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This week’s (21 August - 27 August) highlights:

- Stephen Hawking wrote an opinion piece in *The Guardian* which mentions *The BMJ’s* Editor in Chief Fiona Godlee and her letter to Jeremy Hunt, over his misuse of weekend mortality data published in *The BMJ*.
- *The BMJ* published an editorial about substance misuse in ‘baby boomers’ which generated coverage across across the world, which included *The Times, Sky News, BBC Radio 4* and *ABC Online*.
- A review discussing the link between methamphetamine use in young adults and stroke in *Journal of Neurology Neurosurgery & Psychiatry* was covered in the UK and internationally, including *Fox News, New Scientist* and *The Australian*.

**The BMJ**

**Editorial: Substance misuse in older people**

*More baby boomers using alcohol and drugs ‘to cope’* - The Times + The Times Ireland + The Times Scotland 23/08/2017  
*Baby boomers’ drink and drug misuse needs urgent action, warn experts* - The Guardian 23/08/2017  
*Drug and alcohol misuse among baby boomers a ‘rapidly growing problem’, warn experts* - The Independent 23/08/2017


**Editorial: Suicide on TV: minimising the risk to vulnerable viewers**

*Netflix drama 13 Reasons Why that follows the story of a teenage girl who killed herself is linked to a rise in Google searches about suicide* - Daily Mail 23/08/2017
Analysis: The antibiotic course has had its day (continued coverage)

Is global challenge of antibiotic resistance about to be solved on Bourn High Street? - Cambridge Independent 22/08/2017
Complete the Course? - Creators Syndicate 23/08/2017
Why we should expect scientists to disagree about antibiotic resistance – and other controversies - The Conversation 24/08/2017

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Grain Drain - The Guardian 24/08/2017
C-section mums warned about dangers of 'vaginal seeding' - NHS Choices 23/08/2017
Chronic vertigo sufferers should not be handed pills, 'brain retraining' exercises are the key to dealing with the problem, reveal medics - Daily Mail 23/08/2017
Forging the 'New Delhi Consensus' on health - Live Mint 24/08/2017
Europe leads in innovation as meat-free demand grows - Food Navigator 24/08/2017
Patient power dramatically improves safety at NHS trust [no link available] - Evening Standard 25/08/2017
Why won't Jeremy Hunt come clean? - The Guardian 26/08/2017
Jeremy Hunt can attack me all he wants – but he is wrong to say the NHS is working - The Guardian 25/08/2017
There is 'overwhelming' evidence NHS is failing, Hawking tells Hunt - The Independent 26/08/2017
On Second Thought: A faux Jesus disappears from the record - Boston Globe 25/08/2017
Is career success determined by your height and weight? - Bdaily 25/08/2017
Stephen Hawking has just hit back at Jeremy Hunt, clinically deconstructing the Health Secretary's lies - Evolve Politics 25/08/2017
'Do I really need that diagnosis?' - The Age 27/08/2017

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Review: Stroke and methamphetamine use in young adults: a review

Young people face stroke risk with methamphetamine use Fox News 25/08/17
Doing meth raises the risk of strokes in young people New Scientist 24/08/17
Male ice users at 'double' risk of stroke The Australian 24/08/17

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Research: *Cost effectiveness of age related macular degeneration study supplements in the UK: combined trial and real-world outcomes data*  

Supplement may slow vision loss in seniors with macular degeneration  UPI.com 24/08/17  
Supplement Deemed Effective, Cost-Saving in Wet AMD  Doctors Lounge 24/08/17  
Supplement May Help Against Vision-Robbing Disease in Seniors  US News & World Report 24/08/17  


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Research: *Injury profile suffered by targets of antipersonnel improvised explosive devices: prospective cohort study*  

Land Mines Being Replaced by More Deadly Explosive Devices: Study  Philly.com 24/08/17  

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Parents 'lack knowledge' about what constitutes a fever  Irish Examiner 21/08/17  

Drinking coffee can fight disease and increase longevity  Anti aging News 22/08/17  

Interventions should target poorly controlled T2DM patients  Irish Medical Times 22/08/17  

Parents of babies with bacterial meningitis got inappropriate advice, says study  AOL UK.com 23/08/17  

Nutritional Status Affects Phosphorus-Mortality Link in Hemodialysis  Renal & Neurology News 23/08/17  

Poor treatment of meningitis in kids can lead to tragedies warn experts  Medical Xpress 24/08/17  

Give your baby prune juice if it has meningitis, parents were advised  Daily Telegraph + Scottish Daily Telegraph 24/08/17  (link unavailable)
**British Journal of Sports Medicine**

*Is sugar even more addictive than cocaine?*  Philly.com 28/08/17  
*Is sugar really as addictive as cocaine? Scientists row over effect on body and brain*  The Guardian 25/08/17  

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*The secret diet of the world's elite footballers*  The Times [T2] + Times Ireland 22/08/17 (print only)  
*Girls Soccer, Not Football, Holds The Highest Risk Of Concussions*  Markets Insider 24/08/17  
*People's Pharmacy : Patients caught in double bind when doctors fight*  Winston-Salem Journal 24/08/17  
*McGregor plays high-risk roulette*  The Daily Telegraph [Sport] 25/08/17 (link unavailable)  
*Bigger, faster, stronger: High school football teams zero in on weightlifting*  Kansas City Star 26/08/17  

**Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin**

*Medicines excipients and dietary intolerances*  Pharmacy Today 22/08/17  

**Occupational & Environmental Medicine**

*Older people not in employment ‘feel less worthwhile’*  Aberdeen Evening Express 22/08/17  
*Is happiness at work an age old problem?*  The Courier 23/08/17  
*Non-employment in older age is associated with feeling isolated and under-utilised*  Medical Xpress 22/08/17  

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**Tobacco Control**

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