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 (9 - 15 Oct) highlights:

- A study published in The BMJ about differences in patient outcomes between female and male surgeons made global headlines, including The Independent, TIME and CTV News.
- A news report in Veterinary Record about the trend for extreme breeding affecting horses made international headlines, including New Scientist, Miami Herald and Sky News.
- Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health published a research paper on the risk factors for male heart health linked to marital ups and downs, which gained coverage including South China Morning Post, The Spectator and New York Post.

The BMJ

Research: Study finds small differences in patient outcomes between male and female surgeons

Female surgeons really are better for your health - Independent i 11/10/2017
Female surgeons less likely to kill you, study finds - The Times 11/10/2017
Patients 'less likely to die' if operated on by a woman - The Daily Telegraph 11/10/2017


The BMJ: Disturbing trends in men’s reproductive health demand urgent action

Declining sperm counts and doubling rates of testicular cancer could be a ticking time bomb for the human race - and pesticides may be to blame, scientist claims - Daily Mail 11/10/2017

Research: No clear evidence that most new cancer drugs extend or improve life
Little evidence new cancer drugs improve survival - Reuters 13/10/2017
Response to BMJ article on efficacy of cancer medicines - EPM Magazine 09/10/2017
UK: no evidence that telephone consultations reduce GP workload or hospital referrals - Science Business 09/10/2017

Also covered by: Gulf News, MedShadow

Other coverage included:

From 'love' in your granola to gluten free water, food labels have lost the plot - The Guardian 09/10/2017 (link unavailable)
What Every knee Arthritis Sufferer Should Know Especially If You Are "Bone On Bone" or Facing Surgery - Chicago Tribune (USA) 09/10/2017 (link unavailable)
First on the scene, last to get support - Trinidad Guardian 10/10/2017
WCM-Q Heart Expert Produces a Best-Practice Guide for Doctors Around the World - Al-Bawaba 09/10/2017
Can prosecco ever be hangover-free? - BBC News 11/10/2017
Are mental health campaigns doing more harm than good? - Yorkshire Post 10/10/2017
World Mental Health Day: is it possible to self-diagnose depression? - The Independent 11/10/2017
Most cancer drugs approved without evidence of survival, says study - Livemint 10/10/2017
Danger: 8 reasons to avoid diary at all costs - Plant Based News 10/10/2017
Why Ricky Gervais just got involved in this big East Yorkshire row - Hull Daily Mail 11/10/2017
Childrens brain cells changed by internet porn: Neurosurgeon - Jakarta Post 10/10/2017
The truth about mental health apps - The Week UK
Jeremy Hunt refuses to apologise after making false Commons claim over increase in mental health staff - getSurrey 12/10/2017
The origins of a superstition: Friday the 13th - The Daily 12/10/2017
You Are Less Likely To Die Within A Month Of Surgery If Your Surgeon Is A Woman, Study Finds - Gears of Biz 11/10/2017
Football's painkiller problem: why many can't get by without them - The Times + The Times Ireland 13/10/2017
5 things you can do now to lower your risk of breast cancer - Jakarta Post 13/10/2017
How to be lucky on Friday the 13th - The Guardian 13/10/2017
Can Digital CBT Improve Sleep and Mental Illness Symptoms? - Medical News Bulletin 13/10/2017
Vitamins during pregnancy make disability less likely - The Triangle 13/10/2017
A LITTLE HISTORY AND RANDOM INFO ON THE MOST “UNLUCKY DAY OF THE YEAR” - WCLURadio.com 13/10/2017
We need to talk about AMR - The Hindu 14/10/2017
JOURNALS

Journal of Neurology Neurosurgery & Psychiatry

Research: Contribution of dietary intake to relapse rate in early paediatric multiple sclerosis
Editorial: Diet and disease modification in multiple sclerosis: a nutritional epidemiology perspective

High-Fat Diets Could Pose Danger to Young MS Patients  US News & World Report 10/10/17
High-fat diet may increase MS relapse  iAfrica.com 11/10/17
Fatty diets may boost relapse risk in MS children  OnMedica 10/11/17


Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

Research: Changes in marital quality over 6 years and its association with cardiovascular disease risk factors in men: findings from the ALSPAC prospective cohort study

The Surprising Link Between Marriage and Heart Health  TIME 09/10/17
Why men who improve their marriages live longer – it lowers their blood pressure  South China Morning Post  10/10/17
Stable marriages linked with healthy hearts  The Spectator 10/10/17


Veterinary Record

News and reports: Equine breeding: Meet El Rey Magnum

Extreme breeding: Is this horse ‘close to perfection’ or ‘quite freakish’? - Miami Herald 13/10/17
Vets' horror at 'freakish' show horse's curved face - The Daily Mail + Irish + Scottish Daily Mail 12/10/2017
Vets warn that 'extreme breeding' could harm horses - The Guardian 12/10/2017

Also covered by: The Daily Telegraph, The Sun, Metro, The National (Scotland), New Scientist, MRCVS online, Sky News, Newshub, Yahoo News UK, Country Living Magazine, Horse & Hound, La Repubblica, De Standaard, Gazet van Antwerpen, Ahaonline.cz,
China under threat from haemorrhagic African swine fever. Medical Xpress 11/10/17

Professor casts doubt on pet homeopathy. Pet Business World 13/10/17

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases

Smoking raises risk for seropositive SLE. MedPage Today 10/10/17

RA drug helps in refractory myositis. MedPage Today 13/10/17

BMJ Case Reports

Woman who can’t resist munching on her locks has huge hairball removed. Daily Mail 10/10/17

Man suffered AMNESIA after entering a state-of-the-art cryo-chamber to relieve his shoulder pain. Mail on Sunday 15/10/17

BMJ Open

The money shows it is a man’s world – how can we reduce the difference? BMC Blogs 10/10/17

Emergency services and Canadians with autism. Policy Options 11/10/17

Why women lose interest in sex after a year of marriage? These 6 reasons might be an answer. India TV 11/10/17

REVEALED: The REAL reason women don’t want to have sex with you. Daily Star 09/10/17

STIGMA BARRING INDIAN WORKERS FROM SEEKING MENTAL HEALTH CARE. India New England News 12/10/17

Stop Mommy-Shaming Pregnant Women Who Have A Glass Of Wine. American Council on Science and Health 12/10/17

Catheters Market to Witness Comprehensive Growth by 2025. MedGadget 13/10/17

‘Futile’ hospital treatments cost millions. SBS 15/10/17

BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care
**Effects of dietary carbohydrate restriction on glucose lowering effect in T2 DM**  Diabetes in Control 14/10/17

**BMJ Open Sports & Exercise Medicine**

*In their own words: Steve Mona*  The Golf Business 11/10/17

**BMJ Quality & Safety**

*A&E GPs quick to dole out antibiotics*  Daily Telegraph 09/10/17 (link unavailable)

*GPs in casualty departments 'cut waiting times'*  The Times + Scotland + Ireland 09/10/17 (link unavailable)

*GPs in emergency departments may reduce waiting times and admissions*  Practice Business 10/10/17

**British Journal of Sports Medicine**

*In their own words: Steve Mona*  The Golf Business 11/10/17

*WORDS OF WELLNESS: Slash your risk of catching a cold*  San Angelo Standard Times 11/10/17

*Sugar produces same cravings and withdrawals as cocaine, finds study*  SHEmazing 09/10/17

*School report: Get the kids up and active*  Index 09/10/17

*Age and activity shouldn’t be strangers*  HuffPost UK 13/10/17

**Occupational & Environmental Medicine**

*8 conditions made worse by pollution outdoors*  WebMD 11/10/17

**Tobacco Control**

*RESEARCH & COMMENTARY: STUDY FINDS E-CIGARETTES WOULD PREVENT 6.6 MILLION PREMATURE DEATHS*  The Heartland Institute 12/10/17