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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print Mentions

Healthcare Republic notes the CHRE's report on the performance of the nine UK health regulators, and mentions that the GMC is '...a model of best practices other regulators would do well to follow':

<http://www.healthcarerepublic.com/news/PRACTICESTAFF/918478/NMC-substantial-room-improvement/>.

The report is also featured on Onmedica: <http://www.onmedica.com/NewsArticle.aspx?ID=1b471677-7030-49bc-bdc4-44d15c79b838>

BIDA's (British International Doctors' Association) News Review, June 2009, refers to the GMC in its editor's letter. Dr Sarker, Chair of BIDA, writes about BIDA's concerns about racism and discrimination in many trusts and PCTs, and notes that organisations such as the GMC are 'trying to address these issues and we admire their endeavour'.



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The Evening Chronicle (North East) reports on the GMC's survey with Mumsnet, which found that one in four parents thinks that doctors should decide when to stop treating a critically ill baby. The news follows a press release issued by the media team.

The Evening Chronicle (North East) also features news that medical schools are using GMC guidance on student fitness to practise too heavy-handedly, following a motion which was raised at the recent BMA conference.

There is further coverage of the fitness to practise case of George Murty, who accidentally made a hole in the skull of patient Peter Rogers, in the Leicester Mercury.

The Liverpool Daily Post reports on the fitness to practise case of Jonathan Chahal, who has admitted taking 'laughing gas' whilst on duty at a children's accident and emergency ward. The case is also covered online at IC Kent: http://icliverpool.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0100regionalnews/tm_headline=doctor-admits-holding-laughing-gas-parties-on-wards-at-ormskirk-hospital%26method=full%26objectid=24091972%26siteid=50061-name_page.html

Jane Barton's fitness to practise case is reported in The Daily Telegraph and in the Daily Mail online: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1198067/Doctor-overmedicated-elderly-patients-cocktails-drugs-hasten-death-claims-GMC.html>

Broadcast Mentions

There are no broadcast mentions today.

Times Letters page and GMC published responses

There are no letters to note.

Other News

A news in brief item in The Times notes that the proposal to amend the Coroners and Justice Bill - to allow people to travel with someone with a terminal illness in order to help them end their life in a country where assisted suicide is legal - was thrown out.

Headlines:

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Evening Chronicle
 Delivery date : 06/07/2009
 Number of words : 168
'Let us decide'

Only one in four parents thinks doctors should decide when to stop treating a critically ill baby and eight out of 10 do not want courts involved, a study found. More than half, 55 per cent, of those questioned by mumsnet.com for the General Medical Council said parents should have the final say.

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Evening Chronicle
 Delivery date : 06/07/2009
 Number of words : 161
Risky rulings

Medical students are having their careers put at risk as bosses hand down heavy punishments for minor things such as staying out all night, a conference heard. Speaking at the British Medical Association's conference in Liverpool, student Drew Kinmond said medical schools were using General Medical Council guidance on student behaviour to enforce rules "that the university creates at a whim".

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Leicester Mercury
 Delivery date : 06/07/2009
 Number of words : 267
Surgeon in brain-damage case awaits decision

A surgeon who left a patient brain damaged after accidentally making a hole in his skull must wait to find out about his future. Peter Rogers, 61, was told he had suffered a stroke when, in fact, part of his brain was pushing out through his nose, the General Medical Council, in London, has heard.

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Liverpool Daily Post
 Delivery date : 07/07/2009
 Number of words : 527
Doctor held laughing gas parties on hospital wards

A doctor who inhaled "laughing gas" while on duty at a children's A&E ward admitted he was fortunate he did not harm any of his patients. Dr Jonathan Chahal used the medical anaesthetic Entonox, better known as gas and air, from a canister on four separate occasions at Ormskirk hospital. The senior house officer paediatrician also persuaded four female nurses to inhale the gas in what were described as "Entonox parties", the General Medical Council heard.

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Daily Telegraph
 Delivery date : 08/07/2009
 Number of words : 368
Doctor shortened patient 's life with drug cocktail, says expert

A hospital doctor hastened the death of an elderly patient by prescribing an excessive dose of painkillers, an expert told a General Medical Council inquiry. Dr Jane Barton faces being struck off over allegations that she over-medicated

12 patients with cocktails of drugs at Gosport War Memorial Hospital in Hampshire in the 1990s. She denies serious professional misconduct. The hearing continues.

Miscellaneous

The Times

Delivery date : 08/07/2009

Number of words : 60

Assisted dying vote

A proposal to relax the law on assisted dying was thrown out by the Lords. Peers voted by 194 to 141 to reject an amendment to the Coroners and Justice Bill to allow people to help someone with a terminal illness travel to a country where assisted suicide is legal.

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