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PRESS RELEASES

The BMJ | Archives of Disease in Childhood | BMJ Open | Thorax

EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES

Archives of Disease in Childhood: Fetal & Neonatal edition | BMJ Global Health | BMJ Open Science | Journal of Medical Ethics

OTHER COVERAGE


INFLUENCE

The BMJ press release coverage

Research: Expert elicitation on the relative importance of possible SARS-CoV-2 transmission routes and the effectiveness of mitigations + Analysis: Visualising SARS-CoV-2 transmission routes and mitigations (PR)
DANGER ZONE Try this online tool to work out your risk of catching Covid in daily settings amid Omicron fears The Sun 2/12/2021

New tool helps people decide how best to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 Medical Xpress 1/12/2021


Research: Financial incentives for smoking cessation in pregnancy: multicentre randomised controlled trial + Editorial: Incentives for smoking cessation in pregnancy (PR)

Financial incentives help pregnant women quit smoking HealthEuropa 2/12/2021


Further coverage for public health measures for covid-19 (PR)

Do masks really halve the risk of Covid? A note on the evidence The Spectator 29/11/2021


Further coverage for increase in covid infection risk after second vaccine (PR)

SARS-CoV-2 infection risks increase with time in fully vaccinated adults News Medical.net 1/12/2021


Further coverage for extreme heat and emergency hospital visits (PR)
Further coverage for Pfizer whistleblower investigation
British Medical Journal calls out Scientific Fraud as Covid Researcher blows the Whistle
Indymedia Ireland 29/11/2021

Also in: SGT Report, TFI Post, CauseACTION Clarion News, Bit Chute, USSA News, The Tap, Befour It’s News, Signs of the Times (US), HealthEconomics, LBC

Structured Exercise Aids Recovery From Breast Cancer Surgery The Cardiology Advisor 30/11/2021 (Previous PR)
Also in: Breast Cancer.Org

Further coverage for Covid-19 vaccine trials (PR)
Vaccines Have Not Reduced Excess Mortality At All Independent Sentinel 30/11/2021
Also in: Natural News, Conservative Angle, Newstarget, The Conservative Papers

Genome sequencing for newborns can save lives. Should governments mandate it? Genetic Literacy Project 29/11/2021 (Previous PR)

Other notable coverage
Q&A: New podcast offers ways to reduce medical excess that harms patients, the planet
Healio 30/11/2021
Also in: Scoop.co.nz

World: The impact of childhood malnutrition on mortality from pneumonia: a systematic review and network meta-analysis Nigeria News 1/12/2021
Therapeutic Heparin May Benefit Moderately Ill, Hospitalized Patients With COVID-19 Ash Clinical News 1/12/2021
Powerful England House of Lords Committee Halts Mandatory NHS Vaccination TrialSite News 5/12/2021
Emmeline da Cunha: Remembering Goa’s first female doctor who had a brief but intense medical career Scroll.in 5/12/2021

JOURNALS

Archives of Disease in Childhood

Short report: Why are children with asthma bullied? A risk factor analysis (PR)
Children with well controlled asthma less likely to be bullied/teased by peers Science Magazine 1/12/2021
Asthma control linked to bullying in children, suggests study Nursing Times 02/12/21

Research: **Mental health trajectories in undergraduate students over the first year of university: a longitudinal cohort study** (PR)

**Third of first year university students have moderate to severe depression/anxiety** Science Magazine 1/12/2021

**Striking lecturers 'captured by the hard left'** The Times + Scottish + Irish editions 01/12/2021


**Further coverage for housework link to sharper memory (PR)**

**Housework can lead to sharper memory, better leg strength: Study** New Kerala 30/11/2021


**Further coverage of Zinc might help stave off respiratory infection symptoms (PR)**

**Flu: The popular supplement which can cut your risk by 87 percent** Daily Express 4/12/2021


**High prevalence of psychological distress among healthcare workers during pandemic: study**

Mirage News Australia 29/11/2021

**Nomogram Tool Can Predict Risk of CKD in Patients at High Risk of Developing Cardiovascular Disease** American Journal of Managed Care 1/12/2021

**Also in:** Ramaon Healthcare

**Childhood anemia linked to anemia in pregnancy** Medical Xpress 3/12/2021

**Also in:** News Binding, Tech and Science Post, News Medical, SciDevnet, The Medical Progress, Biz News Post

**Thorax**

Research: **Risk factors for developing COVID-19: a population based longitudinal study (COVIDENCE UK)** (PR)

**People with allergic conditions including hay fever, asthmas eczema have an up to 40% lower risk of COVID-19 infection, study finds** Daily Mail 3/12/2021

