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PRESS RELEASES

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

EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES

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

OTHER COVERAGE

The BMJ | Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
BMJ Global Health | BMJ Military Health
BMJ Open Respiratory Research | BMJ Quality & Safety
British Journal of Ophthalmology | British Journal of Sports Medicine
Emergency Medicine Journal
Gut | Heart | Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer
Journal of Investigative Medicine | Journal of Medical Ethics
Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry

INFLUENCE

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USACO to remain exclusive agent for BMJ’s resources across Japan  Knowledgespeak 07/02/22

The BMJ press release coverage

Research: The prevalence of loneliness across 113 countries: systematic review and
**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


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
Inverse 7/2/2022

Further coverage for physical activity monitors help boost activity levels (PR)
Physical-activity monitors may boost activity levels in adults: review MDAlert 8/2/2022
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” Russia News Now 7/2/2022

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 LifeSiteNews 7/2/2022
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 Tech and Science Post 11/2/2022
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 8/2/2022
(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 Medscape 8/2/2022
Long Covid in children: Medical experts agree first ‘consistent’ definition The Herald Scotland 8/2/2022
How do I know if my child has ‘long COVID’? CGTN News (China) 11/02/22

Also in: UK Today News, MSN UK, i newspaper, Yahoo UK, BBC Radio Four (Today
Worrying numbers of older children having energy drinks regularly

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**

**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

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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**


Ingredients First, Report Door, 247newsbulletin, Head Topics, News24, Infosurhoy, DPB News, INS News, Newsfounded

These are the self-care trends on the rise for 2022  Glamour South Africa 07/02/22
Also in: IOL South Africa

The new cancer hotline that could be the answer to the GP appointment crisis  HeadTopics
UK 07/02/22 (Previous PR)

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

Diabetes Risk For PTSD Veterans  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
Also in: UK Today News, DUK News, Today Headline


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
Also in: ObGyn News

Double Agents In Global Health Forbes 6/2/2022
Also in: Business Breaking News

Practice: Finding the facts in an infodemic: Framing effective COVID-19 messages to connect people to authoritative content (External PR)

No coverage

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

BMJ Quality & Safety
The new cancer hotline that could be the answer to the GP appointment crisis HeadTopics UK 07/02/22 (Previous PR)

How the Covid surgery backlog could leave some patients addicted to opioids Daily Express 08/02/22 (print only)
Also in: Health medicine.net
British Journal of Ophthalmology
Your biological age as seen through your retina  ABC 07/02/22 (Previous PR)

Clinically Significant Cataract Linked to Increased Risk of Vascular Death Today’s Geriatric Medicine 08/02/22 (Previous PR)

Is Metformin related to macular degeneration in diabetes patients  Medical Dialogues India 12/02/22

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

Policy changes needed to better support pregnant elite female athletes, say researchers  Medical Xpress 11/02/22

The radical new approach to beating back pain  The Times (Weekend) 12/02/22

Emergency Medicine Journal
Hundreds died while waiting for beds in NI hospitals  Belfast Telegraph 07/02/22 (Previous PR)

Gut

Research: Oral famotidine versus placebo in non-hospitalised patients with COVID-19: a randomised, double-blind, data-intense, phase 2 clinical trial (External PR)

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

Heart
Let's Talk About the Mediterranean Diet HealthCentral 07/02/22 (Previous PR)

Doing These 4 Simple Things Before Bed Can Lower Your Risk of Heart Disease Woman's World 08/02/22

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 Medical Ethics
Bioethicist: Transgender Children Should Decide Whether to Transition  
National Review 10/02/22

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.”