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# Press Cuttings Summary

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## Direct Mentions

### Print & Online Mentions

*The Herald* (Republic of Ireland) notes that, although Dr Sabah al-Zayyatt is suspended the GMC pending an investigation, she is still registered to work in Ireland:

<http://www.herald.ie/national-news/suspended-baby-p-doctor-allowed-to-work-here-1861254.html>

*The Epping Forest Guardian* reports that GP Dr Richard Price who looked at porn while at work, has had his actions condemned by MPs Iain Duncan Smith and Lee Scott. The article notes that the doctor received a formal warning from the GMC.

[http://www.guardian-series.co.uk/news/4548384.WOODFORD GREEN Porn scandal doctor criticised by MPs/](http://www.guardian-series.co.uk/news/4548384.WOODFORD_GREEN_Porn_scandal_doctor_criticism_by_MPs/)

thisiscornwall.co.uk reports how motorist Mark Mellor, a radiologist, faces jail over a biker's death. The article notes that the radiologist also faces a GMC hearing over the offence.

<http://www.thisiscornwall.co.uk/news/Motorist-faces-jail-biker-s-death/article-1253370-detail/article.html>

### Broadcast Mentions

BBC One South mentioned today that a "decision is due today" for the hearing relating to Dr Jane Barton (though the hearing is expected to run for the rest of this week).

### Times Letters page

There are no letters today.

### Other News

The independent panel established to advise on issues relating to the swine flu pandemic has said the government rejected its arguments against the mass prescription of antiviral drugs because they feared a public back-lash over such a decision. The panel has argued that mass prescription could lead to the virus developing resistance to the drugs.

The father of a teenage girl who died after her tonsillitis was incorrectly diagnosed as swine flu over the phone by a GP has called for such call centres to be stopped. Code A has asked the government to return to "old fashioned doctoring".

### Headlines:

Doctors

The Guardian

Delivery date : 17/08/2009

Number of words : 1367

[Swine flu drug advice rejected by government](#)

An independent panel set up by the Department of Health warned ministers that plans to make Tamiflu widely

available could do more harm than good, by helping the flu virus to develop resistance to the drug. However, ministers felt that mass provision was the only acceptable option. "It was felt ... it would simply be unacceptable to the UK population to tell them we had a huge stockpile of drugs but they were not going to be made available," Professor Robert Dingwall, a member of the Committee on Ethical Aspects of Pandemic Influenza, said.

## Doctors

Daily Mail

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Tonsillitis girl died after GP said on phone it was swine flu

The distraught father of a teenage girl who died after her tonsillitis was deemed to be swine flu is calling for over-the-phone diagnosis to be scrapped.

## Web links:

### National Newspapers:

The Times

The Independent

The Guardian

The Daily Telegraph

The Daily Mail

The Daily Mirror

The Daily Express

The Sun

The Financial Times

### Online Media:

The BBC

Channel 4

Sky

### Other Regular Newspapers:

The Scotsman

The Herald

The Press & Journal

The Manchester Evening News

Irish News

Belfast Telegraph

News Letter

South Wales Echo

South Wales Evening Post

Western Mail

### Medical Press:

Pulse

BMJ

HSJ

The Lancet

The Press Cuttings Website