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BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine
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OTHER COVERAGE

The BMJ | BMJ Open
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INFLUENCE

The BMJ press release coverage

Research: Clinical severity of, and effectiveness of mRNA vaccines against, covid-19 associated with omicron, delta, and alpha SARS-CoV-2 variants in the United States: prospective observational study (PR)
Covid booster: 10 million Britons missing third jabs as study shows Omicron needs three shots for protection

Third vaccine dose critical for protecting populations against omicron variant

Third COVID-19 vaccine ‘essential’ to protect against omicron


Research: Alternative to prophylactic antibiotics for the treatment of recurrent urinary tract infections in women: multicentre, open label, randomised, non-inferiority trial (PR)

Editorial: Methenamine hippurate for recurrent urinary tract infections (PR)

Recurring UTIs may be prevented with an antiseptic drug

Antiseptic drug is as good as antibiotics for preventing recurrent UTI: Study

Antiseptic drug found to be as effective as antibiotics for UTI prevention in women


Further coverage for extra covid-19 vaccine doses for immunocompromised patients (PR)

New data on COVID-19 vaccines' effectiveness against omicron, among
immunocompromised American College of Physicians 8/3/2022

Other notable coverage

Interview with Peter Doshi, Senior Editor at The BMJ “Declaring the end of the pandemic will be up to societies and not to metrics” Folha de S. Paulo 4/3/2022
Statins side effects: The 'disease' that may come about from taking the medicine Daily Express 8/3/2022
First Look at Newly Released Pfizer Docs Part 1: Case Report Errors and Anomalies Trial Site News 7/3/2022 (Previous PR)
Also in: The Burning Platform, Russia News Now, Newstarget, NaturalNews, USSA News
BBC Gloucester (skip to 11:26 mins) on a BMJ report on GP consultation rates being a third lower for men than women
The hidden dangers lurking in your kitchen BBC News 8/3/2022
COVID-19 takes a heavy toll on women’s health The World News 7/3/2022
Also in: The Herald (Harare)
Folding NHS Digital into NHS England a 'significant retrograde step' for citizens and their health data 24HTECH 7/3/2022
Also in: Vietnam Explorer, The Tech Street, diginomica
HEART BROKEN NHS calculator reveals WHEN you're likely to suffer heart attack and stroke The Sun + Scottish and US editions 8/3/2022
Also in: Hot Lifestyle News
Putin's 'funny walk' is not Parkinson's but a sign of his KGB killer instincts - expert Daily Star 9/3/2022
Also in: Vietnam Explorer, UK Time News, Techno Trenz, MEAWW, News Archives USA, Opera News Kenya
Targeted distribution of Covid vaccine better: Study New Indian Express 11/3/2022
A New Way to Cut Your Risk of Autoimmune Illness Psychology Today 10/3/2022 (Previous PR)
Also in: PsyBlog
Smoking and pregnancy: financial incentives can double abstinence rates Global Advisors 10/3/2022 (Previous PR)
Also in: The Conversation UK, ForeignAffairs, MENAFN, Vietnam Explorer, Econotimes, UK Today News, Medical Xpress
COVID-19 has impacted mental health, well-being The Star News 8/3/2022 (Previous PR)
Also in: News Break, 24HTECH, Biz News Post, SciTechDaily, Vietnam Explorer, FocusTechnica
Line of Duty reunion: Creator Jed Mercurio's path to success The Herald (Glasgow) 12/3/2022
Also in: Greenock Telegraph, South Wales Argus plus extensive local media coverage
Times Radio (skip to 9:44 mins) 12/3/2022 on The rupture of anonymity for sperm donors—a tangled web of conflicting rights BMJ Opinion piece
Rare good news about the refusal to boycott the publications of Russian scientists zakon.ru 12/3/2022
GPs urged to prescribe music for dementia as it is 'more cost-effective than medication' Daily Telegraph 13/3/2022

JOURNALS

BMJ Open
Research: **Understanding ethnic inequalities in stillbirth rates: a UK population-based cohort study** (PR)

**UK stillbirth rate more than double for ethnic minority groups** Health Europa 9/3/2022

**Stillbirth rates double for some ethnic minorities in the UK** Open Access Government 10/3/2022

**Also in:** UK Today News, Belfast Telegraph, Medical Xpress, OnMedica

**Father whose son, 25, took his own life after downing 15 cans of energy drinks a day while battling depression warns they're 'as powerful an addiction as crack' as he calls for a total ban** Daily Mail 7/3/2022 (Previous PR)

**Also in:** The Sun + Scottish, Irish and US editions, DUK News, GB News (skip to 16:56 mins), Mogaz News, Diathub, Internewscast, Express Digest, Sport Sugar, The World News, Hull Daily Mail

