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 17 journals were picked up in the media last week (20-26 April) - our highlights include:

- A head to head in The BMJ debating whether it is wrong to prioritise younger patients with covid-19 made national headlines, including The Guardian, the Daily Mail, Metro and the i.

- A new study in The BMJ showing that the covid-19 virus persists longer and peaks later in the respiratory tissue of patients with severe disease made headlines in FOX News, the Evening Express and Newsweek.

- The appointment of Roger Horton as the new BMJ chair was picked up by InPublishing, Mirage News and PPA.

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PRESS RELEASES

The BMJ | BMJ Paediatrics Open
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EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

OTHER COVERAGE

The BMJ | Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine | BMJ Global Health
BMJ Nutrition, Prevention & Health | BMJ Open
BMJ Sexual & Reproductive Health | British Journal of Ophthalmology
British Journal of Sports Medicine | Emergency Medicine Journal
Heart | Journal of Investigative Medicine
Journal of Medical Ethics | Lupus Science & Medicine

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Roger Horton appointed new BMJ chair InPublishing 21/04/2020
Roger Horton appointed new BMJ chair of board Mirage News (Australia) 21/04/2020
Roger Horton Appointed New BMJ Chair PPA 20/04/2020
Power of sun is seen as slowing the coronavirus Times of India 24/04/2020
Also in: The New Nation, MSN News Canada, Times of News, The Independent

The BMJ press release coverage

Data Briefing: Tackling covid-19: are the costs worth the benefits?
Are costs of tackling covid-19 worth benefits? Mirage News 21/04/2020
Also in: sciencecodex, OnMedica

Head to Head: Is it wrong to prioritise younger patients with covid-19?
Favouring young over old in Covid-19 treatment justifiable, says ethicist The Guardian 22/04/2020
'Cull on the elderly': Scientists slam proposal to deny older coronavirus patients lifesaving treatment in favour of those with 'youth on their side' - claiming it's 'no better than flipping a coin' Daily Mail 22/04/2020


Editor's Choice: Paying the ultimate price
  + Opinion: Covid-19: Protect health and social care workers and refer their deaths to the coroner

BBC Radio Scotland + regional Scottish BBC radio 23/04/2020 (skip to 1:01:47)
Coronavirus: FAI call into deaths of NHS and care workers BBC News 23/04/2020

Also in: Nottinghamshire Live, Sciencecodex, Medical Xpress

Research: Viral load dynamics and disease severity in patients infected with SARS-CoV-2 in Zhejiang province, China, January-March 2020: retrospective cohort study

COVID-19 lasts on average of 18 days in really sick patients, new study says FOX News 22/04/2020
Coronavirus persists longer in patients with severe disease, study finds Evening Express 21/04/2020
CORONAVIRUS LINGERED IN THE STOOL SAMPLES OF COVID-19 PATIENTS FOR 22 DAYS, STUDY SHOWS Newsweek 24/04/2020

Also in: Daily Mail - This is Money, The Mail on Sunday + The Scottish Mail, Yahoo UK + covered extensively by UK and Australian local news outlets, Nursing Times, CNN Live News, Kenyan News, BreakingNews.ie, The National Scot, Physician's Briefing, Tech Times, Satoshi Nakamoto, Yahoo News Philippines
Data Briefing: **What's happening to non-covid deaths?**

**Surgeons face ‘impossibly difficult question’ over cancer operations** Evening Express 24/04/2020

**One third of cancer surgeons have stopped operating due to pandemic, survey finds** The Daily Telegraph (print + online) 24/04/2020

**Coronavirus: leading surgeon calls for 'Covid-free hubs' to treat cancer patients** i (print + online) 25/04/2020

**Also in:** Mirage News, Daily Mail - This is Money, Harrow Times + covered extensively by UK Local news outlets, Medium, The National Scot, MSN UK

