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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print Mentions

The *Sunday Times* and *Mail on Sunday* report on the hearing of Code A as a decision on facts is expected this week. The *Sunday Times* looks in detail at the cases of individual children involved and says that this week, 'more of the saga of MMR will unfold, with "findings of fact" on who did what at the hospital'. The *Mail on Sunday* refers to the 'longest and most complex disciplinary hearing ever held by the General Medical Council' and includes an interview with Code A

The *Independent on Sunday* reports on the forthcoming decision in the Dr Jane Barton case. The piece quotes Tom Kark, counsel for the GMC, "The panel has a duty to assure the public that they are safe when their care is entrusted to a doctor...The failings demonstrated in the case were so serious that, despite the passage of time, the only sanction that will protect the public is one of erasure (from the medical register)". The article also reports that Liberal Democrat Norman Lamb MP is to call for a public enquiry into the deaths of patients at the Gosport Memorial Hospital.

The GMC is referred to briefly in the *Independent on Sunday* in a case study of a family whose baby's organs were kept for research at Alder Hey Hospital.

Broadcast Mentions

There are no broadcast mentions today.

Times Letters page and GMC published responses

There are no letters or responses today.

Other News

The *Observer* questions whether doctors should treat obesity like any other illness.

According to the *Sunday Express*, constituents and MPs are to call for an enquiry into high death rates in the NHS Trust covering the constituency of UK Health Secretary, Andy Burnham.

The *Sunday Mirror* reports that a senior consultant, Ivan Phair, was ordered by NHS managers to delete part of his report into the death of a patient in which he criticised hospital staff, including a junior doctor.

The *Observer* carries an extensive report into Warren Hern, a doctor in the US who carries out late abortions.

The *Sunday Times* reports that the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority have expanded the list of genetic conditions which may justify a termination. The list contains many conditions which are not life-threatening.

Headlines:

Miscellaneous

The Observer

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We're making obesity normal if we continue to fund surgery

Labour has done little to tackle the fatness epidemic. But should doctors really treat it like arthritis or deafness? asks The Observer: "In 2007, another report, from the government science group Foresight, called for a "societal" strategy. Again, in October 2009, the all-parliamentary group on obesity repeated the need for a "coherent approach". To these and other recommendations, the government has responded by making Cadbury an official sponsor of the 2012 Olympics, along with McDonald's and Coca-Cola, where it will be the sole supplier of chocolate and ice cream."

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The Mail on Sunday

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Judgement day for the MMR rebel association between the MMR vaccine hoped that I would bleed to death,' he

Code A the gastroenterologist who in 1998 raised the possibility of a link between autism, bowel disease and the MMR jab, will learn on Friday whether he has been found guilty of ethical breaches in research methods. The verdict has been postponed four times since the inquest, which has cost in excess of £1m, started in June 2007. While **Code A** 52, believes the General Medical Council should vindicate his professional reputation, in an interview with The Mail on Sunday he said he fears a "political" verdict. Meanwhile, a growing body of research from around the world appears to show no evidence of a link between MMR and autism, while the slump in vaccinations in this country has resulted in outbreaks of both measles and mumps, from which at least one child has died.

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The Sunday Times

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Truth of the MMR scandal

After an epic misconduct hearing, **Code A** and two other doctors at the Royal Free hospital who caused panic over the MMR vaccine are about to learn their fate. Brian Deer reports on the greatest health scare of recent times.

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Independent on Sunday

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A mother's love transformed by grief and anger

In 1981, the O'Learys buried baby Andrew. In 1999, another funeral was held to inter organs retained at Alder Hey hospital. A decade on, his family still suffers. Nina Lakhani case study of the families trauma.

Doctors

News of the World

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WILLS READS IT ALL WRONG

Carole Malone condemns the compensation culture, which she says now flourishes in this country.

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Independent on Sunday

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Gosport doctor's fate in the balance at medical hearing

MPs will demand this week a public inquiry into the suspicious deaths of scores of elderly patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. An early-day motion calling for an independent inquiry "with equivalent powers to the Shipman inquiry" into the treatment of patients at the Hampshire hospital between 1989 and 2000 was tabled by Liberal Democrat health spokesman, Norman Lamb, on Friday; MPs can register support for the motion from tomorrow. It comes days before the fate of Jane Barton, the doctor at centre of the allegations, is decided at a General Medical Council hearing.

NHS issues

Sunday Express

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Outrage at minister's Trust deaths

Andy Burnham is facing calls for an investigation into the appalling death rates at his local NHS trust.

NHS issues

Sunday Mirror

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SHAMEFUL

A medical blunder that led to a young man's death was covered up by a hospital because they feared bad publicity. Senior consultant Ivan Phair wrote a report blaming hospital staff over the death of 20-year-old John Moore-Robinson who died after a junior doctor failed to notice he had ruptured his spleen in a cycling accident. The report was to be sent to a coroner but Mr Phair's boss, NHS executive Kate Levy, told him to delete the part of it which blamed Stafford Hospital staff.

Miscellaneous

The Observer

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THE WOMAN WHISPERS HER GRATITUDE, "THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE"

Warren Hern is no ordinary doctor. He has lived under siege for 25 years, and seen eight of his colleagues assassinated. Even some of his own patients want him dead. John H Richardson meets the last late-term abortionist in America

Miscellaneous

The Sunday Times

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Embryos destroyed for 'minor' disorders

Fertility regulators have triggered a new row over designer babies by allowing doctors to destroy embryos affected by more than 100 genetic conditions, including many illnesses that are not life-threatening.



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