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**PRESS RELEASES**

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**EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES**

**BMJ Open General Psychiatry**  
**Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer**

**OTHER COVERAGE**

**The BMJ | Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases**  
**BMJ Global Health | BMJ Nutrition, Prevention & Health**  
**BMJ Open | BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care**  
**BMJ Open Gastroenterology**  
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**Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry**  
**Practical Neurology | Sexually Transmitted Infections**  
**Tobacco Control**

**INFLUENCE**

**The BMJ press release coverage**

*Further coverage for sugary drinks and type 2 diabetes (PR)*
Swapping sugary drinks for coffee, tea or water linked to fewer deaths in adults with diabetes
Medical Dialogues 24/4/23

Further coverage for sciatica treatments (PR)
Is Surgery for Sciatica Really Worth It? Thehealthcast.com 24/4/23

Other notable coverage

*Revealed: The everyday foods that you’d never guess are packed with ultra processed ingredients* Daily Mail 24/4/23 (Previous PR)
*Can magic mushrooms really cure depression?* (ref to 2010 reboxetine research) Daily Mail 24/4/23 (Previous PR)
*Denosumab may lower risk of type 2 diabetes in adults with osteoporosis* Medical Dialogues 24/4/23
*A woman secretly recorded her husband's lack of housework. Then she left him* (ref to 2021 Analysis) The Independent 25/4/23
Also in: The World News, MSN
*New strategy makes an investment case for spending more on mental health care* Business Day 25/4/23 (Previous PR)
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*The BMJ mentioned in the House of Commons* (52 mins 27 secs into programme) ref to CPTPP trade deal Analysis BBC Parliament 25/4/23 (Previous PR)
The reason parents are no longer vaccinating their children The Daily Telegraph 27/4/23
*The search for long COVID treatments is already controversial* (ref to molnupiravir research) Sydney Morning Herald 27/4/23
Also in: Brisbane Times, The Age Australia, Western Australia Today, News-Medical.Net, HealthCentral,
*NHS to prescribe 'soups and shakes' for diabetes patients* The Independent 27/4/23
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*No, vapes aren't 95% less harmful than cigarettes. Here's how this decade-old myth took off* (ref to 2015 Analysis) The Conversation Australia 27/4/23
Also in: Today News Post, The New Daily, Medical Xpress, ScienceAlert, Mirage News Australia
*Do the New Alzheimer's Treatments Cause the Brain to Shrink?* EveryDay Health 27/4/23
'Snake Oil' Fake Cures for Long COVID Leave Patients at Risk (ref to 'bloodwashing' investigation) (Previous PR) MedScape 28/4/23
Also in: WebMD the Magazine Online
Relight the fire If even Robbie has given up sex, what hope do the rest of us have? The Observer 30/4/23 (Previous PR)
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JOURNALS

BMJ Open

Research: Associations between autistic traits and early ear and upper respiratory signs: a prospective observational study of the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children (ALSPAC) geographically defined childhood population (PR)

Statistics from Altmetric.com

BUG BEAR The eight common childhood ailments linked to 'increased risk of autism' revealed The Sun + Scottish edition 25/04/23
Ear, nose, throat problems may be linked to autism UPI 25/04/23
Common ear, nose, and throat problems in pre-schoolers may be linked to increased risk of autism: Study Hindustan Times 25/04/23


Research: Does doctors’ personality differ from those of patients, the highly educated and other caring professions? An observational study using two nationally representative Australian surveys (PR)

Doctors More Neurotic, Less Open Than Patients, Surveys Find MedPage Today 24/04/23
Research finds doctors are more neurotic, agreeable than patients ABC 24/04/23

Also in: Mirage News (AU), Royal College of GPs Australia, Medical Xpress, Health Medicine Network, Knowedge Science Report, Head Topics, PsychReg, The Medical

**Delaware Just Became the 22nd State To Legalize Recreational Marijuana** Conservative Angle 24/04/23

**Lawmakers line up behind plan to save Medicare** Politico 24/04/23

**20 ways to spend your day to perfect your sleep at night** Daily Express 25/04/23 (Print)  
*Also in:* Daily Mirror + Irish edition, Daily Star

**Infertility can strain relationships. This group strengthens them** Today.com (NBC) 25/04/23  
*(Previous PR)*  
*Also in:* Yahoo News

**Research:** [Prevalence of HIV in mental health service users: a retrospective cohort study](#) (External PR)

**Higher rates of HIV diagnoses found among mental health service users** Medical Xpress 25/04/23  
*Also in:* Mirage News, Health Medicine Network, ScienMag, News-Medical, Daily News Era

**Cephalexin Explained: Usage, Doses, And Side Effects** Health Digest 26/04/23

**Research:** [Medical use and combination drug therapy among US adult users of central nervous system stimulants: a cross-sectional analysis](#) (External PR)

**Amphetamines are often prescribed along with depression and anxiety medications** NBC News 26/04/23  
*Also in:* Today News Post, MSN Health & Fitness, Yahoo News, American Journal of Managed Care, World News Report, Express Digest, Internewscast

**AnalogFolk Launches Menstruation (Period) Policy Available Online** Open Source For U 27/04/23

**Caffeine tied to babies born overweight** Star Tribune (PK) 29/04/23

**Further coverage for menu calorie counts and obesity (PR)**  
*Menu calorie labels estimated to save US billions on cancer care* Medical Dialogues India 30/04/23

**Ehlers-Danlos syndrome: Sheffield woman who dislocates a joint nearly every day takes on running challenge** Sheffield Star 30/04/23

