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ALL COVERAGE[All Articles](#)**TOP STORIES/DIRECT MENTIONS****GMC defends guidance on social media anonymity***BMJ Careers (Web), 10/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed*

The General Medical Council has defended its new guidelines on doctors' use of social media after criticism that it may infringe human rights. The GMC says its advice that doctors should identify themselves by name online represents good practice, and doctors who remain anonymous will not face fitness to practise proceedings, unless they have breached patient confidentiality or bullied and harassed colleagues.

[Article](#)**MDU expands legal team to tackle increasing complaints and claims***Anaesthesia UK (Web), 09/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed*

The Medical Defence Union has taken on extra staff to deal with an unprecedented level of complaints against dentists and doctors. The newly expanded team will deal with a range of legal issues, including complaints to the General Medical Council and General Dental Council.

[Article](#)**Performance at MRCP(UK): when should trainees sit examinations?***Clinical Medicine, 01/04/2013, p. 166, Unattributed*

A paper analysing candidate performances in the three components of the MRCP(UK) examinations to establish when they are most likely to pass. The General Medical Council have recently asked the Royal Colleges and faculties to put a limit on the number of attempts made to pass each component.

[Article](#)**FITNESS TO PRACTISE****Fraudster doctor is struck off***IOM Examiner, 08/04/2013, p. 1, Unattributed*

Dr Dirk Hohmann, a German doctor who failed to disclose fraud convictions to the General Medical Council when registering as a doctor, has been struck off by a Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service panel in Manchester.

[Article](#)**GP faces panel over allegation***Shields Gazette, 08/04/2013, p. 3, Unattributed*

Dr Rajith Ramachandran is due to appear before a General Medical Council Fitness to Practice panel on charges of carrying out a 'sexually motivated' examination of a female patient, on four separate occasions.

[Article](#)**'Drugs ensured my mother's death'***Business Matters (Web), 09/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed*

The daughter of Gladys Richards, who died at Gosport War Memorial Hospital in 1998, has said her mother was 'condemned to death' by the medication that she was given. Following a previous inquest into the deaths of ten other patients, the General Medical Council ruled that Dr Jane Barton was guilty of multiple instances of professional misconduct including use of inappropriate drugs.

[Article](#)**Hospital 'condemned mother to death'***BBC (Web), 09/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed*

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[Article](#)**Dr Amit Banerjee**

Hartlepool Mail, 09/04/2013, p. 3, Unattributed

Correction: The Hartlepool Mail previously carried a story that Dr Amit Kumar Banerjee that said he had admitted sexually motivated conduct towards two women patients. Dr Banerjee and the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service have said that he has not admitted any misconduct, and the allegations against him which he will face at a MPTS hearing relate to only one woman.

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Blackpool Gazette, 09/04/2013, p. 4, Emmaharris

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Gladys Richards: 'Condemned to death' by Gosport hospital

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A 91-year-old woman who died at a Hampshire hospital was "condemned to death" by the medication she was given, an inquest has heard.

Gladys Richards was admitted to Gosport War Memorial Hospital (GWMH) in August 1998 to recuperate after a hip operation following a fall.

She died five days later, having been given diamorphine on a continuous basis.

The hearing at Portsmouth Guildhall is expected to last nine days.

Inquests into 10 other deaths at the hospital in 2009 found that drugs were a contributory factor in some cases.

Her daughters Gillian Mackenzie and Lesley O'Brien have campaigned for several years for a full inquest.

