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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print mentions

The Independent on Sunday covers the FTP case of Dr Jane Barton reporting that Professor Gary Ford - a medical expert in elderly care and drug interactions – has told the GMC that there was no clear justification for the high doses of morphine and midazolam given to elderly patients, many of whom did not appear to have been in any pain.

The Sunday Mail and Mail on Sunday continue the story of Denise Hendry whose Swedish cosmetic surgeon was reported to the GMC.

Broadcast mentions

There are no direct broadcast mentions today.

Times Letters page and GMC published responses

There are no letters today.

Other news

There is lots of coverage of swine flu. The Sunday Express reports on health officials' claims that swine flu cases in Britain have reached 20,000 and that the number is on target to hit one million by the end of the summer, as ministers predicted.

The Mail on Sunday features the week-long battle of the UK's first 'fit' swine-flu victim.

The People says that CMO Liam Donaldson has written to GPs, warning of more deaths in the autumn and the emergence of a more virulent strain of the bug, saying that they should give priority to early treatment with antivirals of those in the high risk group.

The Sunday Times reports that the NHS is preparing to vaccinate the entire population against swine flu and in a separate article that operations must be put on hold so the NHS can cope with the swine flu crisis: Dr Peter Holden, of the BMA's general practitioners committee, said the Government should put in place emergency plans to deal with a swine flu pandemic 'with immediate effect'.

The News of the World says that Scots are paying £125 for home swine flu kits after the Government announced GPs will stop swabbing for the bug and Scotland On Sunday says that Scotland is preparing for swine flu to return in a more serious form this winter, with the prospect of rising deaths from the growing number of people falling ill, as warned by the country's CMO.

Several papers mention End of life issues. John Humphrys, who called for the legalisation of euthanasia in his book *The Welcome Visitor*, claims in *The Sunday Telegraph* that his first wife was helped to die by her nurses. Baroness Campbell explains in *The Sunday Telegraph* her opposition to legalising assisted suicide, and an *Observer* column says that the response to the creation of human sperm was predictably hysterical and missed the point.

The *Mail on Sunday* resurrects the story of Dr David Kelly reporting that 13 doctors are demanding an inquest into Dr David Kelly's death. Dr Kelly's body was found six years ago this week in woods close to his Oxfordshire home, shortly after he was exposed as the source of a BBC news report questioning the grounds for war in Iraq.

A *Sunday Times* editorial says the NHS could start charging people to see their GP.

There is further coverage of the perils of undergoing cosmetic surgery. The *Observer* covers the 'significant rise' in the number of negligence claims against doctors who harm and even kill patients during cosmetic surgery. The *Sunday Express* runs a story that the NHS has paid out almost £4 million since 2004 to patients who woke from surgery to find doctors had operated on the wrong part of their body. And *The Independent* on Sunday and *Sunday Mail* continue the story of Denise Hendry whose Swedish cosmetic surgeon was reported to the GMC.

The *Mail on Sunday* publishes a letter from Dr Robert Morley of the Birmingham Local Medical Committee who writes to the *Mail* that if GPs deliberately do not report if a patient dies or moves then mechanisms exist for the PCT to take action.

A doctor writes in *The Observer* that the catastrophic Modernising Medical Careers programme devised and implemented by Sir Liam Donaldson resulted in a generation of junior doctors either leaving medicine, emigrating or working in dead-end jobs.

Headlines

Doctors

The Mail on Sunday

Delivery date : 7/12/2009

Number of words : 1306

13 doctors demand inquest into Dr David Kelly's death The death of Government scientist David Kelly returned to haunt Labour last night after a group of doctors announced that they were mounting a legal challenge to overturn the finding of suicide. Dr Kelly's body was found six years ago this week in woods close to his Oxfordshire home, shortly after he was exposed as the source of a BBC news report questioning the grounds for war in Iraq.

Colleges & Regulators

Sunday Express

Delivery date : 7/12/2009

Number of words : 663

20,000 cases of swine flu - and on target for a million Swine flu cases in Britain have reached 20,000, say health officials. The number is rising every week and is on target to hit one million by the end of the summer, as ministers predicted.

Colleges & Regulators

The Mail on Sunday

Delivery date : 7/12/2009

Number of words : 265

Week-long battle of UK's first 'fit' swine-flu victim The only Briton to die of swine flu and not to have underlying health problems fought for life for nine days. He was admitted to Basildon Hospital in Essex on July 1 and was placed in isolation in the intensive care unit. The man, who came from the local area, was understood to have been in full

health before contracting the virus. Despite this, he lost his battle against the flu strain on Friday morning. A hospital spokeswoman could not confirm whether he had been given Tamiflu.

NHS issues

The People

Delivery date : 7/12/2009

Number of words : 242

GIVE BABIES THE JAB

Britain's Chief Medical Officer Liam Donaldson says babies should be given anti-swine flu drugs to stop them becoming "super spreaders." In a letter to GPs, he warns of more deaths in the autumn and the emergence of a more virulent strain of the bug, and says that they "should give priority to early treatment with anti-virals of those in the high risk group. These include "the 0-five-year olds." A separate leaked memo from an NHS executive in charge of emergency planning accuses the Government of "muddled thinking" on key issues.