**Happy Retirement Living Requires These 5 Traits** Biz Post 8/3/2022

**Also in:** News Navi, Entrepreneur Online, UK Today News, Value Walk, MarketBeat.com, News Nation USA, WKRB News, Honest Columnist

**Shining a Light on Suicide Risk for Wildland Firefighters** Inside Climate News 8/3/2022

**We must consider the best interests of our children in the regulation and control of e-cigarettes** Daily Maverick (South Africa) 10/3/2022 misattrib The BMJ

**Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation Promising Pai Relief Option For Adults** Medical Dialogues 14/3/2022

**Gut**

Research: **A faecal microbiota signature with high specificity for pancreatic cancer**

**Commentary: Finding clues in unexpected places: detection of pancreatic cancer through the faecal microbiome** (PR)

**Stool tests might help spot early pancreatic cancer** BBC News 9/3/2022

**TESTING TIMES New quick and easy test can detect deadliest cancer, scientists discover** The Sun + Scottish, Irish + US editions 9/3/2022

**Can a Stool Test Spot Pancreatic Cancer?** MedicineNet 10/3/2022
Also in: BBC Leeds (skip to 4:02 mins) plus extensive BBC local radio coverage, Sky News, Yahoo UK, The Sunday Post, Jersey Evening Post, Manchester Evening News + extensive local media coverage, BBC Radio 4 Today Programme (skip to 8:07 mins), BBC Radio 2 (skip to 7:03 mins), Jazz FM, Coast FM, Today News Post, Heart Digital, Daily Express, Daily Mail, Wales Online, National Scot, The National (Wales), Herald Scotland, Belfast Telegraph, Ireland Live


The Best Foods For Gut Health You Should Be Eating Health Digest 7/3/2022

Occupational & Environmental Medicine

Systematic review: Neurocognitive impairment in night and shift workers: a meta-analysis of observational studies (PR)

Shift work 'bad for the brain' as 9 to 5 workers have better memory and attention span i News 8/3/2022
Shift work linked with memory, brain function problems, study finds UPI 8/3/2022
Shift work linked to impaired higher brain function, suggests study Nursing Times 9/3/2022

Also in: UK Today News, Daily Mail, Scottish Sun, Gujarat Varta, Odisha Post, Indian Economic Observer, India News Network, webindia123.com, Lokmat Times, Himachal Patrika, Maharashtra Samachar plus extensive local India media coverage, Mirage News Australia, News.am (Turkey), Network Ten, Techlive (IN), ANI News, Medical Dialogues India, ThePrint (IN), Hindustan Times


Research: Sexual and gender harassment and use of psychotropic medication among Swedish workers: a prospective cohort study (External PR)

Higher risk of psychotropic medication after sexual harassment in workplace Mirage News 08/03/22

Also in: Phys.org, The National Tribune, Scienmag, 24HTECH, Phys.org, Knowledia News
Ways Air Pollution Can Affect Your Health  Health Digest 10/3/2022

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
COVID Vax Effectiveness Quantified in Immunosuppressed Patients  Medscape 11/03/22

BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

Research: Using absolute risk reduction to guide the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines (External PR)

Researchers find equitable COVID-19 vaccine distribution can target risks in different geographical areas  Medical Xpress 9/3/2022
Also in: UK Today News

This study argues this is the surprising food you must cut out to fight heart disease  VN Explorer 7/3/2022

Combined Beta-Agonist/Steroid Inhaler Helps Control Mild Asthma in Adults; Data on Children, FDA Approval Still Needed  Medscape 11/3/2022
Also in: Biz News Post

BMJ Global Health

Agility with an eye on the future  South Africa Today 9/3/2022 (Previous PR)

Doctors warn that smoking increases the risk of “long covid” severe death begging for an opportunity to quit  News Directory3 8/3/2022

Ethiopian region ravaged by HIV, malaria and TB  The East African (Kenya) 08/03/22

Focusing Cancer Resources After the Pandemic: Best Practices  Medscape 11/03/22

BMJ Leader

Covid-19 support programme ‘improved confidence’ of nurse leaders  Nursing Times 08/03/22

BMJ Neurology Open

Also in: Yahoo Singapore, The Observer News Enterprise, Yahoo Finance, Markets Financial Content, Morningstar plus extensive business and financial media coverage, Toronto Sun

BMJ Quality & Safety

Documentaries About Chronic Illness to Watch With Friends  HealthCentral 13/3/2022

British Journal of Ophthalmology

'Awareness key to preventing glaucoma'  Asian Age 13/3/2022

British Journal of Sports Medicine

Further coverage for 30-60 mins of weekly muscle-strengthening activity (PR)
Strength Training 30 To 60 Minutes A Week May Help You Live Longer, Studies Say
Forbes 07/03/22

