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This week's (27 Jul - 2 Aug) highlights include:

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BMJ partners with European Society for Medical Oncology to publish new OA oncology journal KnowledgeSpeak 28/07/15

The BMJ

Head to head: Could a sugar tax help combat obesity?

Sugar tax would reduce weight, diabetes - Yahoo News 30/07/15

70 pence per kilogram of sugar tax would reduce obesity and sugar demand, study reveals - Western Daily Press 30/07/15

Tax on sugar 'would cut diabetes' - Daily Express & Scottish Daily Express 30/07/15

This story was also covered by Daily Mail, New Zealand Herald, BT.com, FoodNavigator.com, Taxation: News & Information, Techie News, Science Codex, Medical Xpress, The Economic Voice (blog), Conservative Home, 3News NZ, Times LIVE, South Wales Argus, Belfast Telegraph, Lancashire Evening Post, Durham Times

Feature: Day case surgery: a good news story for the NHS

Rise in day surgery 'has saved NHS £2 billion' - Daily Mail 30/07/15

Day surgery may have saved NHS £2bn over past 15 years - OnMedica 30/07/15

This story was also covered by Bicester Advertiser, Medical Daily, Medical Xpress

Doctor's Diary: Pseudo dementia - Daily Telegraph 27/07/15

<u>Students Take Stab Swallowing Long Blades</u> - The Wall Street Journal Europe & US 27/07/15

<u>The cut-price fertility boost that childless couples aren't being offered</u> - Daily Mail & Scottish Daily Mail, 28/07/15

'TIDY UP' KNEE OP THAT MAY DO YOU MORE HARM THAN GOOD - Irish Daily Mail 28/07/15

<u>Tobacco often 'candy in the coal mine'</u> - Sydney Morning Herald 27/07/15 Also covered by The Age

<u>Doctors' white coats, neckties spread dangerous infections</u> - Times of Oman 27/07/15 (in print; no link available)

Rude health: Pass the tea baq - Independent ie 27/07/15

Medical Matters: Symptom checker sites beat Dr Google, but still get it wrong most of the time - Irish Times 27/07/15

<u>How anti-vaxxers have scared reporters away from covering vaccine side effects</u> - Vox 27/07/15

<u>Dr. Oz brought in \$1.7M after promoting a hemorrhoid treatment in a column</u> - Med City News 27/07/15

Evidence supports artificial sweeteners over sugar - New York Times 27/07/15

Knee surgery to ease pain may not be worthwhile - Washington Post 28/07/15

Should You Self-Diagnose Your UTI? - Shape 28/07/15

Sodas linked to increasing cases of diabetes - The Science Times 28/07/15

Making antibiotics more widely available 'could be a threat to public health' says Cambridge expert - Cambridge News 28/07/15

<u>How Mail killed death pathway: Box-ticking NHS staff turned killing patients into an industry, says top doctor - Daily Mail 30/07/15</u>

NHMRC grant assessments pedantic, researchers say - Australian 29/07/15 (also in print)

<u>New research makes online symptom checkers look sick</u> - Chicago Tribune 29/07/15 (in print; no link available)

What a Doctor Wears Can Matter to a Patient's Health - Next City 29/07/15

JOURNALS

BMJ Open

Research: Euthanasia requests, procedures and outcomes for 100 Belgian patients suffering from psychiatric disorders: a retrospective, descriptive study

<u>Psychiatric woes often drive euthanasia requests in Belgium</u> US News & World Report 28/07/15

More than half patients who wanted right to die suffered from depression, study finds Daily Mirror 28/07/15

<u>Depression common cause of help to die</u> News.com.au 28/07/15

Also covered by: Courier Mail, The Cairns Post, The Daily Telegraph (Australia), The Australian (blog), NT News (Australia), Herald Sun, philly.com, Medical Daily, HealthDay, Doctors Lounge, Science Codex, Economic Voice, Healio, Medscape, Medical Xpress, Medical News Today, SBS, Care Appointments, DoctorPulse.co, National Right to Life News, LifeNews.com

Older adults drinking too much BBC R4 Today: Thought for the Day (not attrib) 27/07/15

Can affluence influence how much older people drink? Discovery News 30/07/15

Smoking ban may be behind drop in childhood asthma WebMD 31/07/15

Archives of Disease in Childhood (Fetal & Neonatal Edition)

Research: Personality of adults who were born very preterm

<u>Premature babies more likely to develop this personality type</u> - TIME 28/07/15 <u>Premature birth linked to socially withdrawn personality</u> - Business Standard 28/07/15 <u>Very premature or underweight babies at risk of being neurotic adults- study</u> - The Guardian 28/07/15

Also covered by: Woman's Hour (not attributed), The Times + Times Ireland, Daily Mail, Daily Telegraph, The Independent, Irish Health, OnMedica, HealthDay, CNN, US News & World Report, Doctors Lounge, Medical News Today, WebMD, The HealthSite, Zee News, Financial Express, Science 2.0, Science Codex, Science World Report, News-Medical.net, Rapid News Network, Newswise, 6minutes, Medical Xpress, TV Newsroom, RedOrbit, Tasnim News Agency, Healio, Dispatch Times, iFreePress.com, The Weather Space, Sentinel Republic, Celebrity Cafe, Health.com, PsychCentral (blog)

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health (external PR)

Research: The effect of reduced street lighting on road casualties and crime in England and Wales: controlled interrupted time series analysis

<u>Less lighting has no impact on crime or collisions says report</u> - BBC News Online 29/07/15 No evidence street light cuts dangerous - Sky News 29/07/15

AA insists that street lights save lives despite research denying accident link - Belfast Telegraph 29/07/15

Also covered by: BBC R4 Today Programme, The Times + Times Ireland, The Independent, Independent i, The Guardian, Daily Mail, ITV News, Daily Telegraph, C5 News, BBC R5 Live, BBC Breakfast, the Irish News, Yahoo News UK, YahooCarsUK, Localgov.com, Laboratory Equipment, Phys.org, Yorkshire Post, Western Morning News, extensive local print + broadcast coverage, Care2.com

<u>Fathers push states update on child custody laws</u> Boston Globe 01/08/15 (in print; link unavailable)

British Journal of Sports Medicine

<u>Former Ironman Guy Leech talks about making incidental exercise an intentional choice</u> - Daily Telegraph 01/08/15

How much exercise is too much? - The Asian Age 02/08/15

Building movement into a sedentary day - Newsday 29/07/15

Ankle injuries in youth soccer: causes and treatment - Football.com 27/07/15

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases

Prolonged remission now possible in lupus - MedPage Today 02/08/15