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 24 journals were picked up in the media last week (7-13 September) - our highlights include:

- A news story in *The BMJ* revealing that the UK government plans to spend £100bn on expanding COVID-19 testing to 10 million a day made national headlines, including BBC News, BBC Radio 4 Today Programme, Times Radio, Sky News and the front page of the Metro.

- A *Thorax* study finding that hospital COVID-19 risk is lowest among intensive care staff was covered widely, including Al Jazeera, The Daily Telegraph and International Business Times Australia.

- A study in *The BMJ* suggesting that an easy-to-use score for predicting risk of death in adult patients with COVID-19 can be used to support treatment decisions made headlines in The Daily Telegraph, The Times and the Deccan Herald.

- The launch of the new **Comorbidities tool from BMJ Best Practice** was picked up by InPublishing, KnowledgeSpeak, Mirage News and alpsp.org.

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**PRESS RELEASES**

*The BMJ* | *BMJ Open*  
*Thorax*

**EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES**

*BMJ Open* | Occupational & Environmental Medicine

**OTHER COVERAGE**

*The BMJ* | Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases  
*Archives of Disease in Childhood* | *BMJ Case Reports*  
*BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine* | *BMJ Global Health*  
*BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care* | *BMJ Quality & Safety*  
*British Journal of Sports Medicine* | *Gut*  
*Heart* | Injury Prevention  
*Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health* | *Journal of Investigative Medicine*
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BMJ launches first clinical decision support tool to improve care for patients with more than one condition | Mirage News 09/09/2020
BMJ launches Comorbidities tool | InPublishing 10/09/2020
BMJ launches first clinical decision support tool to improve care for patients with more than one condition | Knowledge Speak 09/09/2020

Also in: alpsp.org

The BMJ press release coverage

News: Covid-19: Government plans to spend £100bn on expanding testing to 10 million a day (PR)

BBC Radio 4 Today Programme | (skip to 1:00:35) 10/09/2020
Coronavirus: Concerns over Boris Johnson's 'moonshot' testing plans | BBC News
10/09/2020

Operation moonshot mass test plan to save Christmas 'could cost £100,000,000,000' | (Front page) Metro
10/09/2020

Aasmah Mir and Stig Abell with Times Radio Breakfast - Rebecca Coombes interview | (skip to 2:48:10) Times Radio
10/09/2020

The BMJ mentioned in Parliament by Jon Ashworth Shadow Secretary of State for Health and Social Care | They Work for You
10/09/2020


International + other


Research: Risk stratification of patients admitted to hospital with covid-19 using the ISARIC WHO Clinical Characterisation Protocol: development and validation of the 4C Mortality Score
UK scientists design tool to predict death risk for Covid-19 patients  Deccan Herald 10/09/2020
Coronavirus scoring system could predict a patient's death risk  The Daily Telegraph 09/09/2020
Bedside tool calculates fatal danger  (print only) The Times 10/09/2020


Analysis: Use of “normal” risk to improve understanding of dangers of covid-19
'DISEASE OF OLD AGE' Younger Brits more likely to die in an accident than from Covid, experts claim  The Scottish Sun 10/09/2020
Risk of death from Covid-19 during height of UK outbreak only slightly higher than normal, expert says  The National AE 10/09/2020
Interview with author, David Spiegelhalter (3hrs 5 mins into programme)  The Times Radio 10/09/2020

Also in: Leader Live, Foreign Affairs, SciTechDaily, COSMOS

Research: Association between high blood pressure and long term cardiovascular events in young adults: systematic review and meta-analysis
Young adults with raised blood pressure may have increased risk of later heart problems  Medical Xpress 09/09/2020

Also in: SciTechDail, InfoSurHoy.com

Further coverage for eating/skipping breakfast
Devlin Brown at the water cooler: How important is it to have breakfast every day?  Business Day 07/09/2020

Further coverage for hair dye and cancer risk
Permanent Hair Dye Not Linked to Cancer Risk, Mortality  Physician’s Briefing 08/09/2020

Further coverage for social distancing rules are based on outdated science
Getting kids back to school was easy compared with what will come next  The Guardian 07/09/2020

Further coverage for children have less severe covid-19 than adults
Loss of appetite could be a sign of coronavirus in children as scientists find more than a THIRD of under-18s with the disease skip meals and most do not show classic symptoms
Further coverage for plant protein and lower risk of death
6 Reasons Why Miley Cyrus Is Wrong About Veganism Green Queen 08/09/2020

Further coverage for pregnant women with covid-19
Also in: MSN Health CA, The Daily Beast, Yahoo UK

Further coverage for single-dose radiotherapy for early breast cancer
High-speed radiotherapy cured my breast cancer in 30 minutes - so why are doctors still unsure of it? The Mail on Sunday 13/09/2020

