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PRESS RELEASES

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Thorax | Tobacco Control

EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES

The BMJ | Archives of Disease in Childhood
BMJ Open

OTHER COVERAGE

The BMJ | BMJ Case Reports
British Journal of Ophthalmology | British Journal of Sports Medicine
Emergency Medicine Journal

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The BMJ press release coverage

Research: Effects of covid-19 pandemic on life expectancy and premature mortality in 2020: time series analysis in 37 countries (PR)

Covid has caused 28m years of life to be lost, study finds The Guardian 03/11/21
Life expectancy fell sharply in the U.S. last year among high-income countries NBC News 04/11/21
Covid study finds some 28 million extra years of life lost in 2020, with U.S. male life expectancy badly hit Washington Post 04/11/21
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Head to Head: Are vaccine passports and covid passes a valid alternative to lockdown? (PR)

Vaccine passports could save lives and ‘prevent future lockdowns,’ experts write in BMJ The Independent 04/11/21
COVID-19: REACT-1 study shows infections are at highest ever recorded level as researchers warn next 10 days will be ‘critical’ Sky News 05f/11/21

Also in: UK local radio, Southern Daily Echo, SciTechDaily, Science Newsnet

Research: Mapping conflict of interests: scoping review (PR)

Study reveals ‘extensive network’ of industry ties with healthcare Medical Xpress 03/11/21

Rapid Response: A commitment to decarbonise by 2045: an open letter to all NHS suppliers (PR)

BMJ chief wants health at heart of Cop26 and for climate threats to shape medical advice The National 05/11/21
Global NHS Suppliers Pledge to Decarbonise Supply Chain by 2045 Medscape 05/11/21
Also in: MSN Arabia, Complete Nutrition, Daily Mail, LBC, Mirage News, inentertainment

Research: Use of whole genome sequencing to determine genetic basis of suspected mitochondrial disorders: cohort study (External PR)

Whole Genome Sequencing Improves Rare Disease Diagnosis Powdersville Post 06/11/21
Other notable coverage

**The world has recorded 5 million COVID-19 deaths, but the real toll is likely more than double that** ABC News 01/11/21

**What To Do If Your Child Has Eco-Anxiety** (climate change issue) Grazia 02/11/21

**Birmingham midwife 'clinging on' for long Covid recovery** BBC News 03/11/21

**Has the militant Left taken over the British Medical Association?** The Telegraph 05/11/21

**Why getting cold this winter could be the secret to better health** The Telegraph 07/11/21

Feature: **Covid-19: Researcher blows the whistle on data integrity issues in Pfizer’s vaccine trial**

**Whistleblower exposes multiple issues with Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine trial** RT Russia Today 03/11/21

**Company That Managed Pfizer Vaccine Trial Sites ‘Falsified Data’: Whistleblower** The Wire 03/11/21

**Pfizer's vaccine trial questioned over data integrity, regulatory oversight** Xinhua 06/11/21


**JOURNALS**

**BMJ Global Health**

Research: **Economic impacts of overweight and obesity: current and future estimates for eight countries** (PR)

**Obesity impact on GDP set to double globally by 2060 without action** Daily Telegraph 04/11/21

**Obesity costing Saudi Arabia $19 billion per year; Study** Arab News 05/11/21

Also in: Public.co.uk, Today UK News, Britian News, Irish Daily Sun

International

Research: Zinc for the prevention or treatment of acute viral respiratory tract infections in adults: a rapid systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials (PR)

Zinc Supplements Could Be Key To Zapping Your ‘Super Cold’ Huffington Post UK 02/11/21
Zinc could prevent and relieve respiratory tract infections, but questions remain: study CTV News Canada 02/11/21


International
Texas News Today, Gizmodo, UPI, WAPI-AM, Central Queensland Online News, MSN AU, Vietname Explorer, MSN South Africa, GulfToday.ae, Mirage News Australia, Canada News, TechiLive IN, TheWest.com.au, Middle East.in-24, Granthshala, Medical Dialogues India, News Concerns Toronto, Telangana Today, Orissa Post, Dajii World, MENA FN, Prokerala, Dajiworld, Orissa Post, Austin Indian, English Samaylive, MSN Singapore, WebIndia123, Ahmedabad Mirror, KentuckyIndian, Sambad English, Express India, The Indian Express, Newkerala

