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.

A total of 18 journals were picked up in the media last week (2-8 Dec) - our highlights include:

- A research paper published in The BMJ finding that children of mothers with diabetes have increased rates of early heart disease was picked up by MailOnline, The Times and The New York Times.

- Experts in The BMJ urging that it’s time to stop the commercial distortion of healthcare evidence and practice made headlines in the Sydney Morning Herald and The Conversation UK + Australia.

- A BMJ Open study revealing that the number of vitamin D supplement prescriptions written for children in primary care in the UK has surged 25-fold in under 10 years was picked up by MailOnline, ITV News, OnMedica and Nursing in Practice.

PRESS RELEASES

The BMJ | Archives of Disease in Childhood
BMJ Open | Injury Prevention
Journal of Medical Ethics

EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES

BMJ Open | BMJ Quality & Safety
Gut | Tobacco Control

OTHER COVERAGE

The BMJ | Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
BMJ Case Reports | BMJ Global Health
British Journal of Ophthalmology | British Journal of Sports Medicine
Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health | Occupational & Environmental Medicine
Postgraduate Medical Journal | RMD Open
Thorax | Vet Record

The BMJ press release coverage

Analysis: Pathways to Independence: towards producing and using trustworthy
'Cannot be trusted ... causing harm': Top medical journal takes on big pharma
Sydney Morning Herald 04/12/2019

Time to end drug company distortion of medical evidence
The Conversation UK + AU 03/12/2019


International Preventing Overdiagnosis conference
'Too much medicine': how over-medication could be harming you
ABC Australia (Fiona Goldee interview) 05/12/2019

Research: Maternal diabetes during pregnancy and early onset of cardiovascular disease in offspring: population based cohort study with 40 years of follow-up (PR)

Mothers-to-be with diabetes ‘face a greater risk of their children getting heart disease’
MailOnline 04/12/2019

Diabetes in Mothers Raises Heart Risks in Children
The New York Times 04/12/2019

Children of diabetics risk heart trouble (print only) The Times 05/12/2019


Further coverage for banning filter cigarettes to curb global plastic waste (PR)
Ban on useless cig filters would help stub out litter (print only) Daily Mirror 02/12/2019

Further coverage for air pollution exposure and new hospital admissions (PR)
Sydney smoke three times worse this NSW bushfire season, but health effects from 'medium-term' exposure unclear
ABC News 03/12/2019
How air pollution causes sepsis, UTIs, kidney failure  The Guardian Nigeria 06/12/2019

Also in: AboutLawsuits, Doctors Lounge, Drugs.com, The Science Times, Pulmonology Advisor,

Further coverage for NHS lagging behind other health services (PR)
Healthcare battles Brexit as top UK election issue Breitbart News 05/12/2019
Healthcare Battles Brexit As Top UK Election Issue International Business Times 06/12/2019
Also in: HealthManagement.org, France24, Yahoo Singapore, Yahoo News Australia & NZ, Times of Malta, Business LIVE, The New Vision, Deccan Herald, CNA, JournalduCameroun.com, Newsdog, Pulse Ghana + Pulse Nigeria, MENA FN, TIMES NOW,

Further coverage for higher risk of heart attack on Christmas Eve (PR)
The 8 Reasons You’re Most Likely to Visit the E.R. on Christmas BestLife 06/12/2019

Other notable coverage
Drinking milk does not appear to impact longevity Reuters 03/12/2019
If it's in your mind, change your mind? (print only) The New York Times 06/12/2019

JOURNALS

Archives of Disease in Childhood

Research: Medical devices that look like medicines: safety and regulatory concerns for children in Europe (PR)

Concerns over regulation of oral powders or gels sold as medical devices in Europe Medical Xpress 03/12/2019
Also in: Sciencecodex, BrightSurf

Further coverage for antimalarial properties of homemade soups (PR)
Soupy Study: Minestrone Could Be A Secret Weapon Against Malaria NPR 08/12/2019
Also widely covered by regional US radio, Forbes

BMJ Open

Research: Vitamin D prescribing in children in UK primary care practices: a population-based cohort study (PR)