**RMD Open**

**Research:** [Fetal and maternal morbidity in pregnant patients with Lupus: a 10-year US nationwide analysis](#) (US Focus PR)

**Lupus during pregnancy carries higher risk of maternal, fetal morbidity** MedPage Today 26/04/23  
*Pregnancy May Be Riskier for Women With Lupus* US News & World Report 27/04/23

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
Patients with atopic disease demonstrate increased osteoarthritis incidence Healio 27/04/23 (Previous PR)

A-ha Moments for Docs Who Treat Ankylosing Spondylitis Health Central 28/04/23

BMJ Global Health
Fauci FINALLY admits Covid vaccine mandates did more harm than good Express Digest 25/04/23
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BMJ Nutrition, Prevention & Health
Anaemia: major flaws in a tea fortification study The Hindu 29/04/23 (Previous PR)

BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care
Is it possible to be allergic to bee propolis? Seattle Times 26/04/23

BMJ Open Gastroenterology
'Misleading to compare countries’ foodborne illness data, say experts' Knowledia 26/04/23
Also in: Before It’s News, Food Safety News

BMJ Open Respiratory Research
Not getting enough sleep could be associated with asthma The Legal Reader (US) 26/04/23 (Previous PR)

BMJ Quality & Safety
Enhancing patient safety with data matrix barcodes Healthcare IT News 27/04/23

British Journal of Ophthalmology
Greater occipital nerve blockade safe and effective for cluster headache prevention Medical Dialogues India 27/04/23

British Journal of Sports Medicine
Does the Solution to the Obesity Epidemic Require a Total Rethink? The Parliament Magazine 24/03/23 (Previous PR)

How steaks, eggs and nuts could help prevent midlife spread New Zealand Herald 25/04/23
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Should doctors be prescribing exercise instead of pills for serious illness? Irish Daily Mail 25/04/23 (Print)
Your Playbook for Reducing Spasticity in MS, HealthCentral 25/04/23

Gender Gap In Concussion Research Puts Female Athletes At Risk, Women.com 25/04/23

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Best Natural Treatments For Erectile Dysfunction, Forbes 26/04/23

Upper-limb ‘stress fractures’ and an introduction to new terminology, New Zealand Doctor 26/04/23

Do you know exercise is more effective than medicines to manage mental health? Study reveals, ANI News 27/04/23

Also in: WebIndia 123, Devidiscourse, Big News Network, ThePrint (IN), Prothom Alo, Always First, South India News, New Kerala, Kashmir News, Lokmat Times (IN), GG2, Irish Daily Sun, Trinidad Times, Europe Sun, Jakarta News, Bharat Times, Vibes of India, Eastern Eye, Longevity Technology

How the Lexi Rogers case exposed gaps in transgender policy for elite sports, Sydney Morning Herald 29/04/23 (Previous PR)

Also in: The Age (AU), The Brisbane Times, WA Today

20 Ways To Feel Happier, MSN Health & Fitness 30/04/23 (Previous PR)

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Exercising at night may stabilise your blood sugar levels, Lifestyle Asia Hong Kong 29/04/23

Not Making Progress in Your Workouts? Here's How to Tell if It's RED-S, Livestrong 30/04/23

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Research: A national longitudinal cohort study of factors contributing to UK medical students' mental ill-health symptoms, (External PR)

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Previous cancer linked to long term heightened risk of cardiovascular disease, Medical Dialogues India 27/04/23 (Previous PR)

Urgent Warning From Researchers: Up to 2% of Adults in Europe, North America, Israel Likely Have Heart Failure, SciTech Daily 27/04/23 (Previous PR)

Also in: Newsbeezer, Industry Update, Report Door

Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer

Research: Tumor and immune remodeling following radiotherapy in human renal cell carcinoma, (External PR)
Investigators reveal changes to immune status in patient tumors after radiation Medical Xpress 25/04/23
Also in: Newswise, Technology Networks, News-Medical, The ASCO Post

TME Pharma Announces New Data From NOX-A12 GLORIA Phase 1/2 Study in Glioblastoma to Be Presented at ASCO Annual Meeting in June 2023 Yahoo Finance 27/04/23

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health
Eat your way to a better menopause Irish Daily Mail 25/04/23 (Print) (Previous PR)

Frequent Socializing Linked to Longer Lifespan of Older People Today's Geriatric Medicine 25/04/23 (Previous PR)

Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry
Multiple Sclerosis Progression Influenced by Smoking, Snuff Use Medical Bag 27/04/23 (Previous PR)

When Your Mind's Eye Is Blind Psychology Today 30/04/23

Practical Neurology
Your Guide To The Best Brain Supplements Forbes 28/04/23

Sexually Transmitted Infections
Can you catch gonorrhea with just a kiss? Tek Deeps 24/04/23
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US cigarette smoking rate falls to historic low, but e-cigarette use keeps climbing CNN + International edition 27/04/23 (Previous PR)
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’Implementation of Article 5.3 a must to advance tobacco control’ Asian Age 30/04/23

INFLUENCE

Martyn Day Shadow SNP Spokesperson (Health and Social Care) mentioned The BMJ in the House of Commons Health Questions 25 April 2023: “The British Medical Journal has warned that the comprehensive and progressive agreement for trans-Pacific partnership trade deal will make it harder for the UK to regulate tobacco and alcohol or banned products such as those containing harmful pesticides. Given that no health impact assessment has been carried out, The BMJ recommends that one should be performed now. Will the Secretary of State commit to assessing the deal's threat to public health?.”