Medicine & Health
Site, Medically Prime, Pharmacy Times

Other

Research: **National survey of attitudes towards and intentions to vaccinate against COVID-19: implications for communications** (External PR)

Targeted messaging needed to tackle vaccine hesitancy - study Daily Mail 02/11/21
Also in: The Times (Scottish edition), Glasgow Times + widely covered by UK local news, Medical Xpress, Newscaball

**Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry**

Brain imaging techniques top poll of key milestones in a century of neurology (PR, Journal reaches its centenary)

Brain imaging techniques top poll of key milestones in century of neurology Mirage News Australia 05/11/21

The quiet, early signs of dementia and what you can do about them The Daily Telegraph 1/11/21 (Previous PR)
Also in: New York Post

**Thorax**

Research: **SARS-CoV-2 environmental contamination from hospitalised patients with COVID-19 receiving aerosol-generating procedures**

+ Research: Aerosol emission from the respiratory tract: an analysis of aerosol generation from oxygen delivery systems

+ Editorial: Coughs and sneezes spread diseases – but do “aerosol generating” procedures? (PR)

Breathing support methods for Covid patients, such as CPAP machines, does not increase the risk of air or surface contamination with virus particles, two studies find Daily Mail 04/11/21

Non-invasive breathing supports for COVI-19 patients isn’t linked to heightened infection risk, research suggests OnMedica 04/11/21

Around The World, DUK News, Travelguides.buzz, Clinical Services Journal, Univadis, msn.com

Tobacco Control

Research: **Smoking-related cancer death among men and women in an ageing society (China 2020–2040): a population-based modelling study** (PR)

China must move to curb 'rising tide of cancer deaths' from smoking: researchers

South China Morning Post 02/10/21

China tries to kick world's biggest smoking habit

The Times 02/11/21


Archives of Disease in Childhood

There's been a rise in teenage girls developing tics and symptoms of Tourette's syndrome – here's why some doctors think TikTok is to blame

Glamour Magazine 02/11/21

Research: **Should children be vaccinated against COVID-19?** (External PR)

International experts call for a “thorough examination” before vaccinating children under 12 years of age

Dominican Today 05/11/21

Aussie researchers call for caution about vaccinating children for COVID-19

China.org 05/11/21

BMJ Case Reports

Woman infected with Covid-19 suffered severe delirium that caused her to take her clothes off and drink body wash

Daily Mail 03/11/21

Bizarre COVID-19 side effects caused woman to strip naked, drink body wash

New York Post 03/11/21

COVID-19 Side-Effect Leaves Woman In Delirious State; Causes Her To Undress And Drink Soap

International Business Times 04/11/21

Also in: Washington Examiner, Pakistan Defence, IBT Australia, Mirror

Further coverage for CBD oil and tumour shrinkage (PR)

Woman's tumour shrunk after taking CBD oil daily for more than two years: case study

CTV News 05/11/21

Baby born with rare tail gets his 'ball and chain' removed

New York Post 06/11/21

What do doctors mean when they say ‘drink plenty of fluids’?

The Washington Post 05/11/21

BMJ Military Health

Further coverage for bullying and sexual harassment of women in the military (PR)

Emotional bullying, sexual harassment and physical assault of women widespread in military

Outrage Mag 05/11/21

British Journal of Ophthalmology
SIGN S IN THE EYES The Week India 02/11/21 (Previous PR)

Investigators Identify Childhood Myopia as Potential Crisis During COVID-19 American Journal of Managed Care 05/11/21 (Previous PR)

British Journal of Sports Medicine
Rin Kinoshita hopes to reach Olympic podium in skeleton Japan Times 05/11/21
Also in: The Bharat Express
Baby born with rare tail gets his ‘ball and chain’ removed New York Post 06/11/21

Emergency Medicine Journal
Beachgoers in Cumbria warned to stay clear of deadly plants The Guardian 02/11/21

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