BMJ in the News is a weekly digest of journal stories, plus any other news about the company that has appeared in the national and a selection of English-speaking international media.

Latest highlights (10-16 Sep):

- Company news coverage this week included: BMJ India celebrates 10 years of operations in South Asia, patient advisor to The BMJ announced as keynote speaker at US conference, and BMJ selects D2L’s Brightspace to enhance its online learning experience.

- Widespread national and international coverage for several papers in The BMJ this week, including contaminated valsartan, folic acid in pregnancy, trial reporting, and cancer fundraising.

- A BMJ Open study that found more patients prescribed opioids for chronic pain in northern England than in the south generated coverage in the Daily Mail, Pulse and Nursing in Practice.


**Also covered by:** PR Newswire, Spoke, + extensive local print and broadcast outlets (100+ mentions)

**BMJ selects D2L’s Brightspace to enhance its online learning experience** - Spoke 12/09/2018

**Also covered by:** Globe Newswire, DMN Newswire, The News Reports, Arizona Republic + extensive local US print coverage, Business Computing World, TMC.net, Stock Market Summary, EIN News

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