab workers _Occupational Health & Wellbeing_ - Personnel Today 06/07/17

Noise ups blood pressure risk - The Hindu 06/07/17

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You’ve Got Mail About Quitting Smoking - US News & World Report 06/07/17