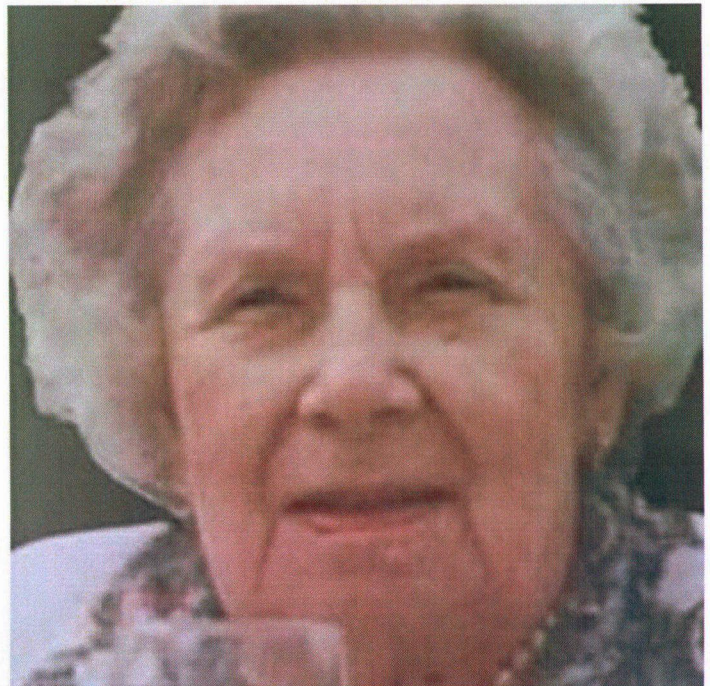
Giving evidence, Mrs Mackenzie, 79, from Eastbourne, East Sussex, described how her mother, who had dementia, was living at Glen Heathers Nursing Home in Lee-on-the-Solent when she fell.

She had a hip operation at Royal Haslar Hospital in Gosport and was transferred to GWMH for rehabilitative care.

'Close to death'

But after a further fall she returned to Royal Haslar where the replacement hip was manipulated back into place.

When Mrs Mackenzie visited her mother back at GWMH she found her "moaning" and in



Gladys Richards, who had dementia, had been living at a nursing home

"pain".

She was then diagnosed as having a haematoma - a tumour of clotted blood - and Mrs Mackenzie said medical staff told her she was not well enough to undergo treatment for it.

She said she was told by nurse manager Philip Beed: "I am going to make her life easier by giving her a shot of diamorphine."

Mrs Mackenzie said: "I said 'No you will not. Are you talking about a case of euthanasia, as I will not tolerate euthanasia?'"

Explaining her comments, Mrs Mackenzie said: "If they are giving diamorphine to someone who is nowhere near to death, why else is it?

"I said, 'then I would prefer her to go to the Royal Haslar Hospital unless she was so close to death that she would die in the ambulance,' and Philip Beed said 'It's possible'."



Gillian Mackenzie said she hoped the inquest would answer a number of questions

Mrs Richards was then given diamorphine administered through a syringe driver - a device which continuously administers drugs.

"She must have had a considerable reserve of strength to survive five days when she had a diet of diamorphine and no hydration whatsoever," her daughter told the hearing.

She added: "I believe a decision was made, for reasons I do not accept, to reject treatment options which would have given my mother a chance to recover, and palliative treatment was commenced and condemned my mother to death."

In 2009, inquests into the deaths of 10 other patients at the same hospital in the late 1990s were held.

The jury found that medication contributed to the deaths of five of the patients and that three of these were given "unsuitable medication".

The General Medical Council later ruled that Dr Jane Barton, who was a clinical assistant at the hospital, was guilty of multiple instances of professional misconduct relating to 12 patients who died at the hospital.

Hampshire Constabulary conducted an investigation into the deaths of 92 elderly patients at GWMH but no prosecutions have been brought.

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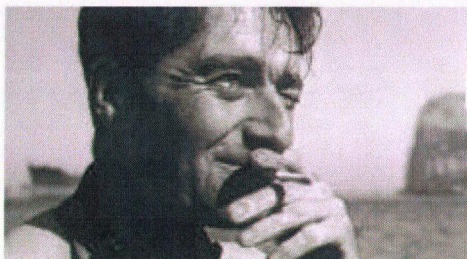
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