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PRESS RELEASES

The BMJ | Thorax | Tobacco Control
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EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES

BMJ Open | British Journal of Sports Medicine
Gut | Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer
Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry

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Journal of Investigative Medicine | Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry
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INFLUENCE

The BMJ press release coverage

Research: The prevalence of loneliness across 113 countries: systematic review and meta-analysis (PR)
Editorial: We need a public health approach to loneliness (PR)

Analysis reveals the prevalence of loneliness at a problematic level in 113 countries News Medical 10/2/2022
Loneliness should be a political priority, says public health expert The Irish Times 9/2/2022


Research: Risk of persistent and new clinical sequelae among adults aged 65 years and older during the post-acute phase of SARS-CoV-2 infection: retrospective cohort study (PR)

Almost 1 in 3 older adults develop new conditions after COVID-19 infection Medical Xpress 9/2/2022
Over 30% of older adults develop new condition after COVID infection Health Europa 10/2/2022
Also in: UK Today News, Sky News, DT Next, Industrial News, MD Alert, Yahoo Finance


Infectious Disease Advisor, NursingCenter, Pulmonology Advisor, McKnight’s Senior Living, Endocrinology Advisor, The Health Site, SciTechDaily, FocusTechnica, ArchyNewsy, Biz News Post, Medically Prime, Compsmag, Newszcf.com, News Break, Write Caliber

Opinion: *The UK is an international outlier in its approach to covid in children* (PR)

*UK is ‘international outlier’ in its approach to COVID in children, argue experts* Biz News Post 9/2/2022
*Also in: Radio Carmarthenshire* (skip to 6:00 mins) plus other local radio coverage, UK Today News, Open Access Government, California News Times, Florida News Times, Awesome Capital

Investigation: *Covid-19: WHO efforts to bring vaccine manufacturing to Africa are undermined by the drug industry, documents show* (PR)

*Investigation reveals how BioNTech undermined SA-based WHO vaccine hub for Africa* Sunday Times Daily (South Africa) 10/2/2022
*BioNTech advocate accused of undermining WHO's African mRNA production campaign: report* Fierce Pharma 9/2/2022

*Further coverage for ketamine for some suicidal patients* (PR)
*Ketamine May Be Emergency Deterrent for People at Risk of Suicide* Weekly Sauce 7/2/2022

*Further coverage for midlife chronic conditions and dementia in later life* (PR)
*Loneliness associated with increased risk of dementia in older adults UK* Today News 7/2/2022
*Also in: MailOnline, Medical News Today, Someone Somewhere, NewKerala.com, MediCircle (IN), Denison Bulletin, Big Country News, McKnight’s Senior Living, Tracy Press, IMPACT, Physician’s Briefing, Manchester Times, The Best Times, WISC-TV, QC Times plus extensive local media coverage, Physician’s Weekly, Drugs.com, MedicalBrief South Africa, MSN Health CA, MSN Arabia, Psychiatry Advisor, Genetic Literacy Project, Health Medicine Network

*Further coverage for data on menstrual changes after Covid-19 vaccination* (PR)
*Possible link between Covid vaccines and menstrual disorders prompts investigation* News Sniffer 13/2/2022
*Also in: Insider Voice, European Union Times, UK Today News

*Further coverage for vitamins and supplements may cut risk of autoimmune disease* (PR)
Vitamin D supplements may have a protective effect on the immune system


Further coverage for physical activity monitors help boost activity levels (PR)
Physical activity monitors may boost activity levels in adults: review

Also in: Medscape

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”


Further coverage for call for Covid-19 vaccine and treatment data to be made public (PR)
FDA deletes, then restores data showing increased heart inflammation for young men after Moderna shot

Also in: Organic Consumers

Research: App based education programme to reduce salt intake (AppSalt) in schoolchildren and their families in China: parallel, cluster randomised controlled trial (External PR)

New research shows kids can help families cut salt consumption

Also in: Postin Trend, Medical Xpress, News Break

Other notable coverage
Joe Rogan is a drop in the Ocean of Medical Misinformation - New York Times
(includes link to The BMJ Opinion on living guidelines)

JOURNALS

Archives of Disease in Childhood


Research Definition for ‘Long COVID’ in Children and Young People Agreed

Long Covid in children: Medical experts agree first ‘consistent’ definition

How do I know if my child has ‘long COVID’?

Also in: UK Today News, MSN UK, i newspaper, Yahoo UK, BBC Radio Four (Today
BMJ Open

Research: *Consumption and effects of caffeinated energy drinks in young people: an overview of systematic reviews and secondary analysis of UK data to inform policy* (PR)

Worrying numbers of older children having energy drinks regularly BBC News 8/2/2022

A THIRD of British children consume at least one energy drink a week, Government-funded study finds Daily Mail 8/2/2022

Is consuming energy drinks regularly good for health? Study finds association with health and behavioural issues Hindustan Times 09/02/22


Research: **Type 2 diabetes in Scottish military veterans: a retrospective cohort study** (External PR)

[Diabetes Risk For PTSD Veterans](https://myScience) 8/2/2022

**Also in:** India Education Diary, Deadline News

Rootine uses your DNA to build a personalized multivitamin  New York Post 11/02/22

Herbal Products for IBS; Liver Transplant, Diabetes, and Cancer; IBD Work Impairment MedPage Today 11/02/22

Thorax

Research: **Effects of switching from a metered dose inhaler to a dry powder inhaler on climate emissions and asthma control: post-hoc analysis** (PR)

