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PRESS RELEASES
The BMJ | BMJ Case Reports
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EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES
Gut | International Journal of Gynecological Cancer
Journal for Immunotherapy of Cancer | RMD Open
Thorax

OTHER COVERAGE
The BMJ | Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
Archives of Disease in Childhood | BMJ Open
British Journal of Sports Medicine | Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin
Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry

INFLUENCE

BMJ

Dr Fiona Godlee to step down as The BMJ's editor-in-chief Knowledge Speak 19/07/21
Dr Fiona Godlee steps down as Editor-in-Chief of The BMJ PPA 21/07/21
Also in: ALPSP, UKSG News

The BMJ press release coverage

Open letter to the prime minister and secretary of state on the second anniversary of England’s announcement that it would be smoke-free by 2030 (PR)

Government 'will miss its target to make England smoke-free by 2030' Daily Mail 22/07/21
Call for 'bold action' to finally stub out smoking The Daily Telegraph 22/07/21

Also in: Evening Express, widely covered by UK local news outlets,

Research: Real time remote symptom monitoring during chemotherapy for cancer: European multicentre randomised controlled trial (eSMART) (PR)

Remote Monitoring System Reduces Chemotherapy Symptom Burden Physician’s Weekly 23/07/21
eSMART trial adds support for remote symptom monitoring in people with cancer Medwire news 23/07/21
Also in: Medical Xpress, Sound Health and Lasting Wealth, sciencecodex, Mirage News, DIGIT, Oncology Medicine Matters

Further coverage for ultra-processed food and IBD (PR)
Can Ultra-Processed Food Cause Inflammatory Bowel Disease? MedIndia 19/07/21

Further coverage for omega 3 rich diet and headaches (PR)
Study suggests surprising diet for reducing migraines Daily Express 19/07/21
Also in: Physician's Weekly Online

Further coverage for US life expectancy (PR)
U.S. Life Expectancy Fell By 1.5 Years In 2020, The Biggest Drop Since WWII NPR 21/07/21
COVID-19 Caused U.S. Life Expectancy to Drop 1.5 Years TIME 21/07/21
Also in: News-Medical.Net, Asia Insurance Post, Occupational Health & Safety Online + covered extensively by US regional news outlets

Further coverage for concerns over Olympics editorial (PR)
Japan's Emperor Naruhito will attend Olympic Games opening ceremony South China Morning Post 20/07/21 (previous PR)
Also in: The Japan Times, Reuters, inewspaper, The Star Malaysia

Further coverage for people with learning disabilities and covid-19 (PR)
COVID-19 Effects in People With Learning Disabilities MedIndia 21/07/21
Also in: BBG,

Other notable coverage
GPs - the heroes and the villains The Daily Telegraph 19/07/21
The Influencers Normalizing Tourette’s Syndrome on TikTok - The Atlantic 19/07/21

Author interview on vaccinating children against SARS-CoV-2 - editorial - BBC World News Outside Source (no link available) 19/07/21

How to get the immune system of a 20-year-old - The Telegraph 19/07/21

Food allergies took our daughters from us. We must act now - Daily Mail 20/07/21

Boredom’s link to mental illness - The Washington Post 20/07/21

Could the flu vaccine protect against severe Covid-19? - (BBC World Service - Health Check (author interview, skip to 22:12) 21/07/21

Rich countries are first in line for Covid vaccines because a handful of companies control both the price and quantity - The Guardian 21/07/21

NHS shares English hospital data with dozens of companies - Financial Times 23/07/21

Avoid multivitamin, zinc pill overuse, say doctors - Times of India 23/07/21

NHS shares English hospital data with dozens of companies - Financial Times (mentions analysis: The NHS deserves better use of hospital medicines data) 24/07/21

Covid vaccine: Experts warn of refraining from exercise due to heart inflammation reports - New York Times Post 23/07/21

Now Lancet is accused of costing lives - by sitting on study showing human transmission of Covid-19 - (Fiona Godlee quoted) Mail on Sunday 25/07/21

Is medical cannabis really a magic bullet? (mentions investigation: Big cannabis in the UK) - The Guardian 24/07/21

The BMJ columnist, Dr Helen Salisbury, interviewed on LBC Radio, urging people to get vaccinated (link unavailable) 24/07/21

JOURNALS

BMJ Case Reports

Case report: Sequential contralateral facial nerve palsies following COVID-19 vaccination first and second doses (PR)

Pfizer vaccine linked to Bell's palsy after man suffers facial paralysis - The Telegraph 19/07/21

61-Year-Old Man Develops Bell’s Palsy After 2 Doses Of Pfizer Shot - International Business Times 21/07/21

Man Getting Bell's Palsy After Both Pfizer COVID Vaccines May Be ’Coincidence’ - Newsweek 21/07/21

Also in: The Sun + Scottish Sun, Daily Mail, Yahoo News UK, UK Newslab, Daily Express, Today UK News, AOL UK

International


Other

Mother, 27, nearly suffered heart attack after drinking Red Bull

Daily Mail 20/07/21 (previous PR)

**BMJ Global Health**

**Commentary:** Is the cure really worse than the disease? A narrative review of the health impacts of lockdowns during COVID-19 (PR)

Lockdowns do not harm health more than Covid, say researchers
The Guardian 20/07/21

Lockdown is hard, but uncontrolled COVID-19 is worse: Australian experts
Xinhua.net 20/07/21

Researchers find lockdowns have adverse health effects
The Sydney Morning Herald 19/07/21