Other notable coverage
A doctor without patients misled us (print) The Daily Telegraph 07/09/2020
The scam doctor The Sunday Times 13/09/2020
Long Covid webinar clip featured on BBC Look East programme (no link available) 08/09/2020
AI standards launched to help tackle problem of overhyped studies The Guardian 09/09/2020
Drinking every day — what it really does to your body and brain The Times 12/09/2020
Is Shere Hite’s good work being undone by porn? The Times 12/09/2020
Coronavirus doctor's diary: Will universities be able to avoid spreading the virus? BBC News 13/09/2020
Redefining Covid-19: Months after infection, patients report breathing difficulty, excessive fatigue CNN 13/09/2020

JOURNALS

BMJ Open

Research: What are the cost-savings and health benefits of improving detection and management for six high cardiovascular risk conditions in England? An economic evaluation (PR)

Study suggests optimal detection, treatment of cardiac risk could save millions of lives Times of India 11/09/2020

Also in: Daily Express, WebIndia123, AniNews, New Kerala, Mirage News Australia, The News Amed, MSN IN, Yahoo India, BW Business World (India), Pulse, Medical Xpress, SiFy.com, Aktk

Research: Changes over a decade in psychotropic prescribing for people with intellectual disabilities: prospective cohort study (PR)

Antipsychotic prescriptions haven't budged in 10+ years despite recommendations to curb use Medical Xpress 10/09/2020
Research: **Prevalence and access to care for cardiovascular risk factors in older people in Sierra Leone: a cross-sectional survey** (External PR)

Older people in Sierra Leone face 'ticking time bomb' of health issues - study MyScience 11/09/2020
Also in: The World News

Further coverage for smoking and lower screening rates (PR)
**Study Associates Smoking with Decreased Cancer Screening Rates, Advanced Stage Disease at Diagnosis** Cancer Network 07/09/2020

Proof diet can beat diabetes Daily Mail 07/09/2020
Also in: Scottish Daily Mail, Irish Daily Mail

Further coverage for 4 week+ COVID-19 retesting (PR)
**Study of the outbreak in Italy suggests Covid-19 recoveries should be retested about a month later** Health24 08/09/2020
Also in: Times of News India, News24 South Africa, Cooking with Kathy Man, Physician’s Briefing, Physician’s Weekly, Canadian News, Drugs.com, The Jewish Voice, Doctors Lounge

Conversion to type 2 diabetes declining Medical Xpress 07/09/2020
Also in: WhatsNews2Day, Medscape, Bariatric News

**HOW OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS FOR KNEE SURGERY VARY FROM STATE TO STATE**
Physical Therapy Products 09/09/2020

10 Best Nutritionist-Approved Vegan Protein Bars MSN Lifestyle 10/09/2020
Also in: The Healthy

Research: **Changing consumption of resources for respiratory support and short-term outcomes in four consecutive geographical cohorts of infants born extremely preterm over 25 years since the early 1990s** (External PR)

Dramatic improvement in survival rates for premature babies ABC News 11/09/2020
Also in: Medical Xpress

Thorax

Research: **SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence and asymptomatic viral carriage in healthcare workers: a cross-sectional study** (PR)

Hospital cleaners more than twice as likely to be infected by Covid-19 as doctors, study finds The Daily Telegraph 11/09/2020
Hospital cleaners more exposed to COVID-19 than ICU doctors Al Jazeera 11/09/2020
Infection Higher In Hospital Cleaners Than ICU Staff: Report International Business Times Australia 11/09/2020

Also in: Daily Mail, Radio Scotland, BBC Radio Highlands & Islands, Daily Mail, The Sun + Scottish Sun, MSN UK, iNews, Mirror, Eastern Eye, Yahoo News UK, Daily Express, iNews
International

Other

Considering Lung Transplant Frailty  Physician’s Weekly 09/09/2020

Put up-mortem biopsies show which therapy needs to be maintained in critically in poor health sufferers  Pledge Times 10/09/2020

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
Arthritis drugs may also benefit people with heart disease  Sound Health & Lasting Wealth 07/09/2020

How Psoriatic Arthritis Causes Back Pain — and What to Do About It  Everyday Health 11/09/2020
Also in:

GCA, TAK likely react differently to tocilizumab, despite disease similarities  Healio 10/09/2020

Problems remain in lupus clinical trial design  Healio 13/09/2020

Archives of Disease in Childhood
Jayadeva study finds link between maternal diet and heart function in babies  The Hindu 11/09/2020
Bengaluru: Doctors find polished rice link to newborns' heart ailment  Times of India 12/09/20
Also in: The World News, Deccan Herald


BMJ Case Reports
Doctors Remove 6.8 Kg Hairball From Jharkhand Teenager’s Abdomen After She Excessively Chewed Hair For Years!