Vitamin D prescriptions for children rise 25-fold in eight years - study MailOnline 03/12/2019
Huge rise in GP-prescribed supplements for children OnMedica 05/12/2019
Surge in vitamin D prescriptions for children in past decade, study shows Nursing in Practice 09/12/19


Research: Improving data sharing between acute hospitals in England: an overview of health record system distribution and retrospective observational analysis of
inter-hospital transitions of care (External PR)

Patient safety is in danger because NHS hospitals use nearly two DOZEN types of computer software and are left unable to share medical records, damning report reveals MailOnline 06/12/2019

Patients at risk because NHS hospitals using different record-keeping systems Mirage News Australia 06/12/2019

NHS e-health systems 'risk patient safety' BBC News 07/12/2019

Also in: Medical Xpress, BrightSurf, Health Europa, Namex, Dundee Messenger, Health Medicine Network, Your Wellness, NewsCaf, Nursing Times, Digital Health, Pharma Times

Research: Temporal variation in the diagnosis of resolved atrial fibrillation and the influence of performance targets on clinical coding: cohort study (External PR)

Dramatic Rise In Patients ‘Cured’ Of Heart Condition After GP Performance Pay Scheme Scienmag 05/12/2019
Also in: Medical Xpress

Life Expectancy Update, Disparity Edition. The Good Men Project 01/12/19

Further coverage for UK Lyme disease cases (PR)
New test for Lyme disease could spot the tick-borne infection in just 15 minutes Daily Mail (print + online) 03/12/2019

Healthcare demand drops 25% when social prescribing is used Occupational Health & Wellbeing 02/12/2019
Also in: Personnel Today

Research shows group membership leads to 25% less healthcare appointments National Health Executive 02/12/2019

19 Biggest Health Breakthroughs of 2019 (slide 10/20) MSN Lifestyle 02/12/2019
Also in: MSN IN

Higher GP funding associated with better CQC ratings, research shows Pulse 0312/2019

Wearable tech found to help people with dementia manage diabetes Nursing Times 03/12/2019

New hope for asthma sufferers as powerful 'green' inhaler announced The Daily Telegraph 04/12/2019
Also in: The Daily Mail, Health Medicine Network, newsgroove, Herald Publicist, WhatsNew2Day, express digest, Mogaz News

Climate Emergency CoP 25: What is the carbon budget? Down to Earth 04/12/2019

Quality of the diagnostic process in patients presenting with symptoms suggestive of bladder or kidney cancer: a systematic review. UroToday 05/12/2019
Weight change between pregnancies is linked to having premature and large at birth babies
Mirage News 05/12/2019
Also in: Medical Xpress

Greater DMT Use Associated With a Drop in Hospitalizations for Patients With MS AJMC Managed Care Networks 05/12/19

Switching from MDIs could reduce carbon impact of inhalers and save money The Pharmaceutical Journal 06/12/2019

'People think a natural thing can't harm you': Essential oil poisonings rise The Sydney Morning Herald 08/12/2019
Also in: stuff.co.nz, WA Today, Brisbane Times, The Age Australia

Injury Prevention

Research: Firearm ownership and acquisition in California: findings from the 2018 California Safety and Well-being Survey (PR US Focus)

THE AVERAGE CALIFORNIAN GUN OWNER HAS FIVE FIREARMS, WITH QUARTER OF ADULTS LIVING IN A HOUSE WITH ONE Newsweek 05/12/2019


Recalls of deadly children's products spike as law fails to deter sellers: report The Sydney Morning Herald 08/12/2019

Journal of Medical Ethics

Research: Physician, heal thyself: a cross-sectional survey of doctors’ personal prescribing habits (PR)

Irish doctors not following prescription guidelines, Facebook survey suggests The Irish Times 04/12/2019
Medical Council President reminds doctors of ethical responsibilities The Medical Independent 06/12/2019
Docs told not to prescribe themselves (print only) Irish Daily Mirror 07/12/2019


Experts Raise Ethical Concerns About Machine Learning in Medicine Mad in America 04/12/2019

Medical Council President reminds doctors of ethical responsibilities The Medical Independent 06/12/2019

