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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print & Online Mentions

In a feature secured by the media team, *Take A Break* magazine presents scenarios from GMP in Action for readers to choose what they would do, with an explanation of what best practice is in each case.

The Jewish Chronicle reports on the GMC's equality scheme consultation, following a press release issued by the media team: <http://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/37528/gmc-seeks-jewish-views>

An article in *Hospital Dr* chronicles the work of Dr Steve Bolsin, who raised concerns about the mortality rate of children undergoing open heart surgery at Bristol. The author supports those who are applying for Dr Bolsin to be recognised in the honours. The article mentions *Good Medical Practice*:
<http://www.hospitaldr.co.uk/blogs/remedy/time-to-honour-the-bristol-whistleblower>

A second article about the Medical Defence Union's new guidance for doctors about to start their first post as a consultant looks at the skills needed to become a successful consultant and references the GMC's *Good Medical Practice* and *Management for Doctors* guidance, as they list leadership as a key quality in any doctor:
<http://www.hospitaldr.co.uk/guidance/developing-leadership-skills-guidance-for-new-consultants>

Fitness to Practise

- Code A - given warning after not being found impaired - widespread but largely brief coverage. Code A says she wants to put the 'Bloodgate' episode behind her.
- Dr Krishnan Chander Sadotra, a Halifax GP, will appear before an FTP panel next week accused of deficient performance, refusing to take on patients not of Indian origin, and bullying staff, among other charges. (*Calderdale Evening Courier*)
- Dr Theodore Soutzos - *The Evening Standard* reports that Dr Soutzos, a psychiatrist, is impaired on the grounds of his inappropriate sexual conduct with patients. Sanction is expected today. Also in *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Scotsman*.
- A brief article about Code A his research and his appearance before the GMC is in the *Orange County Register*: <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/-264431--.html?pic=1>
- The *Daily Mail* (online) reports that Dr Nicholas Hunt, the pathologist who performed Dr David Kelly's autopsy is the subject of a warning by the GMC: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1308509/David-Kelly-doctor-Nicholas-Hunt-cautioned-breaking-GMC-rues.html>

Revalidation

An editorial in *Geriatric Medicine* notes Andrew Lansley's letter to Peter Rubin extending the revalidation piloting period, but says that even before it is introduced it is important for physicians to update their knowledge through CPD. They note that their own upcoming 'Older Patient' conference carries six CPD points.

Broadcast Mentions

No broadcast mentions of note.

Letters pages

A correspondent to the *Scottish Daily Mail* laments the lack of a statutory duty of openness and honesty with patients, saying many doctors ignore GMC guidance on keeping patients informed. They write that the UK government has pledged to address this, but not the Scottish government.

A correspondent to the *Guardian* suggests the CPS decision not to prosecute anyone for the death of [Code A] should be re-examined now that [Code A] has been found impaired by the GMC. Another suggests the original coroner in the case should be replaced by a suitably qualified judge.

Headlines:

MTN - Broadcast,GMC (Press) 2 article(s)

PATHOLOGIST AT THE CENTRE OF CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING MANS DEATH AT G20

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BBC 1 - LONDON NEWS - United Kingdom - 03/09/2010

PATHOLOGIST [Code A] TO LEARN WHAT SANCTIONS HE FACES

He is involved in controversy over a man's death at the G20 protests last year. Dr Patel carried out the first postmortem examination on [Code A] A GMC panel said he made serious mistakes in unrelated cases. CLIP: guardian.co.uk. VISUAL: Eat.

BBC 1 - LONDON NEWS - United Kingdom - 03/09/2010

GMC 41 article(s)

'Bloodgate' doctor is cleared by the GMC

The matchday doctor at the centre of the "Bloodgate" fake rugby injury scandal has been told she can practise medicine again.

Belfast Telegraph Evening N.Ireland - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

'Bloodgate' medic's relief

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Belfast Telegraph Morning N.Ireland - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

Sick cover-up

Rex Patterson (Letters) has good reason to suspect a cover-up by the authorities over his wife's tragic death. Unlike other European countries, Britain has no 'duty of candour' for medical professionals. GMC 'guidance' places a duty on all doctors to inform patients and where appropriate apologise.

Daily Mail Scotland - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

GP to face a charge of misconduct

A Halifax GP will appear before the General Medical Council next week accused of misconduct.

Evening Courier Yorkshire - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

'Bloodgate' doctor airs delight at panel ruling

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News Letter N.Ireland - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

WORLD TONIGHT

The General Medical Council will rule today whether the fitness to practise of the matchday doctor at the centre of the Bloodgate row.

Shields Gazette North East - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

Bloodgate doc looks to future

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South Wales Echo Wales - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

Elsie's Law campaign at Number 10

The grieving daughter of an elderly woman who died in a hospital investigated over the deaths of some of its patients led a protest march to Downing Street yesterday.

Southern Daily Echo Hampshire - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

Fight for justice over deaths goes to No. 10

Relatives of patients who died at Gosport's War Memorial Hospital while under the care of Dr Jane Barton took part in a silent march from London's Royal Courts of Justice to No 10 Downing Street.

The News Hampshire - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

'Bloodgate' doctor can still practise

The General Medical Council has ruled that the doctor at the centre of the rugby 'Bloodgate' scandal can practise medicine again.