India.com 07/09/2020

**BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine**

Further coverage for effectiveness of honey for easing respiratory symptoms (PR)

NZ honey hitting a sweet spot Rural News 08/09/2020

Also in: Healio, Practice Update, Dual Dove

Further coverage for caffeine consumption during pregnancy (PR)

How much caffeine can you safely drink while pregnant? Maybe none. Advisory Board (US) 10/09/2020

Best to cut out the caffeine New York Times (print) 08/09/20

Also in: New Hampshire Union Leader

Further coverage for antibiotics and effectiveness of the Pill (PR)

What Doctors Want You To Know About Antibiotics and the Pill Well + Good 10/09/2020

Also in: MSN Health & Fitness

**BMJ Global Health**

'Superbugs' a far greater risk than Covid in Pacific, scientist warns The Guardian 10/09/2020

Also in: Yahoo UK, Taipei Times, Fiji Village, Cook Islands News, Mbs News

Families kiss safety goodbye Los Angeles Times (print) 09/09/20

**BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care**

5 ways to lower A1C and manage your blood-sugar levels Insider 08/09/2020

Also in: MSN Lifestyle + MSN Philippines, MSN Health & Fitness, Business Insider Australia, Business Insider India

13 Warning Signs Your Teeth Are Trying to Send You Best Life 09/09/2020

Also in: MSN IE, MSN Arabia,

How metformin works and why it’s effective for type 2 diabetes Business Insider India 09/09/20

**BMJ Quality & Safety**

Google Cloud to provide DoD with an AI enabled cancer diagnostic system Mobi Health News 08/09/2020

Also in: Healthcare IT News

17 Organizations Awarded Grants to Test Innovations that Improve Diagnosis and Reduce Disparities MySA 09/09/2020

Also in: Yahoo Finance, Benzinga + covered widely by US and online business news outlets
British Journal of Sports Medicine
16 benefits of working out in the morning Yerepouni Daily News 08/09/2020

Will we exercise more at home after COVID-19? News Decoder 09/09/2020

Arthroscopic Partial Meniscectomy Tied To Risk Of Knee Osteoarthritis: Study Medical Dialogues 09/09/2020

How to measure progress in strength training Stylist 11/09/2020

Hot and sweating with the fitness bug Times Live (South Africa) 13/09/2020

Gut
CU Medicine (Hong Kong) Reports Coronavirus in Poop Samples of Infants The Health Mania 07/09/2020
'Start' better tool in detecting virus: study (print) New York Post 08/09/2020

Covid-19 May Cause Prolonged Gut Infection, Scientists Say Bloomberg 07/09/2020
Also in: Times of India, BGR

Lung, heart damage in COVID-19 patients improve with time: Study Gulf News 07/09/20

ZJU scientists discover role of ANG in inhibiting intestinal inflammation Mirage News Australia 08/09/2020

Combat digestive problems with natural ingredients Times of India 08/09/2020

Top supplements for ulcerative colitis Everyday Health 13/09/2020

Celiac Disease During Pregnancy Linked To Birth Defects In Infants, BMJ Medical Dialogues 11/09/2020

Heart
Further coverage for cardiovascular benefits of hot baths (PR) How to create the perfect, health-enhancing bath Canada24 News
Also in: Niagara Falls Review, Toronto Star


Injury Prevention
Gun owner perceptions about firearm dangers could improve gun safety Daily Democrat 08/09/2020

Australia’s product safety system failing our children, study finds Sydney Morning Herald 12/09/20
Also in: The Age Australia, WA Today.com, Brisbane Times

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health
Cardio is only part of the equation Borneo Bulletin 09/09/2020
Also in: South Florida Reporter

Journal of Immunotherapy of Cancer
Research: A CD25-targeted antibody-drug conjugate depletes regulatory T cells and eliminates established syngeneic tumors via antitumor immunity (External PR)

ADC Therapeutics Announces Publication Highlighting the Potential of Camidanlumab Tesirine (Cami) as a Novel Immuno-oncology Approach for Solid Tumor Cancers Digital Journal 10/09/2020
Also in: MorningStar

Journal of Investigative Medicine
When Should You Get The Flu Shot? How Does Covid-19 Coronavirus Affect This? Forbes 07/09/2020

Journal of Medical Ethics
What the age of COVID-19 means for palliative care The Peninsula Qatar 10/09/2020

Army PA published by prestigious Journal of Medical Ethics Military Families Magazine 12/09/2020

Journal of Medical Genetics
Adedamola Roberts – A Pledge To Bravery Bio Reports 13/09/2020
Also in: The Guardian Nigeria

Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry
Lack of enthusiasm not depression helps to predict dementia Drew Report News 08/09/2020

Sleep and Amyloid; COVID Brain Images; Robin Williams’ Final Days MedPage Today 09/09/2020

Occupational & Environmental Medicine
Research: Changes in outdoor air pollution due to COVID-19 lockdowns differ by pollutant: evidence from Scotland (External PR)

Pollution 'stayed level' during coronavirus lockdown The Times (+ Scottish and Irish editions) 09/09/2020

Open Heart
Fighting Fat With Fat: How Omega 3 Fats Can Help Fight Obesity ProHealth 11/09/2020

Tobacco Control
Hebrew U. finds tobacco companies using loopholes to market to teens Jerusalem Post 07/09/2020

Plea to check tobacco ads on over-the-top platforms Assam Tribune 12/09/2020 (misattrib
UK extends badger cull to 11 new areas, angering activists

The BMJ

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UK extends badger cull to 11 new areas, angering activists

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