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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print & Online Mentions

The New Scientist and Time magazine report the case of Code A and The Lancet's recent announcement that it has retracted the doctors' study from its records. Local newspapers also report the news.

The Lancet

* The journal has published its formal retraction of Code A et al's study saying that, following the determination made by the GMC's Fitness to Practise Panel, 'it has become clear that several elements of the 1998 paper...are incorrect'.

* Tony Weetman, Jeffrey Aronson and Simon Maxwell from the Medical Schools Council (MSC) write that they are committed to tackling the problem of prescribing errors. The article says that the MSC is working with the GMC and others to agree on the standard of competence required of all newly qualified doctors.

BMJ (6 Feb 10)

An editorial and several mentions this week review the case of Code A and colleagues, following the GMC's recent finding and The Lancet subsequently retracting their research into the MMR vaccine/autism.

There are two comment pieces on the Wakefield case. Trisha Greenhalgh looks at the course of the original paper submitted to The Lancet and why it may have taken so long for the retraction. Brian Deer, the journalist who first raised concerns about the study, talks about his involvement in the case.

The journal also reports on the conclusion of the fitness to practise hearing of Dr Jane Barton, noting that the GMC disagreed with the panels decision to place conditions on Dr Bartons registration and to not erase her from the medical register.

The launch of the ten revalidation pilots is also reported, noting how they will test the role of the responsible officer, proposals for a strengthened form of appraisal, and look at the role of the medical royal colleges or faculties to support the process.

Pulse magazine

Code A has expressed concerns about findings from the Merseyside revalidation pilot. In an interview with Pulse he says that pilots should not be a 'window dressing exercise'.

Hospital Doctor website

The website reports on the verdict given at the inquest into David Grays death and the recommendations made about Out of Hours care provision in the UK. The article mentions that the GMC has highlighted it is currently unable to test doctors from the EU:

<http://www.hospitaldr.co.uk/blogs/dr-blogs/our-gps-must-prevent-out-of-hours-killings>

Fitness to practise mentions

Dr Stuart Scott (Evening Express).
 Dr Saroj Adlakha (Birmingham Mail).
 Dr Shaafii Adan Dirir (Birmingham Mail).

Broadcast Mentions

There are no broadcast mentions today.

Letters pages

There are no relevant letters today.

Other News

The Western Mail and the Peterborough Evening Telegraph report on the inquest into the death of [Code A] and the case of [Code A]. In her column in the Daily Mail, Amanda Platell writes that she is surprised there are not more cases like [Code A].

In her Mirror column, Fiona Phillips writes about the 'huge response' to her previous article in support of [Code A]. [Code A] She says there are 'thousands' of families who believe the MMR vaccine has damaged their children. The paper has printed a selection of readers' letters.

The British Journal of Community Nursing reports that the King's Fund has just published 'Delivering better healthcare at the end of life'. One of the main issues the report highlights is the lack of teamwork between different healthcare providers.

According to The Sun, doctors at Ayr hospital in Scotland discharged patient Elizabeth Woodward with a needle still stuck in her arm. Mrs Woodward, 75, has Alzheimer's.

A Times editorial mentions that Labour will launch its campaign on health next week. According to the article, neither the Labour party nor the Conservatives have any interest in 'posing the tough questions that will really define the future of the health system'.

Hospital Doctor website

The website reports on the measures implemented by Cardiff Medical School to avoid a repeat of last years situation whereby four students were passed on an exam they had actually failed:
<http://www.hospitaldr.co.uk/blogs/our-news/medical-school-changes-after-doctors-have-to-repeat-finals>

Headlines:

NHS issues

The Times

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An Unhealthy Debate

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Editorial comment on why the NHS must need to be reformed.

Miscellaneous

The Guardian

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Homeopathic society 'misled' MPs in inquiry

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The British Homeopathic Association has been accused of misrepresenting scientific evidence on alternative medicine in documents it gave to a parliamentary inquiry.

Doctors

Daily Mirror

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AS you'll see from Your [...]

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Comment on the huge response to last week's article in support of MMR doctor:

Code A

End of Life

Daily Telegraph

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Pope condemns rise of euthanasia

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Pope Benedict XVI yesterday criticised support for euthanasia, which he said went against the Christian understanding of the dignity of human life. He also attacked the "increasing tide of secularism" in Britain - his second comments on the country in a week - as well as recent developments in embryo research.

GMC

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

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MMR and other controversies

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Following the GMC's judgement, the Lancet has retracted the paper by Code A and colleagues that in 1998 linked the MMR vaccine to autism and bowel disease.

