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Press Cuttings Summary

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BMJ 11 June

In the latest of his interviews with the medical trade press, GMC Chair Peter Rubin talks to the BMJ about tackling patients' concerns with doctors without losing sight of the profession's interests. He reassures doctors about revalidation saying that the GMC want to reduce bureaucracy and understand that it has to work in the real world:

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/338/jun11_3/b2360

The Lancet 13 June

A letter from members of Professionals Against Child Abuse (PACA) is published in this week's Lancet. PACA believes the recent High Court judgment upholding the GMC's decision to strike-off Code A is flawed and hopes this case will go to the Court of Appeal.

In a piece placed by the press office *The Belfast Telegraph* reports on the GMC's End of Life Care consultation. The article says that the GMC is holding two consultation events this week and is working with the Age Sector Platform and Disability Action's Centre on Human Rights to engage with people across Ulster.

There is further local press coverage of Dr Jane Barton's ongoing GMC hearing.

The Liverpool Daily Post and *The Chester Chronicle* cover the fitness to practise case of Dr Stuart Ruthven. The former Royal Navy surgeon was convicted of downloading indecent images of children and has since moved into a career in pathology with no clinical contact with patients. He has had all restrictions lifted by the GMC:

<http://www.chesterchronicle.co.uk/chester-news/local-chester-news/2009/06/11/child-porn-doctor-based-at-the-countess-of-chester-hospital-59067-23839677/>

In the same paper, there is a report that Dr Deep Ramborum has had his restrictions lifted by the GMC after a panel concluded that the doctor was no longer a risk to patients.

There is local press coverage of Code A GMC fitness to practise hearing. The doctor was found to be impaired and yesterday was erased from the Register:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/sussex/8096186.stm>

The forthcoming hearing for Dr Faye El-Deeb is reported in the Scottish Daily Express:

<http://www.scottishdailyexpress.co.uk/posts/view/106997/Plastic-surgeon-checked-out-his-patient-s-breasts-in-a-Tesco-store->

Code A a former Home Office pathologist faces a GMC hearing after admitting he was "incredibly arrogant" in wrongly asserting two women were murdered despite opposing evidence:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8096206.stm>

Broadcast Mentions

BBC Radio Sussex covered the Code A determination – mentioning that he was erased from the register.

Times Letters

A letter from a doctor in *The Times* focuses on this week's RMT strike action. It says that tube drivers should be aware of the implications of their actions on hospitals. Many staff and patients scheduled for surgery were unable to reach hospital in time for their procedure with urgent operations postponed.

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/letters/article6480871.ece>

Other News

There is widespread coverage of the news that the World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared Swine Flu as the first global pandemic in more than 40 years. Announcing the move to the highest state of alert the Director General of the WHO has warned that countries must maintain vigilance.

Headlines:

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Liverpool Daily Post

Delivery date : 11/06/2009

Number of words : 272

[Child porn doctor back at hospital](#)

A doctor who downloaded pornographic pictures of children while working as a Navy surgeon is now working at the Countess of Chester Hospital.

Miscellaneous

The Guardian

Delivery date : 12/06/2009

Number of words : 586

['Several million' swine flu cases possible in UK](#)

The World Health Organisation yesterday said the world should brace itself for more deaths as it declared the first global pandemic in more than 40 years. The health secretary, Andy Burnham, said the WHO's move should not worry people. Sir Liam Donaldson said the present strategy of identifying and isolating every case, handing out anti-viral drugs to all contacts and closing schools would continue, but that eventually the numbers infected were likely to be too great to contain the pandemic in this way.

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Belfast Telegraph Evening

Delivery date : 10/06/2009

Number of words : 370

[Caring for the terminally ill: your views sought by medical council](#)

The General Medical Council is today asking people across Northern Ireland for their views on new draft guidelines for the care of terminally ill patients. The call comes as the GMC, which regulates more than 6,000 doctors in Northern Ireland, hosts two events in Northern Ireland today to discuss issues arising out of the guidelines for doctors treating end-of-life patients.

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General Practitioner

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[Fears over slow revalidation roll-out](#)

Licences to practise will be issued with no expiry date, raising fears that the roll-out of revalidation will be slow and inequitable, GP can reveal. Mention is made of the General Medical Council.

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General Practitioner

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[Quiet man sets sights on leading a revolution](#)

Newly installed GMC chairman Professor Peter Rubin speaks exclusively to Prisca Middlemiss.

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Liverpool Daily Post
 Delivery date : 11/06/2009
 Number of words : 122

[Botched operation surgeon free to practise](#)

A locum surgeon who botched two operations at Chester's Grosvenor Nuffield Hospital, after flying in from France, has had his suspension lifted.

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The Argus
 Delivery date : 10/06/2009
 Number of words : 277

[GP touched breasts of sore throat patient](#)

A GP who asked a female patient with a sore throat to take off her top and bra has been found guilty of misconduct by the General Medical Council.

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The News

Delivery date : 09/06/2009

Number of words : 203

[Patients' notes are probed for accuracy](#)

Hospital patients described as 'calm and peaceful' in hospital notes were in fact in drug-induced comas, the panel heard. Expert evidence revealed at the opening of a General Medical Council hearing into Dr Jane Barton's fitness to practise claims patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital were given 'substandard care'.

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