**Podcast:** Better asthma control, half of the carbon footprint with climate-friendly inhalers (PR)

Switching from metered-dose inhaler to a dry powder reduces carbon footprint of asthma treatment News Medical 6/2/2022

Why switching asthma inhaler could be better for you and the planet BBC News 06/02/22


Tobacco Control

Research: **Effectiveness of e-cigarettes as aids for smoking cessation: evidence from the PATH Study cohort, 2017–2019** (PR)

E-cigarettes are NO more effective at helping smokers quit than going cold turkey, study reveals Daily Mail 7/2/2022

E-cigarettes were less effective than gum and other nicotine replacement aids, study says CNN 7/2/2022

E-cigarettes linked to fewer successful quitters than other smoking cessation aids MediCircle (IN) 11/2/2022

**Also in:** UK Today News, DUK News, Today Headline

Report, Philly Voice, COSMOS Magazine, American Council on Science and Health, Madison.com, Tulsa World, 7News.au


**Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases**
*What Is the Connection with Autoimmune Diseases?* People’s Pharmacy 10/2/2022

**BMJ Global Health**
*Further coverage for healthcare costs of FGM set to double by 2047 (PR)*
*Female genital mutilation brings high economic burden* MDEdge 7/2/2022

**Double Agents In Global Health** Forbes 6/2/2022

**BMJ Military Health**
*Research highlights the prevalence of mental health disorders in military veterans* In Your Area 9/2/2022

**BMJ Open Respiratory Research**
*How Does COVID-19 Affect People With Asthma Over the Long Term?* Pulmonology Advisor 8/2/2022

**British Journal of Ophthalmology**
*Is Metformin related to macular degeneration in diabetes patients* Medical Dialogues India 12/0/22

**British Journal of Sports Medicine**

**Research:** Small steps, strong shield: directly measured, moderate physical activity in 65 361 adults is associated with significant protective effects from severe COVID-19 outcomes (External PR)

**Study:** Regular exercise can prevent death from COVID-19 by up to 42% MarketScreener 10/2/2022

**Further coverage for exercise may boost impact of pre-surgical chemo (PR)**
Can moderate exercise program improve cancer treatment outcomes? Here's what study says Hindustan Times 07/02/22

**Also in:** The Sunday Post, India.com, MSN India, 1stnews, Centre for Public Health, India News Republic, IBNLive, Bangladesh NewsTimes, MSN Health CA, Global Advisors, MSN India, NewKerala.com, Thespuzz, TechiLive, Cancer Therapy Advisor, The Star (Malaysia), South London Press, The Financial Express, ANI News, Knowledia News, Asian Voice, Eminetra, Business Breaking News

Policy changes needed to better support pregnant elite female athletes, say researchers
The radical new approach to beating back pain  The Times (Weekend) 12/02/22

Gut


Famotidine (Pepcid) Clinical Trial Shows Reduction in COVID-19 Symptoms  businesswire
10/2/2022
After hopeful early signs, study of popular heartburn drug shows mixed results against Covid-19 CNN 11/2/2022


Further coverage for gut microbiome may be linked to long Covid risk (PR)
How Your Gut Might Affect “Long COVID” Risk  DrWeil 10/2/2022
Also in: Inverse, MSN India, The Indian Express

Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer

Research: Anti-CCR4 treatment depletes regulatory T cells and leads to clinical activity in a canine model of advanced prostate cancer (External PR)

Study on pet dogs offers hope for prostate cancer sufferers  The Times 7/2/2022

Research: Rationally targeted anti-VISTA antibody that blockades the C-C’ loop region can reverse VISTA immune suppression and remodel the immune microenvironment to potently inhibit tumor growth in an Fc independent manner (External PR)

Hummingbird Bioscience Publishes Preclinical Data Demonstrating Therapeutic Potential of HMBD-002 in VISTA-expressing Cancers  Next Wave Group 8/2/2022
Research: **Germline biomarkers predict toxicity to anti-PD1/PDL1 checkpoint therapy** (External PR)

**Germline Mutations Predict Toxicity to Checkpoint Inhibitors** Inside Precision Medicine 9/2/2022

**Also in:** Medical Laboratory Observer

**Journal of Investigative Medicine**

Research: **Long COVID following mild SARS-CoV-2 infection: characteristic T cell alterations and response to antihistamines** (External PR)

**UCI case report suggests antihistamines may provide relief for long COVID sufferers** LA Times 09/02/22


**Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry**

**Amyloid-Beta Vaccine; Paradoxical Kinesia in Parkinson's; Genetic Migraine Risks** MedPage Today 08/02/22

**Stroke: 'Tell-tale signs' of an impending stroke up to 10 years in advance – BMJ** Daily Express 10/02/22 (Previous PR)

**Research: Acute ischaemic stroke associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection in North America** (External PR)

**Strokes Triggered by COVID-19 Could Be More Disabling** IMPACT 9/2/2022


**INFLUENCE**

Baroness Chakrabarti mentioned **The BMJ** in a House of Lords debate on the Health and Care Bill 9 Feb 2022: “Open licensing would allow production in a competitive generic market, bringing down the price of medicines. A study published in the BMJ showed how the price of oncology drugs could decrease by between 75% and 90%.”

Margaret Ferrier mentioned **The BMJ** in a House of Commons debate on Dementia Research in the UK 10 Feb 2022. “New research from University College London and the
University of Paris, published in The BMJ in December, found that those with two or more chronic health problems in middle age are more than twice as likely to develop dementia. That research was based on a long-term clinical trial showing how progress can be made if the resources are available."