NHS issues

The Sunday Times

Delivery date : 7/12/2009

Number of words : 204

Everyone to get swine flu vaccine

The NHS is preparing to vaccinate the entire population against swine flu after the disease claimed the life of its first healthy British patient.

Doctors

The Sunday Telegraph

Delivery date : 7/12/2009

Number of words : 155

'Shelve ops during swine flu crisis'

Routine operations must be put on hold so the NHS can cope with the swine flu crisis, doctors' leaders said last night. Dr Peter Holden, of the British Medical Association's general practitioners committee, said the Government should put in place emergency plans to deal with a swine flu pandemic "with immediate effect".

Doctors

The Observer

Delivery date : 7/12/2009

Number of words : 300

Claims soar for botched cosmetic surgery There has been a "significant rise" in the number of negligence claims against doctors who harm and even kill patients during cosmetic surgery. According to market researcher Mintel, cosmetic surgery in Britain was worth £143m in 2002 but this year the figure will touch £1.2bn.

End of Life

The Sunday Telegraph

Delivery date : 7/12/2009

Number of words : 187

Humphrys on how his wife had help in dying John Humphrys, who called for the legalisation of euthanasia in his book The Welcome Visitor, has claimed that his first wife was helped to die by her nurses.

GMC

Independent on Sunday

Delivery date : 7/12/2009

Number of words : 608

Doctor prescribed sedatives 'for no reason'

Elderly patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital were prescribed potentially lethal doses of painkillers and sedatives for no obvious reason, the General Medical Council was told last week. Professor Gary Ford - a medical expert in elderly care and drug interactions - told the GMC there was no clear justification for the high doses of morphine and midazolam given to elderly patients, many of whom did not appear to have been in any pain.

Doctors

Sunday Express

Delivery date : 7/12/2009

Number of words : 140

Hospital errors cost £4m

The NHS has paid out almost £4million since 2004 to patients who woke from surgery to find doctors had operated on the wrong part of their body.

NHS issues

The Sunday Times

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Number of words : 807

Pay up, if you want to see a GP

Editorial comment on why the NHS could start charging people to see their GP's.

GMC

Independent on Sunday

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Number of words : 265

Surgeon speaks out over 'unnecessary' liposuction that led to woman's death A leading cosmetic surgeon said yesterday that Denise Hendry, who died on Friday after complications from liposuction, never needed cosmetic surgery. He hoped her terrible fate would deter others considering "unnecessary" procedures. Mrs Hendry, the 42-year-old wife of the former Scottish football captain Colin Hendry, first had surgery seven years ago in an attempt to regain her figure after the birth of her fourth child, but was left with nine punctures to her bowel and colon, blood poisoning and multiple organ failure.

End of Life

The Observer

Delivery date : 7/12/2009

Number of words : 1004

It's not natural but it's still wonderful The response to the creation of human sperm was predictably hysterical and missed the point, says an Observer column.

GMC

Sunday Mail

Delivery date : 7/12/2009

Number of words : 409

WE'LL CALL IN COPS, WARN HENDRY LAWYERS Docs' report may spark THE death of football hero Colin Hendry's wife could be probed by police.

End of Life

The Sunday Telegraph

Delivery date : 7/12/2009

Number of words : 1806

BELIEVE ME, I ABSOLUTELY LOVE MY LIFE

Interview with Code A who explains her opposition to legalising assisted suicide.

Miscellaneous

News of the World

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Number of words : 185

SWINE FLU TEST SALES ON THE RISE

SCOTS are paying £125 for home swine flu kits after the Government announced GPs will stop swabbing for the bug.

GMC

The Mail on Sunday

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Number of words : 900

Police set to investigate tragic death of Scotland star's wife THE death of former Scotland captain Colin Hendry's wife Denise could be made the subject of a criminal investigation.

Doctors

The Mail on Sunday

Delivery date : 7/12/2009

Number of words : 108

The mystery must end

A comment on the death of Dr David Kelly and the challenge by 13 specialist doctors to the official suicide verdict of the much-criticised Hutton Inquiry.

Miscellaneous

Scotland on Sunday

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Number of words : 645

Swine flu may return in more deadly form in winter, warns health chief SCOTLAND is preparing for swine flu to return in a more serious form this winter, with the prospect of rising deaths from the growing number of people falling ill, the country's chief medical officer has warned.

Doctors

The Mail on Sunday

Delivery date : 7/12/2009

Number of words : 407

He could not have died from loss of blood, say the experts The draft version of the doctors' dossier - a final version, including diagrams and a copy of Dr Kelly's death certificate, is being prepared for lawyers this week - concentrates on the ulnar artery, a blood vessel in the forearm.

Doctors

The Mail on Sunday

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Number of words : 111

No patient 'fraud'

Dr Robert Morley, Birmingham Local Medical Committee, writes to the Mail to states that if GPs deliberately do not report if a patient dies or moves then mechanisms exist for the PCT to take action.

Doctors

The Observer

Delivery date : 7/12/2009

Number of words : 75

Junior doctors in crisis

Readers' letters.