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Latest highlights (23 - 29 Apr):

Two research papers in BMJ Open made global headlines this week: Coffee in pregnancy linked to excess childhood weight gain made the front page of The Times, plus the New York Times, CNN and Malaysia Today. Alcohol intake may be linked to premenstrual syndrome also made headlines including Sky News, Newsweek, New Delhi TV and Channel News Asia

A study in The BMJ suggesting use of some antidepressants and bladder medications may be linked to dementia was covered by BBC Radio 4 Today Programme plus extensive national, regional and international pick up.

A JNNP study suggesting that vigorous physical activity may be linked to heightened risk of motor neurone disease generated headlines including BBC News, STV News (Scotland), India TV and New Telegraph (Nigeria)

The BMJ

BMJ Best Practice partners with NHS - InPublishing 23/04/2018
The BMJ plays its part in tackling the medical crisis - Ri5 25/04/2018

Research: Anticholinergic drugs and risk of dementia: case-control study

Long-term antidepressant use linked to higher dementia risk - The Telegraph 25/04/2018
Certain common medications tied to 30% higher dementia risk, study finds - CNN 25/04/2018
BBC Radio 4 Today Programme (06.05am) - 26/04/2018

Other broadcasts: BBC 1 Breakfast, The Chris Evans Breakfast Show, BBC Radio 2, Victoria Derbyshire BBC 2, CBN News, CBS Boston, WNDU-TV, Kfm Radio

Research: **Age and sex of surgeons and mortality of elderly surgical patients: observational study**

*This is why you are more likely to survive operations done by surgeons aged 60 or over* - Daily Express 25/04/2018

*Patients who have emergency operations from surgeons over the age of 60 are more likely to survive* - Daily Mail 25/04/2018

**Also covered by:** Sky News Sunrise, NBC, HealthDay, Medical XPress, HealthLeaders Media, HuffPost Canada, Science Codex, HealthDay, HealthExec, Medscape, Doctors Lounge, iNews

**Other coverage:**

*Sir John Grimley Evans* - The Times / The Times Scotland / The Times Ireland 24/04/2018

*Ban on junk food deals as obesity drive unites MPs* - The Times / The Times Scotland 25/04/2018

*Between you and the right decision...* - The Times [Raconteur] 25/04/2018

*Doctors urge UK to ban fast-food junk restaurants from school zones* - LiveKindly 26/04/2018

*What does it take to save a newborn’s life?* M- Livemint (India) 27/04/2018

*IV Fluids: Should Balanced Crystalloids Replace Saline?* - medical News Bulletin 27/04/2018

*In praise of wine’s powers to chill* - Stuff.co.nz 28/04/2018

*UNMC researchers write guide on treating, or preventing, cardiovascular disease in arthritis patients* - Omaha World-Herald 28/04/2018

*NAME GAME: Amusing pics reveal the funny and unusual names they have been called on tags and Starbucks cups* - The Sun 29/04/2018

**JOURNALS**

**BMJ Open**

Research: **Maternal caffeine intake during pregnancy and childhood growth and overweight: results from a large Norwegian prospective observational cohort study**

*EVEN A LITTLE CAFFEINE WHILE PREGNANT COULD INCREASE CHILD’S OBESITY RISK: STUDY* Newsweek 24/04/2018

*Coffee in pregnancy can make children gain weight, swap caffeine with these* Hindustan Times 24/04/2018
Women who consume caffeine while pregnant are more likely to have overweight children, study reveals  Daily Mirror 24/04/18


Research: Premenstrual syndrome and alcohol consumption: a systematic review and meta-analysis

1 in 5 cases of PMS may be linked to drinking alcohol, study claims  Sky News 24/04/18

One in five women could be CURED of PMS by giving up alcohol  The Sun 24/04/18

Premenstrual Syndrome: Excess Alcohol May Worsen PMS, Try These Foods That May Fight The Condition  NDTV 25/04/18


Quebec's Committee on Immunization (CIQ) recommends preferential use of SHINGRIX for the prevention of shingles in adults aged 50 and up  Benzinga 23/04/18

Consider body fat distribution in type 2 diabetes screening say researchers  The Diabetes Time 24/04/18

Women who find meaning and purpose in life less likely to have anxiety  News-Medical.net 24/04/18

Only 10% of obese people know they are overweight — here's how to tell if you are  Business Standard 25/04/18

Sense of control and meaning helps protect women from anxiety, study suggests  Cambridge Network 25/04/18
Pregnant women are at increased risk of violence in all cultural groups  Medical Xpress 26/04/18

Should people considered ‘skinny’ be screened for diabetes?  Everyday Health 26/04/18

A tip to bring serious health reforms  Business Standard 27/04/18
Sweet snacks tax may bring even greater benefits than soft drinks levy – study  Breaking News.ie 27/04/18
Sweet tax may be more effective than soft drinks’ one  Times of Malta 27/04/18


Empowered patients improve outcomes  PMLive 27/04/18

New CDC Chief On Board With Researching Gun Violence, Schumer Says  Kaiser Health News 27/04/18

Concern as NHS help for coeliacs slashed  The Catholic Universe 29/04/18

Journal of Neurology Neurosurgery & Psychiatry

Research: Multicentre, cross-cultural, population-based, case-control study of physical activity as risk factor for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

Exercise linked to motor neurone disease risk  The Times + Times Ireland 24/04/18
Fitness freaks, take it easy. Intense exercise may cause ALS  Hindustan Times 24/04/18
ALS: Most physically active have ‘26 percent higher risk’  Medical News Today 24/04/18


Dyskinesia, Psychiatric Disorders Associated With Functional Neurological Symptoms in PD  Neurology Adviser 27/04/18

Quanterix Marks Leadership in Accelerating Neurology Research with 100-Publication Milestone  Business Wire 27/04/18

Eat less to live long  The Week UK 29/04/18

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
Seduced into retirement  Financial Advisor 26/04/18

Diabetes, obesity, weak heart are linked to one bad habit. Get rid of it.  Hindustan Times 27/04/18

Journal of Medical Ethics

Brains, eyes, testes: Off-limits for transplants?  Rappler 29/04/18
Brain, testes, ovaries remain off-limits for transplants  Pakistan Observer 27/04/18
Brains, eyes: off-limits for transplants?  Daily Times (India)  29/04/18