**Allergic conditions linked to lower COVID-19 infection risk** Science Magazine 1/12/2021
Allergic people have nearly 40% lower risk of getting COVID-19: study, New York Post 03/12/21


Other

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
Study highlights ‘critical importance’ of full COVID-19 vaccination in RMD patients, Medwire News 30/11/2021

Guselkumab boosts response in resistant psoriatic arthritis, MD Alert 30/11/2021
Also in: Medscape, The Rheumatologist

Archives of Disease in Childhood: Fetal & Neonatal edition
Research: Early versus later initiation of parenteral nutrition for very preterm infants: a propensity score-matched observational study (External PR)
Impact of parenteral nutrition timing in very preterm infants, Univadis 2/12/2021

BMJ Case Reports
Further coverage for plant-based diet and migraines (PR)
Man Reverses 12 Years Of Chronic Migraines, Credits Plant-Based Diet Rich In Dark Leafy Greens, Plant Based News 30/11/2021
Also in: New in 24 English, ArchyNewsy, Complete Nutrition, Easy Branches Network (Netherlands), Player FM

Swim and you are winning: Why taking a wild dip leads to better health, The Sunday Post 03/12/21 (Previous PR)

BMJ Global Health
Further coverage for diet-related illness linked to red meat (PR)
Processed Meat Linked to Rise in Diet-Related Illness, Complete Nutrition 1/12/2021
Also in: Borneo Bulletin

Research: The COVID-19 pandemic and healthcare systems in Africa: a scoping review of preparedness, impact and response (External PR)
African kids among those to miss medical appointments due to COVID, Medical Xpress
Bill to ban sex-selective abortion introduced to NSW Parliament

BMJ Military Health
Women in military face lasting health issues tied to trauma

Armed forces increase female recruitment target after report exposes sexual harassment in the military

BMJ Nutrition, Prevention & Health
Plant-based problem? Vegans and vegetarians with taste for processed products more susceptible to depression – study

Coronavirus: Three nutrient supplements that may supercharge your defences against Covid

BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care
Poor diabetes control increases need for intensive care with Covid-19

BMJ Open Respiratory Research
ICS dose may be risk factor for P. aeruginosa infection in severe COPD

BMJ Open Science
Research: Misinformation: an empirical study with scientists and communicators during the COVID-19 pandemic

'Traitor': the Australian researchers working under the weight of pandemic misinformation

British Journal of Sports Medicine
Early physical activity better after pediatric concussion

Gut
Why Does Coffee Make Me Poop?

Further coverage for distinct gut bacterial profile and IBS (PR)

Complete Nutrition
Heart
Injured Veterans More Likely to Develop Cardiovascular Disease: Study Medscape
29/11/2021
Also in: Cobseo

Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer
Assay Developed for Patient-Specific Monitoring and Treatment for Ovarian Cancer LabMedica International 02/12/21

Journal of Medical Ethics
Feature Article Does Zero-COVID neglect health disparities? (External PR)

Zero-COVID policies reemerge, with cruel inherent biases News Binding 30/11/2021
Also in: UK Today News, Florida News Times, California News Times, Medical Xpress, Before It's News, Mirage News Australia, UW Medicine

Gathered outside Supreme Court, pro-lifers hopeful about Dobbs' outcome Catholic Philly 02/12/21
Also in: LifeNews.com, Conservative Angle, WND, National Catholic Register, Times of News, Catholic Voice

Lupus Science & Medicine
Questionnaire May Facilitate Earlier SLE Diagnosis, Study Suggests American Journal of Managed Care 29/11/2021

RMD Open
Further coverage for colchicine and COVID-19 severity (PR)
Gout Drug Colchicine Won't Help Fight COVID-19 Medically Prime 30/11/2021
Also in: Eminetra, News Navi, Updated News, MedicineNet, MediCircle (IN), Healio

INFLUENCE

The BMJ study on effectiveness of measures to reduce COVID was mentioned by Rosena Allin-Khan Shadow Minister (Mental Health) 29/11/2021 and by Andrew Murrison, Conservative, South West Wiltshire 30/11/2021, both during debates at the House of Commons.

Also mentioned:
Debate at the House of Commons BBC Parliament (skip to 13:05 mins) 30/11/2021
Lord Kamall, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Health and Social Care in the House of Lords debate: Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings) (England) Regulations 1/12/2021

Russell Brand posted a Youtube video (2.65M views) about the Pfizer investigation in which he gives a big thumbs up to The BMJ
https://youtu.be/g-pgpauJ90Y?t=447

The World Economic Forum posted a news story this week about the BMJ Open paper linking housework to improved brain and physical health
https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2021/12/housework-linked-to-sharper-memory-in-older-adults