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## DIRECT MENTIONS/ TOP STORIES

### GMC elderly care advice for GPs stresses importance of continuity of care

*GP Online (Web), 14/07/2014, p. 0, Unattributed*

The GMC has launched an online tool on the Better care of older people, containing advice, case studies and scenarios to help doctors care for elderly patients. Niall Dickson of the GMC said they were aware that the care of older people in this country was often not good enough and that the new learning materials would help stimulate discussion and help doctors work with older people.

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### A torturous remediation meeting

*Pulse Today (Web), 14/07/2014, p. 0, Unattributed*

An anonymous doctor writes about a 'torturous remediation meeting' saying that it was not the fault of the GMC, but due to the demands and processes set by the former PCT.

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### Dilemma: GP criticises colleagues in public

*Pulse Today (Web), 14/07/2014, p. 0, Unattributed*

A dilemma is offered over a GP who criticises his colleagues in public. The General Medical Council's Good Medical Practice states that doctors should treat their colleagues fairly and with respect, and should challenge colleagues if their behaviour does not comply with this guidance.

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### Boom as industry shapes up for reform

*The Times, 15/07/2014, p. 3, Unattributed*

The cosmetic surgery industry has been criticised over a lack of regulation, but the Royal College of Surgeons is currently working with the General Medical Council on a code of ethical conduct, and the Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Authority is piloting a breast implant registry.

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### Safety first is making right clicks

*The Times, 15/07/2014, p. 4, Unattributed*

Advice on choosing a cosmetic surgery practitioner says that ideally they will be on the specialist register of the General Medical Council.

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### Is your practitioner qualified?

*The Times, 15/07/2014, p. 5, Unattributed*

Cosmetic procedures such as Botox and dermal fillers are regularly administered by non-medics with no training. Dr Raj Acquilla, an expert in facial medical injectables says an 'appropriately qualified' practitioner should be registered with their governing body, such as the General Medical Council, Royal College of Nursing or General Dental Council.

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### **Maintaining high standards of hospice care by measuring patient satisfaction**

*EHospice (Web), 14/07/2014, p. 0, C.mayehospice.com*

The General Medical Council has proposed that all doctors with patient contact should be expected to complete patient satisfaction questionnaires at least once every five years. PSQs are used to evaluate how patients feel about their doctor's communication and interpersonal skills.

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### **Devon MP brands mental health welfare crackdown "unethical, unworkable nonsense".**

*Western Morning News (Web), 14/07/2014, p. 0, Unattributed*

Totnes MP Dr Sarah Wollaston has criticised plans to take benefits from the mentally ill unless they agree to treatment, describing them as 'unethical.' She said that the General Medical Council should take a dim view of any doctor who prescribes a treatment to a patient who only needs it to comply with benefit rules.

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### **Our universities are a reason why great city is so popular**

*The Argus, 14/07/2014, p. 10, Unattributed*

Letter: Professor Michael Farthing writes in his capacity as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sussex.

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## **FITNESS TO PRACTISE**

### **Inquiry is launched into deaths at Gosport hospital where use of opiates was "almost routine"**

*British Medical Journal (Web), 14/07/2014, p. 0, Unattributed*

The Government has announced a formal inquiry into deaths at Gosport Hospital between 1988 and 2000. Jane Barton, a GP who was responsible for patients at the hospital, was investigated by police but it was decided not to prosecute. A General Medical Council fitness to practise hearing in 2010 found her guilty of multiple instances of serious professional misconduct but allowed her to practise under conditions, but Niall Dickson said after the hearing that she should have been struck off.

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## **MID-STAFFORDSHIRE INQUIRY**

### **Stafford Hospital staffing warning**

*BBC (Web), 14/07/2014, p. 0, Unattributed*

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### **Nursing numbers 'at unsafe levels'**

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### **NHS gets safe nurse staffing rules**

*BBC (Web), 15/07/2014, p. 0, Unattributed*

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### **Hunt plans special measures for GPs who fail their patients**

*The Guardian, 15/07/2014, p. 11, Denis Campbell*

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### **Doctors and nurses should own hospitals, says think-tank**

*i (The paper for today), 15/07/2014, p. 6, Oliver Wright*

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The UK government has announced a formal independent inquiry into deaths from 1988 to 2000 at a hospital caring for elderly patients in Hampshire. The inquiry into the deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital will be chaired by James Jones, the former bishop of Liverpool, and is expected to take two years.

The announcement by the care and support minister Norman Lamb follows the publication last year of a review into the deaths, which concluded that the “almost routine use of opiates” had “almost certainly” shortened the lives of some patients. The publication of that review, led by Richard ...