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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print Mentions

In an advice column the Sun advises a patient who felt pressured into being circumcised to read the Patents' Help guide on the GMC's website.

The Press & Journal reports that the Principal of Aberdeen University is to receive a knighthood. In speaking of the honour of the award the Principal mentions Professor 'Sir Graeme Catto of the General Medical Council'.

The Evening Standard mentions the GMC hearing of Code A a pathologist.

The Evening Standard mentions that Dr Raj Persaud, suspended by the GMC for three months for plagiarism, is to have a show at the Edinburgh International Book Festival.

The News reports a daughter's claim to the GMC that her mother died hours after being given a cocktail of drugs at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. The claim was made to a panel investigating Dr Jane Barton.

BMA News reports on the publication of the GMC's revalidation guide for doctors. The piece quotes GMC Chair Peter Rubin.

The publication also reports on the GMC's licensing introduction date, 16 November.

BMA News reports that a BMA conference has heard that medical directors should not take on the role of responsible officers for revalidation as this might lead to conflicts of interest and bullying of doctors.

The Times covers the re-opening of a case by police involving a GP, Dr Pambakian, who injected her sister with a drug designed to reverse the effects of ageing. The piece states that Dr Pambakian's sister later died from the drug and that the GP was suspended by the GMC.

The Northern Constitution - Magherafelt Edition, of 11 June reports on the GMC's End of Life Care consultation. The piece (attached) was placed by the GMC's Press Team.

Broadcast Mentions

There are no broadcast mentions today.

Times Letters page and GMC published responses

The Times publishes a letter from a Belgian Professor, Jan Burnheim arguing that countries which have legalised assisted dying tend to also have better palliative care.

Other News

The Daily Mirror reports on Fiona Philip's statement on Question Time that the parents of children with autism who believe that there is a link with the MMR vaccine should not be ignored. The Guardian also makes reference to the statement.

The British Medical Journal covers the news that the chairman of a Dutch suicide support group has been given a prison sentence in a ruling that highlights that only doctors can assist suicide in the Netherlands.

The Sun mentions the case of Shazia Ahmed who died of meningitis after two doctors refused to visit and a hospital failed to spot the warning signs. The Daily Telegraph and Daily Express also cover the story, saying that Oxford Primary Care Trust has apologised for her death.

The Sun and the Evening Standard report on an inquest into the death of a patient after she was injected with her own fat.

A letter in the Guardian from the Director of Policy & Campaigns at the National Aids Trust on the UK Government's proposed welfare reforms refers to objections from the Royal College of Psychiatrists to information sharing provisions contained within the proposals.

Headlines:

Doctors

The Guardian

Delivery date : 13/06/2009

Number of words : 886

Forget it, Fiona Phillips. This is a crisis only Suralan can fix Political review column.

Colleges & Regulators

The Guardian

Delivery date : 13/06/2009

Number of words : 655

Welfare bill won't reduce poverty

Readers' letters.

Doctors

Daily Express

Delivery date : 13/06/2009

Number of words : 469

Young mum dies after doctors fail to spot killer bug A young mother died of meningitis after doctors in the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford failed to diagnose the killer bug for 15 hours. Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust and Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals Trust admitted that an earlier diagnosis might have "had a different outcome". The family of Shazia Ahmed, 26, said yesterday they would sue.

NHS issues

Evening Standard

Delivery date : 12/06/2009

Number of words : 374

Cosmetic surgery woman died having a 'face plump'

A woman died after cosmetic surgery when fat from her buttocks was injected into a vein in her face, an inquest heard today. Rachel Soanes, 37, underwent the procedure to "plump out" her face at St Thomas' Hospital. But the fat entered her lungs and killed her in a "phenomenally rare" complication.

Doctors

Daily Telegraph

Delivery date : 13/06/2009

Number of words : 65

Trust apologises after mother dies

A health trust has apologised after a young mother died when doctors took 15 hours to detect that she had contracted meningitis, which eventually killed her. Oxford Primary Care Trust yesterday admitted that she might have lived if they had treated her more quickly.

