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PRESS RELEASES

The BMJ | British Journal of Sports Medicine
BMJ Open | Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES

BMJ Paediatrics Open

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 Nutrition, Prevention & Health | BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care
BMJ Open Ophthalmology | BMJ Open Sport & Exercise Medicine
BMJ Quality & Safety | BMJ Sexual & Reproductive Health
BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care | British Journal of Ophthalmology
Emergency Medicine Journal | Gut
Journal of Medical Genetics | Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry
Occupational & Environmental Medicine

INFLUENCE

Parliamentary mentions
TikTok

The BMJ press release coverage

Research: Risks of covid-19 hospital admission and death for people with learning disability: population based cohort study using the OpenSAFELY platform
Editorial: Covid 19: People with learning disabilities are highly vulnerable (PR)

People with learning disabilities ‘extremely vulnerable’ to effects of coronavirus inews 15/07/21
People with learning disabilities in England ‘have eight times Covid death rate’ The Guardian 15/07/21
Covid: People living with learning disabilities should be prioritised for booster jab, charity says ITV News 15/07/21
Association between statins and adverse events in primary prevention of cardiovascular disease: systematic review with pairwise, network, and dose-response meta-analyses (PR)

Adults should take statins 'even if they don't have heart problems' Daily Mail 15/06/21
Life-saving benefits of statins outweigh the side effects, study concludes Daily Telegraph 15/07/21
Latest Statin Risk-Benefit Analysis: More Harm Than Good? (quote provided by Joe Ross, BMJ Associate Editor) TCTMD 15/07/21

Association of ultra-processed food intake with risk of inflammatory bowel disease: prospective cohort study (PR)

Eating junk food just once a day may raise risk of IBD by two-thirds Daily Mail 15/07/21
Ultra-processed foods may help drive inflammatory bowel disease UPI 16/07/21

The UK government's plan recklessly exposes millions to infection when they could be vaccinated (PR)

Government's latest pandemic plan 'recklessly exposes millions to effects of mass infection', according to experts OnMedica 16/07/21
Also in: News-Medical.Net, Medical Xpress

**Further coverage for muscle relaxers and lower back pain (PR)**

Muscle relaxers no solution to persistent back pains  Business Daily 14/07/21

Also in: Medscape

**Further coverage for omega 3 rich diet and headaches (PR)**

Diets Higher in Fish Fats, Lower in Vegetable Oils May Help Frequent Migraine Sufferers  The Epoch Times 13/07/21

Also in: Clinical Pain Advisor, MSN India, India.com, Tribune online ng, Medical News Bulletin

**Further coverage for airborne transmission editorial (PR)**

What is ‘hygiene theatre’ and why does it matter?  The Independent 13/07/21

**Further coverage for US life expectancy in 2020 (PR)**

Anti-racist talk is cheap, but the price of change is high  (print) Morning Star 15/07/21

**Further coverage for covid-19 ‘lab leak’ (PR)**

Suddenly the ‘lab leak’ theory can’t be so readily dismissed: the stifled search for COVID’s Patient Zero  The Sydney Morning Herald 18/07/21

**Other notable coverage**

Covid vaccines may be less effective at cutting infections, but remain effective against serious illness  inews 12/07/21

Nice guidance to induce minority ethnic pregnancies earlier condemned as racist  The Guardian 13/07/21

Hundreds of doctors and scientists attack Boris Johnson over ‘criminal’ plan for ‘Freedom Day’  The Independent 14/07/21

How the yoga community is becoming more accessible to Black people  The Daily Telegraph 13/07/21

Experts warn of NHS being overwhelmed as Covid cases rise  i newspaper 14/07/21

More than one-in-10 people are now waiting for routine NHS treatment such as hip and knee replacements and cataract surgery in 22 parts of England, analysis reveals  Daily Mail 13/07/21

The Olympics are coming, COVID infections are rising. Was Japan’s strategy the right one?  Los Angeles Times 15/07/21

Boredom’s link to mental illnesses, brain injuries and dysfunctional behaviors  The Washington Post 17/07/21

Schools must reopen as soon as possible  Sydney Morning Herald 18/07/21

Abused, doubted, beaten up but India’s first women docs were a determined lot, says author Kavitha Rao  Times of India 18/07/21

**JOURNALS**

British Journal of Sports Medicine

Research: Risk of atrial fibrillation in athletes: a systematic review and meta-analysis (PR)
Don't work out too hard! Risk of fatal heart problem doubles if your exercise regime is too intense, study finds Daily Mail 12/07/21
Athletes at higher risk of irregular heartbeat, new research finds The Guardian 13/07/21
Athletes face higher risk of irregular heart rate, study says — especially young ones Miami Herald 15/07/21


International + other

Further coverage for physical activity and poor sleep (PR)
Low Exercise May Amplify Link Between Poor Sleep, Mortality Risk Clinical Pain Advisor 13/07/21
Also in: Health Digest, Stylist

Stats show golf can be a dangerous game The Business Times 15/07/21
A careless Wispa...then three KitKats Sunday Times 18/07/21 (print)
Study Finds Trans Women Athletes Still Retain Biological Advantages Breitbart 18/07/21

BMJ Open
Research: Systematic review of academic bullying in medical settings: dynamics and consequences (PR)
Bullying in Academic Medicine Rife, Underreported Medscape 14/07/21

Further coverage for curbing covid-19 through border control and quarantine (PR)
Curbing COVID-19 through border controls and restricted entry News-Medical.net 12/07/21
Is it time to SHAKE UP the rules on salt? Daily Mail 13/07/21

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health
Heart attacks on the increase after years of decline The Times 13/07/21
Calculator Validated for Home-Based Dementia Risk Screening Medscape 12/07/21

BMJ Paediatrics Open

Research: **Quantitative Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (Q-CHAT). A population screening study with follow-up: the case for multiple time-point screening for autism** (External PR)

**Questionnaire can be helpful in detecting autism** Tajikistan News 18/07/21


Other notable journals coverage

**Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases**

Pre-Pandemic Normalcy Far Off for the Immunocompromised Medscape 15/07/21

**BMJ Global Health**

Research on COVID misinformation of Youtube mentioned on The Lead with Jake Tapper (misattributed to The BMJ) CNN International 17/07/21

**Gut**

Further coverage for stool transplant for COVID-19 (PR)

**COVID-19: Fecal transplant may treat disease** Medical News Today 12/07/21

Linking Sugary Drinks And Colorectal Cancer (previous PR) The New York Times 13/07/21

**Journal of Medical Genetics**

New clues to the genes behind deafness Eminetra.nz 17/07/21 (Previous PR)

Also in: Medicine.net

**Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry**

Further coverage for signs of heightened stroke risk (PR)

**Cognitive, Functional Decline Detected Prior to Stroke** The Cardiology Advisor 13/07/21

Also in: Business Trumpet (NG)

**Occupational & Environmental Medicine**

Study links junk-food diet to tired truckers, dangerous driving behaviors (previous PR) Safety + Health 19/07/21

**INFLUENCE**
- Sir Christopher Chope mentioned *The BMJ* editorial on mandatory covid-19 vaccination for care home workers in House of Commons. BBC Parliament 13/07/21 (skip to 5:56:20)

- Jon Ashworth, Shadow Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, quoted an analysis article in *The BMJ, Health and Care Bill in the House of Commons* 14/07/21

- Baroness Brinton, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson (Health) mentioned *The BMJ* in a House of Lords speech on surge in new COVID cases 15/07/21

- TikToker Ella (@big_science_energy, 84.1K followers) shared a video on this *BMJ christmas research paper*. The video has over half a million views, 91.1K likes and 380 comments.