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.

Latest highlights (16 - 22 Jul):

- A research paper on alcohol related liver cancer deaths published in The BMJ gained international coverage including NBC News, TIME and Times of India.
- An investigation published in The BMJ about knee and hip patients who were denied NHS operations gained national coverage including Daily Telegraph, The Sun and Daily Mail.
- An original article in Gut about 'invisible' stool blood linked to an increased risk of premature death gained national and international coverage including The Asian Age, BBC News and Reuters.

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