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The BMJ | BMJ Open
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The BMJ | Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry

OTHER COVERAGE
The BMJ | Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
Archives of Disease in Childhood
BMJ Open | BMJ Quality & Safety
British Journal of Ophthalmology | British Journal of Sports Medicine
General Psychiatry | Gut
Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health
Journal of Medical Ethics | Journal of Medical Genetics
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Thorax | Tobacco Control

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BMJ launches job board for mental health roles InPublishing 18/2/2022

The BMJ press release coverage

Research: Risks of mental health outcomes in people with covid-19: cohort study (PR)
Editorial: Mental health after covid-19 (PR)
Covid survivors are up to 40% more likely to go on to suffer depression and anxiety or misuse drugs, study finds Daily Mail 16/2/2022
COVID-19 patients may have increased risk of developing mental health problems The Japan Times 17/2/2022
Covid patients may have increased risk of developing mental health problems New York Times 17/2/2022


Research: Mortality among US veterans after emergency visits to Veterans Affairs and other hospitals: retrospective cohort study (External PR)
Veterans Transported By Ambulance See Much Higher Survival Rates When Taken To VA Hospitals  Zenger 19/2/2022
Also in: Vida Newspaper

Further coverage for levels of loneliness globally (PR)
Loneliness is a huge problem worldwide  Techzle 14/2/2022

Further coverage for third of older adults develop new conditions after Covid-19 (PR)
Almost One-Third Of Older Adults Develop New Conditions After COVID-19  South Florida Reporter 14/2/2022

Further coverage for undermining of WHO efforts for vaccine manufacturing in Africa(PR)
African Civil Society Slams Moderna Attempt to 'Derail' Vaccine Project  CommonDreams.org 14/2/2022

Further coverage for ketamine for some suicidal patients (PR)
Ketamine No Better Than Placebo for Reducing Suicidal Ideation in Depression  Mad in America 14/2/2022
Also in: MD Alert, Neurology Advisor, Dermatology Advisor

Further coverage for midlife chronic conditions and dementia in later life (PR)
Midlife Chronic Conditions Linked to Increased Dementia Risk Later in Life  Today's Geriatric Medicine 15/2/2022
Also in: Investors Hangout, Healio, Rheumatology Advisor, Everyday Health, Over60Sixty

Further coverage for vitamins and supplements may cut risk of autoimmune disease (PR)
Latest Health News  Health News Report 15/2/2022

Further coverage for BMJ's appeal after Facebook fails to act over “fact check” (PR)
The British Medical Journal Story That Exposed Politicized “Fact-Checking”  Transcend Media Service 14/2/2022

Further coverage for Pfizer whistleblower investigation (PR)
EXCLUSIVE: Pfizer Trial Whistleblower Presses Forward With Lawsuit Without US Government’s Help  The Epoch Times 14/2/2022

Other notable coverage
BBC Radio 4 (skip to 7:47 mins) mention of previous BMJ research on British MPs reporting suboptimal mental health and mental ill health

Channel 4 Gemma Collins: Self-harm & Me (skip to 21:09 mins) on BMJ reports of rising self harm cases

BBC Cambridgeshire (skip to 14:28 mins) on BMJ article on women doing three times more domestic and care work than men

Half of Negative Clinical Trial Results on Antidepressants Were Not Published or Were Spun as Positive, Researchers Find Fox 16/2/2022 mentioning recent editorial comments from Kamran Abbasi about suppression of clinical trial results

Also in: EIN News, US Politics Today, WICZ-TV, News Channel Nebraska

Covid testing: Scrapping ‘gold standard’ ONS infection survey will leave UK ‘flying blind’, scientists warn i news 17/2/2022

Also in: MSN UK

**JOURNALS**

**BMJ Open**

Research: Association between pharmaceutical modulation of oestrogen in postmenopausal women in Sweden and death due to COVID-19: a cohort study (PR)

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Revealed: How HRT may prevent you from dying of Covid Daily Telegraph 15/2/2022

Women Seem to Have Better COVID-19 Outcomes Than Men. Here's a Theory Why TIME 18/02/22

Female hormone may protect women from serious COVID-19-related disease: study Xinhua 18/02/22


**Childhood Trauma May Influence COVID Vaccine Hesitancy** Verywell Health 14/02/22
(Previous PR)
Also in: Moms

**John Ioannadis used the Kardashian Index to attack critics of the Great Barrington Declaration** Science Based Medicine 14/02/22

**Up to third of children in UK drink energy drinks weekly** Mirage News Australia 16/2/2022
(Previous PR)
Also in: i newspaper, Vietnam Explorer, India Education Diary, MyScience

**Are you avoiding sleep? You might be experiencing revenge bedtime procrastination** Lifestyle Asia Hong Kong 18/02/22
Also in: Vietnam Explorer, MSN India, Lifestyle Asia India

**Evidence-Based Mental Health**

**Research:** [Risk of psychosis in illicit amphetamine users: a 10 year retrospective cohort study](#) (PR)

Users of rave drug speed are FIVE times more likely to suffer from psychosis at some point in their life, study finds Daily Mail 14/2/2022
Study finds increased risk of psychosis in illicit amphetamine users News Medical 15/2/2022
People who abuse amphetamines have a higher risk for psychosis UPi 15/2/2022