**Also in:** The Herald Scotland, The Times, MSN UK, The Daily Telegraph, Yahoo UK,

*International*


*Other*


Decolonizing Global Health: A Moment To Reflect On A Movement
Forbes 22/07/21

**Evidence-Based Mental Health**

**Research:** Prevalence of Childhood Mental Disorders in High-Income Countries: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis to Inform Policymaking (PR)

Half of mentally ill children lack care
The Times 20/07/21

Kristy Adams: Without Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services getting more funding, we are storing up trouble
Conservative Angle 23/07/21

New research highlights "invisible crisis in children's mental health"
Health Europa 20/07/21
**Gut**

Research: *Immunoglobulin A-specific deficiency induces spontaneous inflammation specifically in the ileum* (External PR)

- **No IgA leads to intestinal inflammation in mice** Science Daily 20/07/21

- **How sugary drinks spike risk of early colorectal cancer - even in young people** WLKY-TV Online + extensive US broadcast coverage 20/07/21 (previous PR)

**Also in:** One Green Planet, California News Times, Food and Beverage Insider

- **IAN ROSS: After my heart op, I forgot I'd written a book!** Daily Mail 10/07/21

**International Journal of Gynecological Cancer**

Research: *Exposure to unhealthy food and beverage advertising during the school commute in Australia* (Flagged to SMC Australia)

- **School routes swimming in junk food ads** Medical Xpress 20/07/21

**Also in:** Mirage News Australia, The Hippocratic Post,

- **Examining Chemotherapy–Radiation Sequencing for Endometrial Cancer** Physician’s Weekly 24/07/21

- **Black Women Underrepresented in Immunotherapy Trials** Physician’s Weekly 23/07/21

**Journal for Immunotherapy of Cancer**

Research: *On-treatment immune prognostic score for patients with relapsed and/or metastatic head and neck squamous cell carcinoma treated with immunotherapy* (External PR)

- **Scoring system predicts head and neck cancer patient response to immunotherapy** Medical Xpress 21/07/21

**Also in:** First World MedTech

**RMD Open**

Research: *Risk factors for venous thromboembolism and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease: do they differ in patients with rheumatoid arthritis?* (External PR)

- **Risk Factors ID’d for VTE, ASCVD in Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients** Physician’s Weekly 23/07/21

**Also in:** Medical Xpress, Drugs.com, Sound Health and Lasting Wealth, HealthDay,
Thorax
Sleep disorder in children tied to higher hypertension risk: Hong Kong study South China Morning Post 19/07/21

Brief Communication: Burden of nosocomial COVID-19 in Wales: results from a multicentre retrospective observational study of 2508 hospitalised adults (External PR)

Study highlights ‘vital 30-day window’ for hospital inpatients to get COVID-19 jab My Science UK + US 24/07/21
Also in: Mirage News, Daily Brit

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
Vector-based vaccines likely more effective in patients on rituximab MDAlert 23/07/21

Archives of Disease in Childhood
Antibiotic-resistant infections in Bangladeshi kids deemed ‘very worrying’ Medical News Today 19/07/21

BMJ Open
Is it time to SHAKE UP the rules on salt? (print) Irish Daily Mail 20/07/21

A BRACE is just as[...] (print) Irish Daily Mail 20/07/21

Women hospitalists and the pandemic Today’s Hospitalist 24/07/21 (Previous PR)

Further coverage for blueprint to ward off further pandemics (PR) Strategies ID’d that Can Interrupt Spread of Infectious Disease Physician’s Weekly 23/07/21

British Journal of Sports Medicine
Olympics committee backs transgender weightlifter, prompting criticism The World News 20/07/21 (previous PR)
With Olympics’ backing, Laurel Hubbard will be first trans athlete in Games’ history TODAY 19/07/21
No fans, no fair play, no atmosphere… the Planet Lockdown Olympics will be a gold medal flop Russia Today 21/07/21
Also in: Conservative Angle

Further coverage for exercise to offset sleep deprivation (PR) More Exercise Could Lessen Your Sleep Problems, New Research Suggests Bicycling 19/07/21
Five ways to recover from a bad night's sleep The Daily Telegraph 19/07/21

Further coverage for athletes and risk of irregular heart rhythm (PR) Athletes face higher risk of irregular heart rate, study says — especially young ones Mahoning Matters 19/07/21
The positive effect of caffeine on stamina in athletic performance European Food Agency 21/07/21

Further coverage for PE and academic prowess (PR)
PE Can Promote Academic Success Newsmax 21/07/21

How the COVID-19 delay of the Tokyo Olympics helped some athletes break records
National Post (Canada) 22/07/21
Also in: The World News

Nine rules for a healthy heart Dominion Post New Zealand (print only) 24/07/21

Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin
Kenalog: How the hay fever curing injection works Cosmopolitan 22/07/21 (editor James Cave cited)
Also in: Yahoo Philippines, Head Topics

Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry
Further coverage for early warning signs of stroke (PR)
Are you heading for a stroke? The quiet signs you need to listen to The Telegraph 19/07/21
Also in: Healio

The quiet early signs of dementia – and what you can do about them The Telegraph 22/07/21
Also in: MSN UK + MY + Philippines, xinmsn

INFLUENCE
The BMJ was mentioned twice in Parliament:

Neale Hanvey, Alba MP for Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath, mentioned The BMJ at Government Response to Covid-19: Public Inquiry debate in the House of Commons, 22/07/21

Wera Hobhouse, Liberal Democrat Shadow Leader of the House of Commons and MP for Bath, mentioned The BMJ when talking about climate change at the COP26 Conference Priorities Backbench Business debate in Westminster Hall, 22/07/21