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
Link found between the gut microbiome, host genome, and RA in Japanese population
Research: ‘New Medicine Service’: supporting adherence in people starting a new medication for a long-term condition: 26-week follow-up of a pragmatic randomised controlled trial (External PR)

Pharmacy service will save NHS £651 million Medical Xpress 02/11/2019
Also in: Dailyheralds, Scienmag, News Live, Centre Daily Times, Pharmacy Magazine, Agenparl, About Manchester, Mirage News Australia, The Mancunian

Supporting quality improvement strategies The Hospitalist 02/12/2019

Understanding Patient Requests for EHR Corrections, Changes Patient Engagement Hit 02/12/2019

British Journal of Ophthalmology
8 habits affecting your eye health: old mascara to smoking Denton Daily 08/12/19 (link unavailable)

British Journal of Sports Medicine
The new rules about walking: 10,000 steps isn’t essential, but speed is key The Times (print + online) 03/12/2019

MH Dissected Mark Wahlberg's Daily Routine. Here's Our Verdict Men's Health 03/12/2019

The Strength-Training Workout That's Also an Adrenaline Rush LiveStrong 03/12/2019

Why Boxing Needs to Rethink Its Concussion Protocol Men’s Health 06/12/2019
Also in: Yahoo News UK

Further coverage for running and risk of death (PR)
Run for Your Life: Running Safety Tips and How to Maximize Your Routine LifeExtension 05/12/2019
Running May Reduce All-Cause Mortality, Regardless of Frequency Medical Bag 06/12/2019

Run smart this winter: Here's how The Independent (Bangladesh) 06/12/2019

How to Stay Active Outdoors While Pregnant Outdoor Survivor 07/12/2019

How Much Does Testosterone Really Affect Performance? Outdoor Survivor 08/12/2019

Gut
Research: Randomised, multicentre prospective trial of transarterial chemoembolisation (TACE) plus sorafenib as compared with TACE alone in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma: TACTICS trial (External PR)
No coverage

New Study Explains Why Ginseng Can Help You Lose Weight Sky Statement 02/12/2019

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health
Further coverage for exercise referral schemes (PR)
Exercise referral schemes not as effective as hoped, research suggests  Pulse 02/12/2019

Questions raised over effectiveness of primary care exercise schemes  Nursing Times 02/12/2019

Also in: Leisure Opportunities

Happy and hopeful, sad and depressed — who and what we are depends on us  American Thinker 02/12/19

Further coverage for pregnant women moving house and premature birth risk (PR)  Climate change could cause women to give birth early: Study  Miss Kyra 04/12/2019

Further coverage for long working hours and risk of depression (PR)  Risk of Depression Higher for Women Working More Than 55 Hours a Week  Thrive Global 05/12/2019

Working Weekends May Be Connected to Increased Depression Risk  The Science Times 05/12/2019

Journal of Investigative Medicine  Elderberries can be helpful in dealing with colds  Sandusky Register 04/12/19

Journal of Neurology Neurosurgery & Psychiatry  Further coverage for anti-inflammatories and dementia risk  Research Finds That Drug Can Curb Dementia's Delusions  Newsgram 05/12/19

Occupational & Environmental Medicine  Medical News Today: Heavy Lifting, Shift Work May Negatively Impact Women’s Fertility  Spring Hill Monitor 06/12/2019

Also in: Stock Daily Dish

Further coverage for violence against healthcare workers  Violence at work in the healthcare sector: research round-up  Personnel Today 07/12/19

Postgraduate Medical Journal  Centenary of a physician who taught students to be compassionate  The Irish Times 02/11/2019

RMD Open  Burden of radiographic, nonradiographic axSpA ‘essentially similar’  MedWire News 04/12/2019

Psoriatic Arthritis Risk Associated With Ultrasound Evidence of Arthralgia  Rheumatology Advisor 06/12/2019

Thorax  Toxic Injustices  The American Prospect 05/12/2019

Tobacco Control

Research: The rise of disposable JUUL-type e-cigarette devices  (External PR)  No coverage
Vet Record

New BVA flowchart to help vets report illegally imported pets

Vetsurgeon.org 02/12/2019