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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print & Online Mentions

Medical News Today reports on the Revalidation Programme Board reviewing the revalidation strategy timetable. It includes a lengthy quote from Keith Pearson, Chair of the board, and begins: "The UK Revalidation Programme Board will monitor progress in the development of local systems to ensure that the process of revalidation will be straightforward, cost effective and ultimately, very efficient...." The story was placed by the media team.
<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/153754.php>

There is further coverage of the case involving Dr Pambakian, the GP who injected her sister with a drug designed to reduce the effects of ageing. The article mentions that 'Dr Pambakian was suspended from practising for more than a year by the General Medical Council and is currently banned from prescribing drugs while an investigation is completed into her conduct'. (*Daily Mail*)

The *Flintshire Chronicle* reports on the review hearing of Dr Stuart Ruthven in December 2008, who had the restrictions on his practise lifted by the GMC. The article reports that the doctor is now working at the Countess of Chester Hospital.

There is further local coverage of the fitness to practise hearing of Dr Jane Barton. The article mentions that Dr Barton wrote on an elderly patient's notes she was "happy" for nurses to confirm her death, on the same day the woman was admitted to Gosport War Memorial Hospital. (*The News*)
<http://www.portsmouth.co.uk/newshome/Nurses-can-confirm-death-.5359578.jp>

The National Union of Journalists has called on the Irish Medical Council to be more transparent with regard to their fitness to practise hearings. The article mentions that the GMC publishes a list of fitness to practise hearings that includes details of the charges against the doctors mentioned. (*Irish Medical Times* online)
http://www.imt.ie/news/2009/06/nuj_calls_for_more_transparenc.html

Broadcast Mentions

There are no broadcast mentions today.

Times Letters page

A letter from Dr David Jeffrey, a consultant in palliative medicine in Edinburgh, discusses the difference between hospice and palliative care. The article refers to end of life care in Oregon in the US and how palliative care is 'confined to the very end of life' and hospice care refers to a 'limited home support service'.

Other News

The *Daily Telegraph* reports that men are 40 per cent more likely to die from cancer than women. The findings do not indicate a "known biological reason", however the report suggested that 'stereotypical male behaviour such as not visiting the doctor could be to blame'.

There is widespread coverage of the first person in the UK to die of swine flu. The Scottish patient did however have underlying health conditions.

Headlines:

GMC

Daily Mail

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Oxford graduate dies after sister injects her with the family firm's 'elixir of youth'

A 22-year-old Oxford University graduate died following a massive allergic reaction after being injected with an experimental anti-ageing drug by her sister, a GP.

Doctors

Daily Telegraph

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Stiff upper lip blamed for male cancer toll

Men are 40 per cent more likely to die from cancer than women because their "stiff upper lip" attitude stops them seeing the doctor in time. They are also around 70 per cent more likely to die from cancers that affect both men and women, and are far more likely to develop the disease in the first place. The findings are based on cancer rates in the population and are part of a report from the National Cancer Intelligence Network, Cancer Research UK and the Men's Health Forum.

Miscellaneous

The Independent

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First swine flu death in UK

A patient in a Scottish hospital has become the first person in the UK to die of swine flu. The patient, who died yesterday, had underlying health conditions and was one of ten people receiving hospital treatment for the H1N1 virus, the Scottish Government said. The government has not released any further details of the case, including the person's age, gender, or the nature of his or her pre-existing health problems. However the name of the hospital has been confirmed as the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley.

Miscellaneous

Daily Telegraph

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IVF mix-up embryo was 'an accident waiting to happen'

An IVF couple whose last embryo was wrongly implanted into another patient have spoken of how their lives have been shattered.

End of Life

The Times

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Palliative care

Reader's letter on palliative care.

GMC

Flintshire Chronicle

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