**Further coverage for diet results disappearing after a year**

*Are Diets for Weight Loss Effective? Yes, But There’s a Catch* Runner’s World 20/04/2020

**Further coverage for it’s time to encourage people to wear masks**

*Home-Made Masks DO Slow Spread of Coronavirus, Govt Scientists Told* Breitbart 23/04/2020

*Why face shields may be better coronavirus protection than masks alone* Los Angeles Times 24/04/2020

**Also in:** LBC, The Sun + Irish Sun, The Sunday Business Post, The Conversation, The World News, BusinessPost.ie

**Further coverage for concerns over “exaggerated” study claims of AI outperforming doctors**

*Is A.I. better at diagnosing illnesses than doctors? Don’t believe all the hype* Fortune 22/04/2020

**Further coverage for air pollution linked to several new causes of hospital admissions**

*The unseen pollution threat causing a range of diseases* (print only) Daily Mirror 24/04/2020

**Other notable coverage**

*Coronavirus recovery Q&A: how long does it take, and am I immune after having Covid-19?* The Telegraph 20/04/2020

*One in five Australian five-year-olds at risk of falling behind in school* Sydney Morning Herald 21/04/2020

*Remembering June Almeida, the woman who first discovered the coronavirus* International Business Times 21/04/2020

*The healthiest way to brew your coffee -- and possibly lengthen your life* CNN 22/04/2020

*Coronavirus: why Singapore fears a ‘hidden reservoir’ of Covid-19 cases* South China Morning Post 22/04/2020

*‘Sunshine’ supplement can counter lockdown life* The Daily Telegraph 23/03/2020

*Chinese Health Care in the Post-Pandemic World* 24/04/2020

*Research shows salt substitutes could largely reduce cardiovascular disease deaths* xinhuanet.com 23/04/2020

*Coronavirus recovery: how long does it take, and am I immune after having Covid-19?* The Daily Telegraph 24/04/2020

*Coronavirus in the US: Doctors accuse Donald Trump of causing 'countless' preventable deaths* i (print + online) 25/04/2020

*Time for an honest conversation about weight?* The Daily Telegraph 27/04/2020
JOURNALS

BMJ Paediatrics Open

Research: Healthcare access for children and families on the move and migrants

(NHS charging rules for non-residents 'unworkable' and harming wider UK health system
Medical Xpress 21/04/2020
Also in: Sciencecodex, BrightSurf, Infosurhoy

Thorax

Brief communication: Social isolation and loneliness as risk factors for hospital admissions for respiratory disease among older adults

(Living alone makes over-fifties 30 per cent more likely to end up being treated in hospital for respiratory diseases such as COVID-19 Daily Mail 21/04/2020
Living Alone Ups Admission Risk for Respiratory Disease in Seniors Physician’s Weekly 23/04/20
Social isolation may up respiratory problems in older adults DaijiWorld.com 25/04/20

Also in: The Amed Post, MSN UK, Courier Mail, OzarksFirst.com, MSN Now, Medical Xpress, LifeSly, OnMedica, Science Daily, Newsgram, India.com, Practice Update, Outlook India, Infosurhoy, Physician's Briefing, Drugs.com

Brief communication: One ventilator for two patients: feasibility and considerations of a last resort solution in case of equipment shortage

Editorial: Two for one with split-or co-ventilation at the peak of the Covid-19 tsunami: is there any role for communal care when the resources for personalised medicine are exhausted

Commentary: Advances in the methodology of co-ventilation during a disaster

(DIY breathing circuit can ventilate two critically-ill patients Edinburgh News 24/04/2020
Also in: Science Daily, Medical Xpress, Scotsman

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases

TNF Inhibitor Use May Raise Risk of MS and Neuropathy in AS Patients
ankylosingspondylitisnews.com 20/04/2020

Biologics Use Not Associated With Increased Mortality or Readmission Risk After Major Surgery in RA Rheumatology Advisor 21/04/2020

