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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print and Online Mentions

In a piece placed by the media team, *The Scotsman* reports on the new Tomorrow's Doctors guidance. The article highlights how students will be spending more time on wards and quotes GMC Council Member Professor Jim McKillop. *Onmedica* also covers the guidance <http://www.onmedica.com/NewsArticle.aspx?ID=ac8abdee-7c94-42be-82ff-9791d1be8925>

The *BMJ* follows up on the current media debate around organ donation and whether more doctors should discuss the matter with patients. A comment article written by Jane Symons in *The Sun* also takes a brief look at the issue.

The *Yorkshire Post* reports on the parents of a baby girl who died after being born with brain damage after the umbilical cord became wrapped around her neck four times and once around her body. The NHS Trust admitted full liability in the case and agreed a compensation package with the parents. The article notes that 'the couple have received a letter from the General Medical Council stating no further action will be taken..' The mother says that she will write again to the GMC because she wants answers.

The *Daily Mail*, *Metro*, *Daily Telegraph* and *Daily Star* report on a doctor who was blackmailed by a dominatrix with secretly filmed footage. The case continues at Reading Crown Court.

A news in brief item in the *BMJ* mentions the fitness to practise hearing of Dr Jane Barton.

The *Yorkshire Post* and *Daily Post (Wales)* reports on the fitness to practise hearing of Code A

The *Daily Mail* and *Daily Telegraph* report on the hearing of Dr Paul Quartey.

BBC Online reports on the fitness to practise hearing of Code A
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/cumbria/8234867.stm>

This is London reports on the fitness to practise hearing of Dr Nizar Merali.
[http://www.thisislocallondon.co.uk/whereilive/northwest/harrow/4575147.Harrow doctor s actions were misconduct /](http://www.thisislocallondon.co.uk/whereilive/northwest/harrow/4575147.Harrow%20doctor%20s%20actions%20were%20misconduct/)

The *Coventry Telegraph* features the wedding of Code A and his partner. The article notes how the couple 'announced their marriage in March this year after the General Medical Council cleared Code A of complaints from the regional hospital NHS trust'.

The Argus (online) reports how a doctor who is a campaigner for assisted suicide was to give a talk in Brighton last night. The article notes that Dr Irwin was struck off the medical register by the General Medical Council in 2005.
<http://www.magentanews.com/cache.asp?n=6794465>

Broadcast Mentions

There are no broadcast mentions to note.

Times Letters

There are no letters to note.

Other News

There is widespread national coverage of a report undertaken by management consultants on behalf of the NHS which has concluded that the NHS needs to cut 10% of its workforce in order to make the necessary savings. The report was leaked to the Health Service Journal and Mike O'Brien, the health minister has said that 'rather than cutting staff, the NHS needed more in frontline services...'

There is further coverage in *The Times*, the *Guardian* and *Irish Times* of the "Bloodgate" saga, involving Code A Code A who is accused of cutting (Harlequins rugby player) Tom Williams' lip at a match, in order to add credibility to a faked injury. The *Evening Standard* also notes that the GMC 'has declined to say whether it is intending to hold a "fitness to practise" hearing into the case.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/sport/2009/0903/1224253744019.html>

The *Evening Standard* reports how Latvian health chiefs are blaming the NHS for an exodus of their doctors. They are saying that 'staff were being offered salaries five times better than they could get at home to move to the UK'. They claim it is because of the British health service buying up doctors in bulk to fill gaps in out-of-hours care.

The *Evening Standard* reports on new figures published by the NHS Information Centre which show that more than one third of patients at GP surgeries are being seen by nurses rather than doctors.

The *Daily Telegraph* reports how leading doctors are claiming that patients with terminal illnesses are being made to die prematurely under an NHS scheme to help end their lives. The article refers to a letter written to the *Daily Telegraph* which explains how 'the government is rolling out a new treatment pattern of palliative care into hospitals, nursing and residential homes'.

Nursing Standard features an article on implementing end of life care for patients with renal failure.

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Yorkshire Post

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'Sex in the surgery' GP tells of his principles

A GP admitted cheating on his wife with a patient and clinic employee yesterday, telling a GMC Fitness to Practise Panel he held the "principles of a gentleman" when it came to women.

End of Life

Daily Telegraph

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Number of words : 1086

Sentenced to death on the NHS

Patients with terminal illnesses are being made to die prematurely under an NHS scheme to help end their lives, leading doctors claim today. A letter signed by a number of palliative care experts claims that some patients are being wrongly judged as close to death. Under NHS guidance introduced in England, medical staff can withdraw fluid and drugs from dying patients and many are put on continuous sedation until they pass away. But this approach can

also mask signs of improvement, the experts say.

NHS issues

Financial Times

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Report calls for 10% cut in NHS staff

Management consultants have told the Department of Health that the National Health Service in England must cut 10 per cent of its workforce - including potentially 100,000 doctors, nurses and other clinical staff - if it is to make the £20bn of savings likely to be required by 2014.

End of Life

Nursing Standard

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Implementing end of life care for patients with renal failure

Discussion of end of life care for patients with renal failure.

GMC

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

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Number of words : 66

GP is found guilty of "hazardous" prescribing: Jane Barton

Jane Barton has been found guilty by the General Medical Council of widely prescribing powerful painkillers and sedatives to elderly patients under her care at Gosport War Memorial Hospital that were "inappropriate, hazardous, and not in their best interests."