Heart

Research: Association of physical activity trajectories with major cardiovascular diseases in elderly people (PR)
Editorial: Physical activity in older people: better late than never, but better early than late (PR)

Twenty minutes of daily exercise may cut heart disease risk in over-70s

The Guardian
14/2/2022
HEARTY STROLL Taking a 20-minute walk each day could halve risk of heart problems for over-70s, study finds The Sun + Scottish + US editions 14/2/2022

20 minutes of daily exercise in 70s may prevent heart disease later: Study Times of India
15/02/22


Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
**Tofacitinib May Increase Risk for Cardiovascular Outcomes in Patients With RA With CV Risk Factors or History of CVD** Endocrinology Advisor 14/2/2022

Patients Interrupting DMARD Use Well Into the COVID-19 Pandemic Medscape 17/02/22
Also in: MDEdge, Healio

Archives of Disease in Childhood
**Kids’ health and development hit by pandemic lockdowns, say paediatricians** Sydney Morning Herald 18/02/22 (Flagged)

BMJ Quality & Safety
**A New Era: The Pros and Cons of ePMA Systems in Practice in the NHS** Medscape 15/02/22

British Journal of Ophthalmology
**Retinal age gap linked with mortality** NZ Optics (Previous PR)

British Journal of Sports Medicine
**Reports of Sudden Deaths Among Athletes After COVID-19 Vax are ‘Misinformation’** TCTMD 14/02/22 (Jon Drezner quoted)

Further coverage for exercise may boost impact of pre-surgical chemo (PR)
**Exercise during chemotherapy shrinks tumours** Leisure Opportunities 14/2/2022
Also in: Leisureweek, Healthclub Management, Code List

Are we all addicted to sugar? The Week UK 18/02/22

Best walking shoes for women to buy in Australia in 2022 News.com.au 19/02/22

Concussion in rugby: Professional game is setting a bad example for everyone else The Sunday Times 20/02/22 (Print only) + Irish, Northern Irish, Scottish editions

General Psychiatry
**Fifty something burnout: Are you on the brink?** The Times 19/02/22 (Previous PR) (Print only) + Irish edition

Gut
**Gut Microbiome May Hold the Key to Understanding “Long-Haul COVID”** Rheumatology Advisor 14/2/2022 (Previous PR)
Also in: Inverse

**Antibiotics Likely Putting Young People At Greater Risk Of Developing Colon Cancer: Study**
TheHealthSite 15/02/22 (Previous PR)

**Easily-Accessible Over-The-Counter Drug Reduces COVID-19 Symptoms, Suggests Study**
IFLScience 17/02/22 (Previous PR)
Also in: MDAlert, World News, Times of News Bangladesh, Daily Star, ARY Digital, Medscape, Pakistan Post, MarketScreener, M2 Pharma, Dhaka Tribune, Clinician Reviews

**Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health**
**Divorced Dads Statistics that the System Helps Create** HealthNews Digest 16/02/22 (Previous PR)

**Journal of Investigative Medicine**
**Antihistamines to treat long COVID: What you need to know** LiveScience 16/02/22
Also in: Prevention.com, KRTV, MSN South Africa, Verve Times, Medical Dialogues India, CNET, MSN Philippines, Remo News

**Journal of Medical Ethics**
**9 evil medical experiments** Live Science 17/02/22
Also in: The Salon

**Covid-19: Are NZ's vaccine mandates justified in the age of Omicron?** Stuff.co.nz 18/02/22 (Previous PR)

**Journal of Medical Genetics**
**Surprising discovery about genetic form of microcephaly has potential to inform treatment strategies** News-Medical.net 14/02/22
Also in: Darik News

**Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry**

**Research:** [**Acute ischaemic stroke associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection in North America**](https://doi.org/10.1136/jnnp-2021-385297) (External PR)

**Poor outcomes common with COVID-19, acute ischemic stroke** McKnight’s Senior Living 18/2/2022
Also in: WISC-TV, News+ Membership, Vancouver Sun, Bismarck Tribune, plus extensive local US media coverage, Drugs.com, Healthgrades, Physician’s Weekly, HealthDay, TimesNews.net, Medical Brief South Africa, Physician’s Briefing, MENA Star, MSN Philippines

**Occupational & Environmental Medicine**
**Exposure to Low Levels of Air Pollution Increases COVID-19 Risk** Advancing Earth and Space Science 16/02/22 (Previous PR)

**Thorax**
**Further coverage for dry powder inhaler use can halve carbon footprint (PR)**
Switching asthma patients to dry powder inhaler is ‘greener option’ Nursing Times 18/2/2022
**Tobacco Control**
*Further coverage for effectiveness of e-cigarettes questioned (PR)*

Electronic cigarettes do little to help quit smoking. Better gum and nicotine patch. ORDO News 14/2/2022

**Also in:** OverSixty + local Australian media, Clinical Services Journal

**INFLUENCE**

*Frontline Gastroenterology* research cited by the American Institute for Economic Research in *The Hepatological Toll of NPIs Surfaces*