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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print Mentions

BMJ (13 June 2009)

- In an article placed by the press office, the journal mentions that the November date for the introduction of the licences to practise has been announced.
- The journal also covers the fitness to practise hearing of Dr Jane Barton.

There is a BBC Online (Derbyshire) piece about the Dr Barton hearing, focusing on the requests of one of Dr Barton's patient's being refused:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/hampshire/8100829.stm>

The Daily Telegraph covers the fitness to practise hearing of Drs Michael Ormiston and Wasfy Yanny. The doctors are charged with causing a patient's death after gas was accidentally pumped into their stomach during an operation.

The Management in Practice website mentions that Dr Rodney Tate has been erased from the register for sexually assaulting female patients:

<http://www.managementinpractice.com/default.asp?title=Breast-touchingdoctorstruckoffthemedicalregister&page=article.display&article.id=17183>

Broadcast Mentions

BBC One Southampton and BBC Radio Solent continue to cover the fitness to practise hearing of Dr Jane Barton.

A caller to BBC Radio Merseyside's 'Roger Philips' show yesterday expressed his anger at statements he had heard about the MMR vaccine and that it was safe. The presenter noted that the claims made by Code A have been "rubbished" and that he is facing a GMC hearing.

Times Letters page and GMC published responses

There are no letters today.

Other News

There are several stories about the 'swine flu' pandemic. National and regional press report on the death of the premature baby, the child of the first victim to die of the virus. The baby did not have 'swine flu' himself. *Metro* also reports on the BMA's claims that some GPs may refuse to work if the pandemic worsens as they may not have adequate insurance to cover them if they die whilst offering treatment to patients.

A man who travelled with his terminally ill partner to the Dignitas clinic in Switzerland to help him die speaks out about the need to change the law around assisted suicide (*Evening Standard*).

An article in *The Scotsman* discusses the ethical pros and cons of pharmaceutical industry sponsored events and conferences alerting doctors about new drugs and treatments.

Headlines:

Doctors

Metro

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Swine flu fear GPs 'to strike'

Doctors could refuse to work if swine flu spreads throughout Britain because they fear they may not be insured if they put their lives at risk. Some GPs say they will try to avoid dealing directly with patients so they do not catch the virus, according to the British Medical Association.

Miscellaneous

The Times

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Number of words : 576

Two-week-old baby dies a day after swine flu kills his mother

The partner of the first person in the UK to die of swine flu suffered a second loss last night when his premature son died in hospital. William McCann said Jack, aged 14 days, died after a "brave fight" at the special-care baby unit at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley, Renfrewshire. His partner, Jacqueline Fleming, 38, died at the same hospital on Sunday.

GMC

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

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GP admits prescribing painkillers to patients in "too wide a range"

A GP admitted prescribing "potentially hazardous" doses of painkilling drugs to elderly patients on the first day of a fitness to practise hearing at the General Medical Council.

End of Life

Evening Standard

Delivery date : 15/06/2009

Number of words : 1461

'What I've done is illegal, but I did it for Raymond'

Alan Cutkelvin Rees, the partner of Raymond Cutkelvin, who ended his fight against pancreatic cancer through assisted suicide in Switzerland, has spoken out to change law on assisted suicide.

GMC

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

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All doctors working in the UK will need a licence in November

All doctors will need a licence to practise medicine in the United Kingdom from November 16, the General Medical Council announced this week.

GMC

Daily Telegraph

Delivery date : 16/06/2009

Number of words : 430

Woman died trying to cure her sweating

An amateur sportswoman died after pioneering surgery to cure her heavy sweating went wrong, the General Medical Council (GMC) has heard.

Doctors

The Scotsman

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Number of words : 1137

Is there such a thing as a free lunch?

AMEETING at Gleneagles to recruit doctors to sign up patients for a drug trial - a necessary sweetener in the interest of public health, or an unethical practice?

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