End of Life

British Journal of Community Nursing

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End of life care: work together, achieve more

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The King's Fund has just published *Delivering Better Care at End of Life* (King's Fund, 2010), a report from the Sir Roger Bannister Health Summit.

Doctors

Western Mail

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Unlawful killing verdict in out-of-hours doctor probe

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A doctor who injected a pensioner with a fatal overdose was guilty of "gross negligence manslaughter", a coroner has ruled.

Doctors

Pulse

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Number of words : 207

Five-year training rejected

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The RCGP's proposal for GP training to be extended to five years has been knocked back by government officials for a second time, Pulse has learned.

GMC

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

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GMC disagrees with panel's decision on Hampshire GP

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A GP who prescribed potentially hazardous doses of sedatives and pain-killers to elderly patients has been found guilty of "multiple instances" of serious professional misconduct by a General Medical Council panel but is allowed to continue practising.

GMC

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

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Lancet retracts MMR paper after GMC finds Andrew Wakefield guilty of dishonesty

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The Lancet has retracted the 12 year old paper that sparked an international crisis of confidence in the safety of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine when its lead author suggested a link between the vaccine and autism.

Doctors

Daily Mail

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THE only surprise about the [...]

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A comment on the case of **Code A** the foreign locum doctor whose incompetence and poor grasp of English led to the unlawful death of 70-year-old **Code A**

GMC

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

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Reflections on investigating: **Code A**

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What will become of the man at the centre of the GMC's longest running fitness to practise case?

Colleges & Regulators

Peterborough Evening Telegraph

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Government statement after damning verdict

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PRIMARY care trusts have been failing to carry out thorough checks on GPs providing out-of-hours care, according to a Government report issued after the **Code A** inquest verdict.

GMC

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MMR vaccine and autism

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Two and a half years after beginning to hear evidence, the General Medical Council (GMC) has ruled that three researchers acted improperly in the conduct of their research into a proposed new syndrome of autistic enterocolitis.

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Daily Mirror

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Your Shout

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Fiona Phillips comments readers' reactions to last week's article on MMR doctor **Code A**

GMC

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Why did the Lancet take so long?

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GMC

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

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Revalidation pilots launched

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Ten revalidation pilots including more than 3000 doctors have been launched by the Department of Health.

Doctors

The Sun

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Docs send granny age 75 home with needle in her arm

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BUNGLING medics sent a frail pensioner home from hospital with a surgical NEEDLE still in her arm.

GMC

New Scientist

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Autism paper dumped

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GMC

The Lancet

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Retraction Ileal-lymphoid-nodular hyperplasia, non-specific colitis, and pervasive developmental disorder in children

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Lancet article retraction: "Following the judgement of the UK General Medical Council's Fitness to Practise Panel on Jan 28, 2010, it has become clear that several elements of the 1998 paper by Wakefield et al are incorrect, contrary to the findings of an earlier investigation."

GMC

The Lancet

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Reducing prescription errors

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Comment on reducing prescription errors, noting the General Medical Council.

GMC

Time Magazine

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Debunked. A pivotal paper linking vaccines and autism is retracted. Will the antivaccine movement go on?

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GMC

Pulse

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Pilot study of revalidation uncovers 'clear concerns'

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A GMC trial of revalidation has identified 'clear concerns' with the system, which doctors are believed to have found excessively bureaucratic and time consuming.

GMC

Evening Express

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NHS boss acted 'dishonestly'

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Dr Stuart Scott an NHS Grampian director knowingly kept money intended for an Aberdeen GPs' surgery, a professional standards body has ruled. A General Medical Council (GMC) panel ruled his actions were dishonest, and was today to consider if his fitness to practise medicine has been impaired.

GMC

Birmingham Mail

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Doc ban for late abortion in Spain

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A BIRMINGHAM GP who arranged an illegal late abortion for her teenage daughter in Spain has been struck off the medical register.

GMC

Birmingham Mail

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Surgeon put child's life in danger after overdose

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A SURGEON has been banned from practicing medicine for a year after botching a circumcision on a five-year-old child he was treating at his Birmingham home.

GMC

Northampton Chronicle & Echo

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MMR findings are withdrawn

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AN EMINENT journal which published a controversial research paper sparking concerns over a possible link between the MMR vaccine and autism retracted it from the public record today.

Web links:

National Newspapers: Other Regular Newspapers:Medical Press:

The Times <<https://webmail.gmc-uk.org/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://www.timesonline.co.uk/>> The

Scotsman <<https://webmail.gmc-uk.org/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://www.scotsman.com/>> Pulse

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