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 (30 Oct - 5 Nov) highlights:

- Georgia Today published an exclusive interview with Dr Kieran Walsh and Mitali Wroczynski about BMJ’s initiative to help improve detection, diagnosis and management of infectious diseases across the region
- A feature in The BMJ highlighting a legal threat by drug firms to stop a cheap eye treatment on the NHS generated national news headlines, including The Times, The Telegraph, The Guardian and BBC interviews with The BMJ’s Dr Deborah Cohen
- Research in Gut suggesting a link between heartburn drugs and risk of stomach cancer made global news headlines, including The New York Times, Newsweek, CBS News and The Indian Express
- Ahead of Bonfire Night, a recent paper in Veterinary Record about a drug to alleviate fear of noisy fireworks in dogs was covered by The Mirror, The Metro and Science Daily

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The BMJ

Feature: Doctors face legal action to prescribe cheap, safe, effective sight loss drug

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Legal threat to NHS for using cheap drug Avastin - The Times + The Times Ireland + The Times Scotland 01/11/2017
Drug firms trying to stop cheap eye treatment on NHS - The Guardian 01/11/2017


Analysis: Keeping active can help older people reduce the need for costly social care

Dr. Zorba Paster: Older adults need to hit the gym too - Wisconsin State Journal 03/11/17
Editorial: Substance misuse in older people

Substance abuse among older people 'growing rapidly as binge drinking becomes commonplace for ageing population' - The Mirror 05/11/17

Research: Self reported outcomes and adverse events after medical abortion through online telemedicine: population based study in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland

Are Abortion Pills Putting Women in Danger? - University Observer online 03/11/17

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Trendy soy protein is NOT good for your heart, the FDA declares as it prepares to block firms from making that claim - Daily Mail 30/10/2017
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An apple a day... - Jacksonville Progress 31/10/2017
Beauty, but at what price? The Dominion Post 01/11/2017 (link unavailable)
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"Patient-centred, face-to-face" approach towards a more effective medicinal communication - MIMS General News (blog) 01/11/2017
Goat check out this pose - Toronto Sun 01/11/2017
Eat to Live With Joel Fuhrman - WHYY (PBS) (link unavailable)
Triathlons are most risky for men over 40 - Daily Mirror + Irish Daily Mirror 03/11/2017
Sharp rise seen in self-harm among young teen girls - Reuters 02/11/2017
Labor lying down tied to higher odds of giving birth without interventions - Reuters 02/11/2017

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What is hampering PPP model in government-led maternity schemes? - Livemint 03/11/2017

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Research: Long term proton pump inhibitors and risk of gastric cancer development after treatment for Helicobacter pylori: a population based study

Heartburn and Acid Reflux Drugs Double Risk of Stomach Cancer - Newsweek 02/11/17

Acid reflux drug linked to more than doubled risk of stomach cancer – study - The Guardian 31/10/17

Heartburn drugs tied to stomach cancer risk - New York Times 31/10/17


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Research: Factors influencing the decisions of senior UK doctors to retire or remain in medicine: national surveys of the UK-trained medical graduates of 1974 and 1977

Less red tape and shorter hours might help stave off UK doctors’ retirement - Practice Business 02/11/17

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Less red tape and shorter hours might help stave off UK doctors’ retirement - OnMedica 01/11/17

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Is there such a thing as ‘good’ and ‘bad’ cholesterol? - Irish Times 01/11/17

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Research: Dexmedetomidine oromucosal gel for noise associated acute anxiety and fear in dogs - a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical study

Drug that calms dogs for Bonfire Night noise now on prescription from vets - Daily Mirror 03/11/17
You can now ask vets for a drug to calm your dog’s anxiety on Bonfire Night - Metro 04/11/17
Treatment for dogs alleviates fear of noisy fireworks - Science Daily 02/11/17

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Man’s stomach pain turns out to be cigarette lighter, successfully removed - Zee News (India) 02/11/17
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Science explores why girls suffer lasting concussion symptoms  Ottawa Citizen 29/10/17

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Magnesium: The Missing Mineral  Epoch Times 01/11/17

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