Further coverage for BJSM retracts editorial written by former editor (PR)
How a plagiarism problem has started to shift rugby’s concussion protocols, The Guardian 09/03/22
Sports concussion expert who resigned amid plagiarism claims accused of copying more articles, The Guardian 11/03/22


Cardiorespiratory fitness may have an inverse dose-response relationship with adverse outcomes, Physician’s Weekly 09/03/22
Also in: 2Minute Medicine

Great news for recreational runners as a new study reveals that running does not harm knee joints or lead to osteoarthritis, MSN Lifestyle 11/3/2022
Also in: Runner’s World (UK)

Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin
Why the Mental Health Crisis Needs Behavioral Solutions, Psychology Today 7/3/2022 (Previous PR)

Heart
Further coverage for daily exercise preventing heart disease in later life (PR)
Daily exercise for 20 mins might reduce CV risk & mortality, Medical Dialogues 8/3/2022
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Doing this soothing activity every day could lower your risk for strokes, VN Explorer 8/3/2022 (Previous PR)

Here’s the exact sweet spot for the amount of sleep that protects your heart (naps included), VN Explorer 7/3/2022 (Previous PR)

Opinion: As a child of war, I know what the Ukrainians are going through, CNN International 13/3/2022

Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer
Research: **Phase I/II study of the LAG-3 inhibitor ieramilimab (LAG525) ± anti-PD-1 spartalizumab (PDR001) in patients with advanced malignancies** (External PR)

Study targets immunosuppressive receptor to overcome resistance in advanced cancers
Mirage News Australia 9/3/2022
**Also in:** Scienmag, Newswire, Conquest

**Why studying the health of our pet dogs could help us humans ward off old age** Mail+ 8/3/2022
**Also in:** Sound Health and Lasting Wealth, Express Digest, Health.10ztalk, Daily Mail, UK Today News, The News Amed

**Cullinan Oncology to Present Data Demonstrating Breadth and Progress of Its Immuno-Oncology Portfolio at AACR 2022** wallstreet.online 8/3/2022
**Also in:** TMCnet, Stockwatch, Morningstar, Benzinga, GlobeNewswire, MarketScreener plus extensive business and financial media coverage, Pharmaceutical Daily

**Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health**
*Your first job can have a profoundly detrimental effect on heart health* VN Explorer 7/3/2022 (Previous PR)

**Prolonged sitting estimated to kill 70,000 in the UK a year** VN Explorer 8/3/2022

**Nearly a THIRD of 20-34 year-olds are living with parents as 'boomerang kid' numbers increase by 24 percent since 2012, as number of people living alone increases by 8.3 percent in a decade** Daily Mail 9/3/2022
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**Journal of Investigative Medicine**
*Long COVID: What to Know About the Lingering Illness* CNET 9/3/2022
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*Migraines: The ongoing search for an illness that was studied as far back as Ancient Greece* El Pais (English) 08/03/22
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**Cerebrospinal Fluid Biomarkers Needed for Better ALS Treatments** MD Alert 7/3/2022

**Open Heart**
*What your resting heart rate reveals about your longevity* VN Explorer 7/3/2022 (Previous PR)

**Daylight saving time: How 'springing forward' affects your mind and body** Yahoo UK 12/3/2022
**Also in:** BuzzFeed News, DNyuz, AOL

**Regional Anesthesia & Pain Medicine**
*Many US Adults Receive Opioids and Dual Anxiolytic/Sedative* Renal & Urology News 11/3/2022 (Previous PR)
**Thorax**
*Can Alternative Medicine Help People With Asthma?* TechnoCodex 11/3/2022

**Also in:** Samachar Central, TIME, Health and Beauty News, Easy Branches World News, World Publishers News, The World News

**Tobacco Control**
*We should do anything to stop people smoking – including e-cig licences* Newscabal
6/3/2022

**Also in:** Daily Mirror

*Introduce price cap on cigarettes to reduce smoking, new study finds* UK Today News
10/3/2022

*Vapril 2022, Vaping in Wales, Ireland & Scotland & Loads More Vape News!* Ecigclick
11/3/2022

**Trauma Surgery & Acute Care Open**
*Further coverage for firearms overtake car crashes as main cause of US trauma deaths (PR)*

*Firearm Violence Called Leading Cause of ‘Years of Potential Life Lost’* The Crime Report
7/3/2022

**Also in:** Bearing Arms, Infectious Disease Advisor, Exclusive Global News

**INFLUENCE**

Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London, mentions an article in *The BMJ* in response to a question about effectiveness of masks against covid-19 10/3/2022