Doctors

Evening Standard

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Latvia: NHS buys our doctors in bulk

Latvian health chiefs have blamed the NHS for an exodus of doctors from the Baltic state. Up to a third of Britain's primary care trusts fly medical staff from Europe into the UK regularly because of a shortage of British doctors willing to work evenings and weekends.

Doctors

Evening Standard

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More patients seen by nurses at GP surgeries

As many as one third of patients at GP surgeries are seen by nurses rather than doctors, new figures show.

GMC

Coventry Telegraph

Delivery date : 31/08/2009

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YOUR celebrations

ON Saturday, August 22, friends and family gathered at the Royal Court Hotel in Keresley to celebrate the wedding of Coventry heart specialist Code A and Sangeeta Harish. Notes a case at the General Medical Council.

GMC

Daily Post (Wales)
 Delivery date : 28/08/2009
 Number of words : 1

Patient made 'appointments for sex'

A doctor is facing a GMC fitness-to-practise hearing over claims he had sex with a patient.

GMC

Nursing Standard
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Would an increased proportion of male nurses benefit the profession?

Christian Duffin canvasses opinion on how best to strike a gender balance in the nursing workforce, noting the GMC.

NHS issues

Daily Mail
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NHS 'must sack one in ten staff'

The NHS could be forced to sack tens of thousands of doctors and nurses and cancel hundreds of operations after the next election, a leaked report suggests. The report, obtained by the Health Service Journal, was commissioned by Department of Health civil servants following warnings that funding would be increasingly squeezed as the country recovers from recession.

GMC

Yorkshire Post
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'No action' over health staff angers child-death parents

The parents of a baby girl who died after being born with brain damage caused by hospital blunders have spoken of their anger at being told no further action will be taken against the staff they hold responsible. The couple have received a letter from the General Medical Council stating no further action will be taken, while correspondence from the Nursing and Midwifery Council states there is no case to answer.

Doctors

Metro
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Doctor 'caught in sex honeytrap'

A Doctor was blackmailed by a dominatrix who secretly filmed him performing a sex act, a court heard yesterday.

Doctors

The Times
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'Richards was ready to cheat, to lie, then to save his own skin'

The ramifications of "Bloodgate" will haunt Harlequins and will, by extension, colour attitudes in the Guinness Premiership and beyond. Harlequins did not deny any element of the evidence given by Tom Williams, the wing told by Richards to use a fake blood capsule. Williams also claimed that he told the match-day doctor, Code A to cut his lip so that he could show a real injury to match officials.

GMC

Daily Mail

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Number of words : 604

The Botox doctor, the dominatrix and a case of blackmail

An eminent doctor was blackmailed by a dominatrix who secretly filmed him in an embarrassing position, a jury heard yesterday. Terry Burton showed the doctor a picture of him in an incriminating position and demanded £20,000 so that the picture never made it into the hands of newspapers or the General Medical Council.

GMC

Daily Mail

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Number of words : 514

Sorry for molesting you

A Doctor apologised for molesting a female colleague in his luxury hotel room during a business trip abroad, a medical tribunal heard. The General Medical Council launched an inquiry after Miss R complained about his behaviour on their trip to the U.S. The pair worked for drugs firm Schering-Plough where Quartey, 51, was responsible for marketing new products in the UK, including a sex drug he claimed was better than Viagra.

GMC

Evening Standard

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'Bloodgate doctor's panic as she cut rugby player'

A hospital consultant at the centre of rugby's "Bloodgate scandal" was facing questions about her conduct today as details of how she helped a player fake injury were published. The ruling will increase pressure on the General Medical Council to investigate the actions of Ms Chapman, who was employed by Harlequins as a match day doctor for blood injuries. The GMC has declined to say whether it is intending to hold a "fitness to practise" hearing into the case.

GMC

Daily Telegraph

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The dominatrix, the Botox doctor and a £20,000 'blackmail plot'

An eminent doctor was blackmailed for £20,000 by a dominatrix who lured him into a sexual act during a Botox session and secretly filmed him, a court heard yesterday.

GMC

Daily Telegraph

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Drug firm boss 'had woman fearing rape'

A Schering-Plough company executive left a colleague fearing that she would be raped after she collapsed after drinking a gin and tonic with him in a hotel, a disciplinary panel heard yesterday. The hearing continues. During 18 years at Schering-Plough, Dr Quartey, of Kings Langley, Herts, marketed a sexual impotence drug to rival Viagra and a treatment for hay fever.

GMC

The Guardian

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Investigation traces Harlequins' first fake-blood injury back to 2006

While Harlequins will have to wait at least another week to discover the full weight of Europe's punishment over Bloodgate, Twickenham has already begun investigating the other four instances of fake blood injuries admitted to by the disgraced director of rugby, Dean Richards.

GMC

The Sun

Delivery date : 03/09/2009

Number of words : 280

TELL FAMILY TOO IF YOU WANT TO BE DONOR

Doctors have to raise difficult questions with patients every day. It takes tact, and bottle, to warn someone they are endangering their health by drinking or that their flab could prove to be fatal. So why the fuss about GPs discussing organ donation? This week the General Medical Council confirmed they will advise all doctors to ask patients with a terminal illness or condition which could cause sudden death to consider organ donation.

GMC

The Scotsman

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Students get more time on wards

MEDICAL students are to be lured out of lecture theatres and into hospitals, as part of new guidance to improve medical training, it emerged yesterday.

Web links:

National Newspapers:

The Times

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