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This week's (2 Oct - 8 Oct) highlights:

- The launch of new journal, **BMJ Open Science**, generated coverage last week, featuring in UKSG News and InPublishing.
- A collection of articles in **The BMJ** on the lack of evidence that new cancer drugs extend or improve life led to international headlines including radio interviews with Deborah Cohen, Associate Editor of The BMJ on **BBC World Service Radio** and **Schweizer Radio und Fernsehen** and made international headlines including **The Guardian, The Times of India** and Xinhua.
- A **Tobacco Control** study which estimates years of life can be saved if smokers switched to e-cigarettes made global headlines, including **Newsweek, Japan Today** and **The Age**.
- A study in **Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health** on delayed hospital discharges linked to the rise in population deaths made international headlines including **The Telegraph, The Times** and **OnMedica**.

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**BMJ has launched ‘BMJ Open Science’, a journal applying open science principles to preclinical and basic research** - UKSG News 03/10/2017

**BMJ launches new open access science journal - BMJ Open Science** - Knowledgespeak News 04/10/2017

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**The BMJ**

Research: **Multivitamins in pregnancy may be linked to lower autism risk in children**

**Multivitamins during pregnancy linked to lower risk of autism** - The Irish Times 05/10/2017

**Pregnant women who take multivitamins ‘reduce the risk of their child having autism’, study claims** - The Sun 05/10/2017

**Take vitamins to cut autism risk, mothers-to-be are told: Supplements could halve chance of children developing the condition** - Daily Mail + Scottish Daily Mail 05/10/2017
Also covered by: HuffPost, Pharmacy News, Liverpool Echo, Medical Xpress, Drexel Now, The New Daily

Research: No clear evidence that most new cancer drugs extend or improve life

Over half of new cancer drugs 'show no benefits' for survival or wellbeing - The Guardian 05/10/2017
Cancer patients given new drugs that won't help them - The Times + The Times Scotland + The Times Ireland 05/10/2017
Revealed: The costly cancer drugs that DON'T extend lives - Daily Mail + Scottish Daily Mail 05/10/2017
Deborah Cohen, Associate Editor, The BMJ interviewed on World Update, BBC World Service Radio - 05/10/2017

Deborah Cohen also interviewed by Schweizer Radio und Fernsehen (Swiss Radio station) - 10/10/2017


Opinion: Tackle and scrum should be banned in school rugby, argue experts (continued coverage)

Dad whose son died of brain injury says tackle ban is not the answer - The Times + The Times Ireland 05/10/2017
Teaching kids to tackle properly is the key to safe rugby, says Jamie Roberts - The Evening Standard 05/10/2017
Injury danger in children playing rugby is overstated, believes Quins' Dr Roberts - Independent i 06/10/2017

Also covered by: South China Morning Post

Other coverage included:

The drugs don't work: Lovren's risky use of pills - The Guardian 02/10/2017
How I finally cured my nagging knee pain - Daily Express 03/10/2017
Now wash your hands except it may be more hygienic not to bother - The Times 02/10/2017
Bed-blocking in hospitals linked to rising death rate - The Times 03/10/2017
How to prevent sleep deprivation in the workforce - Personnel Today 02/10/2017
Underground market suspected in St. Mary's Hospital theft - Montreal Gazette 02/10/2017
The Surprising History of Peer Review - American Council on Science and Health 02/10/2017
Mandate is clear: Flawed dietary guidelines process must be reformed - The Hill (blog) 02/10/2017
9 'first-time' sex myths busted: From virginity to painful sex to moaning and more - Hindustan Times 03/10/2017
Levothyrox: the example of New Zealand should have alerted the authorities - Turkey Telegraph 03/10/2017
Introducing Brunel Business School's new leader: Dr Jane Hendy - Brunel University News 03/10/2017
The Irish Cardiologist Whose Invention Saved LBJ - Smithsonian.com 03/10/2017
New Zealand researcher defends use of low-carb advice for type 2 diabetes - Diabetes.co.uk 03/10/2017
Long-term solution call after mortality study - The MJ.co.uk 03/10/2017
Is the government finally starting to see sense on e-cigarettes? - Spectator Health 03/10/2017
Risk of Anxiety Disorder Relapse After Discontinuing Antidepressants - Psychiatry Advisor 03/10/2017
Understanding The Concerns Around ‘Essure’ - HuffPost UK 04/10/2017
Jenkins, Mooney, McKinley vote to ban abortion after 20 weeks - Charleston Gazette-Mail 05/10/2017
Children’s brain cells changed by internet porn: neurosurgeon - Medical Xpress 06/10/2017
5 Things To Ask Yourself Before Taking Antibiotics - mindbodygreen.com 08/10/2017

