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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print & Online Mentions

BMJ (22 Aug 09)

- Sharon Burton, senior policy adviser at the GMC, writes about the new case studies and scenarios added to the GMC's interactive ethical guidance webzone Good Medical Practice in Action, following a pro-active sell in from the media team.
- An article about how doctors can become plastic/reconstructive surgeons mentions that pathway includes being fully registered with the GMC before commencing speciality training and, after that, applying to join the GMC's specialist register.

Pulse (19 August 09)

- A letter written by Dr Stephanie Franz talks about the cost of revalidation and refers to the article in July's British Journal of General Practice written by Professor Martin Marshall which discusses the issue. The letter notes Professor Peter Rubin.

The Western Mail reports on the four Cardiff University medical students who were allowed to practise as doctors after wrongly being told they had passed their exams. The article says that the students will be able to appeal. It also quotes the GMC saying: 'We will be asking (Cardiff Medical School) to investigate the incident and to demonstrate to the GMC that they will take appropriate action to prevent a reoccurrence.' The Birmingham Post also reports the story.

There is further coverage in The Sentinel of the young girl who was diagnosed with depression by her GP but was actually suffering from a brain tumour. The articles mention that the family has lodged a formal complaint with the GMC.

The Western Daily Press reports on the fitness to practise hearing of Dr Jane Barton. The hearing has now been adjourned to allow evidence to be heard, in order to decide whether the doctor is guilty of serious professional misconduct.

Broadcast Mentions

There are no broadcast mentions to note.

Times Letters page

There are no letters to note.

Other News

An article written by Ian Birrell in the Daily Mail, talks about the failings of the National Health Service over the last fifteen years.

A number of letters in The Independent discuss the problems within the NHS.

The Scottish Sun reports how medical tools are being left inside Scottish patients every week. Last year fifty nine people had medical equipment stitched inside them.

The Press and Journal reports on a man who has called for the resignation of Shetland's Medical Director after a critical ombudsman report into the death of his mother. Her consultant physician, Ken Graham, was earlier promoted to the island's health board as Medical Director.

Headlines:

Adhoc report Extracted from MorethanNews.com

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Four medical students can appeal decision to stop them working as junior doctors

Four medical students who were wrongly told they had passed their final exams will be able to appeal. They were forced to stop working as junior doctors in four Welsh hospitals after Cardiff University discovered it had mistakenly told them they had passed. The General Medical Council has also ordered the university to investigate how and why the blunder was made.

NHS issues

The Independent

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People are the root cause of the NHS woes

Readers' letters talking about the NHS.

NHS issues

Daily Mail

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WHY THE NHS IS NOT SACROSANCT

Ian Birrell in The Daily Mail today comments on the "deeply and irrevocably flawed" nature of the National Health Service.

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Good medical practice in action

The General Medical Council has launched a new series of online tutorials that aim to help doctors tackle tricky ethical situations.

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Careers in plastic surgery

Eric Freedlander, vice president of the British Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons (BAPRAS) and consultant plastic surgeon at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals, discusses how to cut it as a plastic surgeon. Notes GMC.

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Pulse

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What will be the real cost of revalidation?

Letter regarding the biggest change to the professional regulation of doctors in 150 years, which will come at no additional cost, and "is not going to make the GMC's Professor Peter Rubin many friends outside Whitehall."

Doctors

The Sun

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OP TOOLS LEFT IN PATIENTS

BUNGLING surgeons leave medical tools inside Scots patients every week.

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The Birmingham Post

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Probe over junior doctors' exam error

The General Medical Council has said that Cardiff University must investigate how four medical students were wrongly told they had passed their final exams, allowing them to practise as doctors.

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The Sentinel

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'WE WANT ANSWERS OVER NIANH'S TUMOUR.

The family of an 11-year-old girl has asked the General Medical Council to investigate why doctors failed to diagnose her brain tumour for four months.

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The Sentinel

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Girl's tumour 'described as depression by doctor'

British children wait three times longer to be diagnosed with brain tumours than those in countries such as the US and Poland, according to new research. Reporter Jessica Williams talks to a couple who feel their daughter was let down by the system, noting the GMC.

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Western Daily Press

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Doctor may be struck off

A doctor who prescribed "potentially hazardous" levels of drugs to elderly patients moved a step closer to being struck off yesterday. Dr Jane Barton faced a catalogue of allegations about her treatment of 12 patients at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital in Hampshire between 1996 and 1999. The General Medical Council hearing was adjourned in order to decide whether Dr Barton was guilty of serious professional misconduct.

Miscellaneous

The Press and Journal

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Demand for top medical man to go

A Lerwick man has called for the resignation of Shetland's medical director Ken Graham following a critical ombudsman's report into the death of his mother shortly after her release from hospital.

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