Live Herpes Zoster Vaccine Fails to Provide Long-Term Protection in RA Patients on Tofacitinib The Rheumatologist 13/04/2020

Ankylosing Spondylitis and Coronavirus: What to Know About Managing COVID-19 Risk Creaky Joints 21/04/2020

Rheumatologists, patients report healthcare changes during COVID-19 pandemic MedWire News 24/04/2020

Hydroxychloroquine could have a beneficial effect on COVID-19 News-Medical.net 24/04/2020

BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine
Covid-19: The pros and cons of high-speed science Health24 25/04/2020
Also in: Maverick Citizen,

BMJ Global Health
Nicaragua records sharp decline in intimate partner violence News-Medical.Net 22/04/2020
Also in: Health Medicine Network, Bioengineer, Medical Xpress, Scienmag, newswise,

BMJ Nutrition, Prevention & Health
Medical student survey reveals nutrition training gaps NutraIngredients 24/04/2020

BMJ Open
COVID-19 social distancing having significant impacts on mental health, study shows Medical Xpress 20/04/2020
Also in: Mirage News Australia, About Manchester, Physician’s Briefing

Smoking Only in Early Pregnancy Still Puts Baby at Risk Drugs.com 21/04/2020
Also in: OGP News, Medical Xpress

Arthroscopic Chondroplasty Increases Risk of Additional Knee Arthroplasty HCP Live 22/04/2020
Also in: MD Magazine

Coronavirus pandemic: Govt agencies redeem themselves in the battle against COVID-19 Moneycontrol.com 22/04/2020

BMJ Sexual & Reproductive Health
Further coverage for fertility and pregnancy planning apps (PR) Review Explores Use of Menstruation, Fertility Apps Endocrinology Advisor 24/04/2020

British Journal of Ophthalmology
How to Prevent Trypan Blue Rupturing Dead or Dying Immune Cells News-Medical.net 23/04/20

Hot tea reduces blindness risk NewsMax 24/04/20

British Journal of Sports Medicine
16 Memory-Boosting Tips from Brain Scientists MSN Health & Fitness 21/04/2020

5 sports scientifically proven to help you live longer MDLinx 23/04/2020

The best HIIT workout gear 2020: get fit at home the high intensity way MSN Money + MSN Philippines 23/04/2020

Exercise lowers stroke risk – even after suffering one The Philippine Reporter 24/04/2020
The 3 Best Organic Protein Powders  Bustle 24/04/20

**FOOTBALL: A CHANGE IN STARTING STANCE CAN REDUCE HEAD INJURY**
Orthopedics 26/04/2020

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**Emergency Medicine Journal**
**Elderly 'wait longer in A&E’ than the young, Aberdeen University study shows**  The Times (print + online) 26/04/2020

**Heart**
**Further coverage for napping and lower heart attack/stroke risk (PR)**
**Ask the Doctors: Occasional naps linked to decreased heart disease**  Times Standard 21/04/2020

**Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health**

**Research:**  **Abstinence-contingent wage supplements to promote drug abstinence and employment: a randomised controlled trial** (External PR)

**Extra Payments Motivate Sobriety and Employment among People Recovering from Addiction**  Benzinga 20/04/2020
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Futurity 20/04/2020
**Study: Workplace strategies can promote employment for drug addicts**  News-Medical.Net 20/04/2020
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**Horizon 2020: The Restaurant that Burns Off Calories**  Horizon BBC2 20/4/2020

**Psychology Explains How Social Distancing Affects Your Mental Health**  Power of Positivity 22/04/2020

**Journal of Investigative Medicine**
**15 Supplements That Boost Your Immune System**  Power of Positivity 26/04/2020

**Journal of Medical Ethics**
**When a vaccine arrives, will it be ethical?**  Gript 22/04/2020

**The elderly can still be heroes in the Covid-19 crisis**  BioEdge 26/04/20

**Lupus Science & Medicine**
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