JOURNALS

BMJ Case Reports

Severe liver injury due to Epsom salt naturopathy

Severe Liver Damage Case Study Shows The Dangers of Naturopathy - ScienceAlert 03/10/17
Naturopath teaches real doctors something--a new way to cause liver damage - Ars Technica 03/10/17
Man develops liver damage after overdosing on Epsom salts - Nutraingredients 03/10/17

Also covered by: Medical Xpress, Times & Star

Doctors Remove More Than 100 Pieces of Metal from a Man's Stomach - LiveScience 03/10/17
Doctors removed more than 100 pieces of metal from a man's stomach after he spent decades swallowing pins, needles and broken spoons due to psychosis - Daily Mail 04/10/17

Lung tumor turned out to be toy inhaled 40 years ago - Oakland Press 04/10/17
Also in: Wilkes-Barre Times Leader
Doctors remove dead foetus from 15-year-old's stomach  Zee News (India) 05/10/17
Dead foetus of twin removed from boy in Sungai Petani  Sun Daily (Malaysia) 05/10/17
Surgeons remove 100 pieces of metal – including nails, KNIVES and screws – from man's stomach  The Sun 04/10/17

Also in: India Live Today, Coconuts, Deccan Chronicle, Malaysian Digest

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

Research: Could the rise in mortality rates since 2015 be explained by changes in the number of delayed discharges of NHS patients?

England and Wales death rate rise linked to longer stays in hospital  The Guardian 02/10/17
Up to 8,000 deaths a year may be caused by rising bed-blocking  Daily Telegraph 02/10/17
Bed-blocking in hospitals linked to rising death rate  The Times + Times Scotland 02/10/17

Also covered by: Daily Mail, iNews, LocalGov, OnMedica, Yorkshire Post, Aberdeen Evening Express, American Council on Science and Health

Women with Higher IQs are More Likely to Smoke Weed  Jane Street 03/10/17
Also in: Cannatech.news

The best way to stay active in old age? Get yourself a pet  Borneo Bulletin 07/10/17
Also in: The Star (Malaysia), MSN

Just because summer's over doesn't mean backyard enjoyment needs to end  Montreal Gazette 08/10/17

Tobacco Control

Research: Potential deaths averted in USA by replacing cigarettes with e-cigarettes
Commentary: The changing nicotine products landscape: time to outlaw sales of combustible tobacco products?

VAPING IS BETTER THAN SMOKING, AND COULD SAVE TOBACCO USERS’ LIVES, STUDY FINDS  Newsweek 05/10/17
Switching to e-cigs would delay millions of deaths: study  Japan Today 06/10/17
Study finds vaping could be a lifesaver  Consumer Affairs 04/10/17

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Drug-Free Remission in Early RA: Realistic Goal? MedPage Today 07/10/17
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Gluten intolerance appears largely undiagnosed in Canada ScienceDaily 07/10/17
Celiac disease goes undiagnosed in 90% of cases, Canadian researchers find Yahoo News Canada 06/10/17
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How to Stay Active as You Get Older Healthline 06/10/17
Self-imposed stigma compounds struggles of individuals with mental illness Channel News Asia 06/10/17

Revealed: The reason why people start to lose interest in sex Times of India 06/10/17
The secret to happiness? Here’s some advice from the longest-running study on happiness Harvard Health 05/10/17

Does the penis ever get bored? Deutsche Welle + Gears of Biz 05/10/17

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Carbohydrate Timing Affects Glucose and Insulin Excursions Diabetes in Control 07/10/17
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Long term effect of concussions make banning kids from rugby a no brainer Stuff.co.nz 06/10/17
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The benefits of simply moving more Anti aging news 04/10/17
British company devises Safe Stumps for cricket Pakistan Observer 03/10/17
Fitness: Yes, moms-to-be should exercise — to a point  Montreal Gazette 01/10/17

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7 Graphics Cast Light On America's Gun Problem  HuffPost US 03/10/17

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3 ways to keep your brain young, according to neuroscientists  Business Insider 04/10/17