

BMJ in the News is a weekly digest of BMJ stories, plus any other news about the company that has appeared in the **national and a selection of English-speaking international media**.

This week's (18-24 January) highlights include:

The BMJ

Research: [Atrial fibrillation as risk factor for cardiovascular disease and death in women compared with men](#)

[Irregular heartbeat 'riskier for women' & Warning for women over irregular heartbeat](#) - BBC Online News & TV 20/01/2016

[Women With Irregular Heartbeat At Greater Risk Of Heart Disease Than Men, Says Study](#) - Huffington Post UK 20/01/2016

[Atrial fibrillation poses greater risk for women than men](#) - OnMedica 20/01/2016

Also covered by the Daily Mirror, Headlines & Global News, Herald Sun, Counsel & Heal, Tech Times, Western Daily Press, Medical News Today, WebMD, Medical Daily, The Australian, The Inquisitr, SBS, & extensive local media coverage.

Feature: [Should India's quacks be trained to deliver basic patient care?](#)

[Will alternative cadre of doctors help India?](#) - Times of India 25/01/2016

[Questions raised on the training 'quacks' to meet the shortage of doctors in India](#) - TheHealthSite 22/01/2016

[Can training quacks help ease India's shortage of doctors?](#) - The Siasat Daily 22/01/2016

[Should India's quacks be trained to deliver basic patient care?](#) - Medical Xpress 21/01/2016

BBC Radio 4's Inside Health hosted a [discussion](#) on The BMJ's 'weekend effect' article and featured Fiona Godlee and the paper's lead author Nick Freenmantle.

[The Today Programme](#) 18/01/2016 - mention of the misuse of figures from the 'weekend effect' article

[Doctors urge Hunt to tell patients it's safe to visit hospital](#) - The Independent 22/01/2016 (in print)

[Hunt accused of misleading public over hospital deaths](#) - The Daily Telegraph & The Daily Telegraph Scotland 22/01/2016 (in print)

A thank you letter to David Bowie from a palliative care doctor, published on the [BMJ blogs](#), was retweeted by the late singer's son and received widespread international coverage:

[David Bowie 'helped lift lid on taboo' after death](#) - BBC News 19/01/2016

[David Bowie's son shares powerful letter](#) - CNN 18/01/2016

[David Bowie: Son Duncan Jones shares powerful open letter from palliative care doctor following singer's death](#) - the Independent 18/01/2016

Also covered by ITV News, the Sun, the Scottish Sun, the Daily Mail, Irish Independent, Jakarta Post, US News & World Report, International Business Times UK, Yahoo, USA TODAY.

[Journal Editors Say Authors Must Share Clinical Trial Data](#) - Medscape 21/01/2016

[Journal editors call for greater data sharing on clinical trials](#) - STAT 20/01/2016

Also covered by MedCity News, Laboratory Equipment, Mass Device

“The BMJ sets the standard” following results from the Outcome Switching Project:

[How Scientists Are Doing A Bait-And-Switch With Medical Data](#) - Buzzfeed 22/01/2016

Ongoing coverage for the Mexico sugar tax article:

[Kellogg's and Coca-Cola pledge to slash calorie content in their products in bid to beat the sugar tax](#) - the Daily Mail 24/01/2016

[What Canada can learn from Mexico's sugar tax: It's no magic bullet](#) - Globe & Mail (Canada) 18/01/2016

[NHS England 'to impose 20% sugar tax' in hospital cafes](#) - BBC News 18/01/2016

Ongoing coverage for the potato consumption and diabetes risk in pregnant women:

[Pregnant women who eat potatoes raise diabetes risk](#) - International New York Times 20/01/2016 (in print)

Also covered by the Bangkok Post, South China Morning Post, The Inquisitr and 6minutes.