Miscellaneous

The Sun

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Number of words : 283

PLUMPING FAT JAB KILLS SURGERY GIRL

A cosmetic surgery patient died after fat from her buttock was injected into a vein in her face then travelled to her lungs, an inquest heard.

GMC

The Times

Delivery date : 13/06/2009

Number of words : 839

Police reopen case of woman, 22, who died after GP sister injected 'anti-ageing' drug Police are reinvestigating the death of an Oxford graduate who collapsed after being injected by her sister with an experimental drug that they hoped would reverse ageing.

Doctors

The Sun

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Number of words : 199

DOCS SHUNNED MUM KILLED BY BRAIN BUG

A mum died of meningitis after two doctors refused to visit and a hospital failed to spot the warning signs. Shazia Ahmed, 25, insisted she had the killer bug but was ignored. And she died four days later - even though antibiotics early on could have saved her.

GMC

BMA News

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GMC launches guide to regulatory system

The General Medical Council has launched a guide to answer doctors' questions about revalidation.

End of Life

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

Delivery date : 13/06/2009

Number of words : 380

Dutch court rules only doctors can carry out euthanasia The chairman of a Dutch suicide support group has been given a prison sentence and his organisation fined in a test ruling that highlights that doctors alone can assist suicide in the Netherlands.

Doctors

Daily Mirror

Delivery date : 13/06/2009

Number of words : 122

ON Question Time last week the

Fiona Phillips defends parents who say the MMR jab caused their child's autism. "It is an insult to these mums and dads to continue to insist MMR is definitely not a contributing factor."

End of Life

The Times

Delivery date : 13/06/2009

Number of words : 194

Countries that care

Reader's letter on euthanasia.

GMC

BMA News

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Number of words : 186

Doctors seek to separate officer roles

The medical directors of trusts should not take on the role of responsible officers for revalidation, the conference said. The BMA was urged to secure an agreement with the GMC and medical royal colleges on this issue.

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BMA News

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The GMC is publishing a guide to help

The GMC is publishing a guide to help doctors understand the new revalidation system.

Doctors

Evening Standard

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Number of words : 117

GP, 70, struck off after asking sore throat woman to undress A veteran GP who asked a female patient with a sore throat to undress before touching her breasts has been struck off. Code A 70, performed "inappropriate" intimate examinations on seven patients in Hove, east Sussex, over an 18-year period.

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BMJ (British Medical Journal)

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Career trajectories and black holes

Peter Rubin has taken up the reins as chair of the General Medical Council.

GMC

The News

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Number of words : 503

'Doctor told my mum: It won't be long now...'

A daughter claims her mother died hours after being given a cocktail of drugs at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. Mention is made of the General Medical Council.

GMC

Evening Standard

Delivery date : 12/06/2009

Number of words : 124

Dr Raj should put himself on the couch

Dr Raj Persaud, the psychiatrist who was given a three-month ban for plagiarism by the General Medical Council last year, is back at the Edinburgh International Book Festival this August, examining a mystery guest in "the psychiatrist's chair."

GMC

Evening Standard

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Pathologist admits: I was arrogant over women's deaths A former Home Office pathologist has admitted he was "incredibly arrogant" in wrongly maintaining that two women were murdered despite a weight of evidence against him. **Code A** resigned from the Home Office register in 2006 after he was criticised at a government disciplinary hearing for his work on the deaths of Mary Anne Moore and Jacqueline Tindsley. He no longer works in forensic pathology, but is facing a General Medical Council hearing in which his fitness to practice is being questioned.

GMC

The Press and Journal

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Varsity chief gets knighthood

THE principal of Aberdeen University is the only Scot to receive a knighthood today.

GMC

The Sun

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WIFE'S CRUEL TRICK WHEN I HAD THE SNIP

A Sun reader asks for advice about a cosmetic circumcision.

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