The News Hampshire - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Code A CASE DIRECTOR of Public [...]

Keir Starmer's decision not to proceed with any prosecution following the death of Code A at the London G20 protests in April last year was wrong.

The Northern Echo North East - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

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The Northern Echo North East - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

The 'bloodgate' saga has been a great strain, admits doctor

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Western Daily Press South West - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

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Western Mail Wales - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

'Ashamed' Bloodgate doctor tells of rugby scandal nightmare

The matchday doctor at the centre of the "Bloodgate" fake injury rugby scandal said she is hoping to return to medicine and put her 18-month nightmare behind her.

Western Mail Wales - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

G20 victim deserves more than cover-up

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Western Morning News South West - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

GMC says pathologist was 'irresponsible'

A General Medical Council disciplinary panel yesterday ruled [Code A] - the pathologist who carried out the first autopsy on [Code A] who died at last year's G20 protest - acted in a way that amounted to misconduct during two earlier post-mortem examinations and his fitness to practise is impaired.

Western Morning News South West - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Chapman escapes with formal warning

The doctor at the centre of the infamous 'Bloodgate' scandal has escaped with only a formal warning over her role in the affair.

Western Morning News South West - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

Formal warning for 'Bloodgate' doctor

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Yorkshire Post Yorkshire - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

Bloodgate doctor is warned

A disciplinary panel issued a warning to the match-day doctor at the centre of the "Bloodgate" fake rugby injury scandal.

Yorkshire Evening Post Yorkshire - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

Conferences: engage in CPD

Since the inauguration of the new government in May, Andrew Lansley has updated the status of revalidation amongst multiple other high-profile changes to medical practice.

Geriatric Medicine - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

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YOU ARE THE DOCTOR

Every day your doctor makes quick decisions that can change people's lives. What would you do?

Take a Break Magazine Consumer - United Kingdom - 09/09/2010

How to survive a Shark bite

A SMASH in the face from one of Sale Sharks' meatier forwards was bad enough but an even bigger shock to the system awaited Ryan Wilson as he got his first taste of elite rugby a fortnight ago.

The Herald Scotland Sport - United Kingdom - 03/09/2010

Kelly doctor cautioned for breaking GMC rules

It has emerged that Nicholas Hunt, the pathologist who performed Dr David Kelly's autopsy, is still under a five-year warning for breaking General Medical Council guidelines.

Daily Mail - United Kingdom - 03/09/2010

Shamed doctor puts nightmare behind her

The matchday doctor at the centre of the 'Bloodgate' scandal is free to return to medicine and hopes to put an 18-month "nightmare" behind her.

Eastern Daily Press Cambs/Norfolk - United Kingdom - 03/09/2010

Psychiatrist found guilty over affairs

A Harley Street psychiatrist could be struck off after he was found guilty of conducting improper sexual relationships with three vulnerable women patients. A General Medical Council tribunal heard Dr Soutzos then begged the women to lie about the relationships and said revelations about them would "destroy" him and "kill" his mother.

Evening Standard London - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

It's not just cricket, is it

Is it a coincidence at the same time as the Pakistan alleged 'no ball' scandal is rocking cricket circles the rugby 'bloodgate' GMC hearing has also been happening (Metro, Wed)?

Metro London - United Kingdom - 03/09/2010

Psychiatrist told young patient: try older, uglier men

A Harley Street psychiatrist faces being struck off after having improper sexual relationships with vulnerable female patients.

The Daily Telegraph - United Kingdom - 03/09/2010

Tomlinson inquest needs a senior judge

Readers' letters: "How convenient for the Crown Prosecution Service that the General Medical Council's damning indictment of [Code A] conduct of postmortems didn't come out before it took its predictable decision not to proceed with any prosecution over the death of [Code A]"

The Guardian - United Kingdom - 03/09/2010

Psychiatrist had sex with patients

A PSYCHIATRIST faces being struck off for having improper sexual relationships with vulnerable female patients.

The Scotsman Scotland - United Kingdom - 03/09/2010

G20 pathologist faces sanctions

G20 PATHOLOGIST FACES SANCTIONS A General Medical Council disciplinary panel earlier ruled [Code A] acted in a way that amount The pathologist who carried out the first post mortem on [Code A] who died at last year's G20 protest, is due to find out whether he is to be struck off the medical register.

Daily Express - United Kingdom - 03/09/2010

GMC seeks Jewish views

The views of Jewish patients are being sought by the General Medical Council as it launches a consultation on equality.

Jewish Chronicle - United Kingdom - 03/09/2010

Doctor in fake blood scandal given formal warning

LONDON (Reuters) - A doctor who cut a rugby player's lip to disguise a fake injury during a European cup game and then lied about the incident has received a formal warning, Britain's medical regulator said on Wednesday.

STV.tv - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

'Bloodgate' doctor eyes fresh start

[Code A] said the saga had been a "great strain" as she looked ahead to finding new employment.

Telegraph - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

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The Scotsman - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

Aviva Premiership - 'Bloodgate' doc free to carry on working

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 Yahoo! UK and Ireland Eurosport - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

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 Yorkshire Post - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

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