[Breakfast on BBC 1](#) 18/01/2016 (link unavailable) - Doctor Michael Moseley mentions an article on pre-diabetes that has trebled in recent times

[Why a dry spell dampens spirit](#) - Irish Sunday Mirror 24/01/2016 (in print)

[Medical Matters: What do your internet health cookies reveal about you?](#) - Irish Times 19/01/2016

[Recent study that said Diet Coke can help you lose weight was quietly funded by Coca-Cola](#) - Irish Independent 18/01/2016

[Can art therapy succeed with flying colours?](#) - Irish Medical Times 19/01/2016

[Why bad science won't ever die](#) - Quartz 19/01/2016

[Animal testing doesn't make human trials safe](#) - Belfast Telegraph 20/01/2016

[Report finds too little has changed to combat still birth](#) - Radio New Zealand 21/02/2016

[Hillary Clinton's Elixir: Can A Hot Pepper A Day Boost Immunity?](#) - NPR 21/06/2016

JOURNALS

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases

[Cervical Cancer and RA: Are TNF Inhibitors to Blame?](#) - MedPage Today 21/01/16

BMJ Open

[Ban Killer Heels](#) - Scottish Daily Mail 24/01/16 (print only)

[On sweating the big stuff in healthcare](#) - Irish Medical Times 22/01/16

[A Retiring Drug Warrior And A Captured Kingpin Illustrate The Folly Of Prohibition](#) - Forbes 21/01/16

[NHS Health check shows 'limited but improving success'](#) - Pharmaceutical Journal 20/01/16

[NHS urged to screen stroke patients for silent heart disease to prevent thousands of deaths](#) - Medical Xpress 20/01/16

British Journal of Sports Medicine

[Racing's probe into concussion](#) - Daily Mail + Scottish Daily Mail 21/01/16 (print only)

[Legends of the falls to spearhead study into concussion](#) - Irish Daily Mail, 21/01/16 (print only)

[Sir Anthony McCoy and Peter Scudamore among 200 jockeys to take part in racing's probe into concussion](#) - Daily Mail 20/01/16

Also covered by: BBC World News, BBC Breakfast, BBC Radio London, BBC World News, BBC Sport Today, BBC Sportsday

[The \\$25 'cardboard box' that could transform your workspace into a standing desk](#) - Daily Mail 20/01/16

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

[18 Reasons to Eat Healthy That Have Nothing to Do with Weight Loss](#) - Yahoo Health

23/01/16

[Music Videos on YouTube Pose Health Hazard to Teens](#) Counsel & Heal 22/01/16

Journal of Medical Ethics

[Australia's offshore detention damages asylum seekers because it's supposed to](#) - The Guardian 19/01/16

Tobacco Control (external PR)

Research: [Impact of advertisements promoting candy-like flavoured e-cigarettes on appeal of tobacco smoking amongst children: an experimental study](#)

[Candy-flavoured e-cigarette ads can influence school kids](#) - Times of India 19/01/16

[Study eyes candy-flavored e-cigarette ads targeted to kids](#) - CBS News 18/01/16

[Candy flavored e-cigarettes may encourage vaping among kids](#) - Business Standard 18/01/16

Also covered by: Daily Telegraph, ITV News, Daily Mail, Breaking News ie, Belfast Telegraph, Herald Scotland, AOL UK, BT.com, NHS Choices, extensive local print coverage, Philly.com, US News & World Report, HealthDay, Newsroom America, Pharmacy Today, Netdoctor, Doctors Lounge, Health Newline, TheHealthSite, Maine News Online, Utah People's Post, Big News Network, Newsx, Zee News, New Indian Express, India.com, Jagran Post, Siasat Daily, Jagran Post, Sakshi Post, New Kerala, DaijiWorld, Asian Image, Medical Xpress, Medical Daily, Times LIVE, Science Times, Science 2.0. Tech Times, Science Codex, 14U News, NDTV, IANS

Veterinary Record

[Oldest land creature on Earth - a tortoise, 183 - perks up on a better diet](#) - the Washington Post 19/01/2016

Veterinary Case Reports

[Sick Siku: Photos of a Runny-Nosed Walrus](#) - Live Science 22/01/2016

[Walrus's Runny Nose Had Surprising Source \(It Wasn't the Common Cold\)](#) - Yahoo News 26/01/2016

BMJ Case Reports

[Unexplained depression could be brain tumour, warn doctors](#) - China Daily Hong Kong (China) 16/01/2016 (in print)