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A discussion on how the commercial interests of GPs can be reconciled with their role in clinical commissioning groups without compromising their decision making. The General Medical Council has published a new edition of Good Medical Practice which includes guidance on financial arrangements and conflicts of interest.

[Article](#)**Warning over health reforms***St Ives Times & Echo, 05/04/2013, p.5, Unattributed*

Andrew George MP has said that health campaigners should not stop just because the Health and Social Care Act is being implemented. He said the complex web of overseers, including such as the General Medical Council, were more likely to add confusion than reassurance.

[Article](#)**Francis triggers regulation revamp***The Pharmaceutical Journal, 06/04/2013, p.362, Unattributed*

Plans for the future of regulation in the health service have been set out in the Government's initial response to the Francis report. 'Patients first and foremost' says the General Medical Council, Nursing and Midwifery Council and other regulators are being hampered by an outdated legislative framework.

[Article](#)**Poor OSH reporting uncovered in new study***Occupational Safety and Health, 01/04/2013, p.1, Unattributed*

The BMA has published new guidelines for specialists and others working in occupational health setting out their clinical and legal responsibilities. The BMA says its guidance is based on that of other organisations, including the General Medical Council.

[Article](#)**Half Of All Patient Complaints In Australia Are About 3% Of Doctors***Medical News Today (Web), 11/04/2013, Unattributed*

Half of all formal complaints made in Australia to health ombudsmen concern the same 3% of all doctors, new research has found. Professor Ron Paterson of the University of Auckland suggests that countries should follow the example of the General Medical Council and introduce formal appraisal as part of revalidation.

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A list of recent statutory instruments includes The General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise and Constitution of Panels and Investigation Committee) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2013

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The Health and Safety Executive has begun a criminal investigation into the death of a woman at Stafford Hospital in 2007. 66-year-old Gillian Astbury died after slipping into a diabetic coma.

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TO HELL WITH JUSTICE

The Sun, 12/04/2013, p.18, Anthony France

Plans to keep the names of those who have been arrested secret would have led to some of them escaping justice for further crimes. One of the case studies used is that of GP David Baillie who was convicted after other victims read reports of a General Medical Council tribunal detailing how he had carried out intimate examinations on patients, and was then struck off. He was imprisoned after admitting 17 other assaults.

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Patient given drugs 'to ease pain'

BBC (Web), 11/04/2013, Unattributed

Nurse Philip Beed of Gosport War Memorial Hospital has spoken at the inquest of Gladys Richards, saying that she was given a syringe driver to continuously administer drugs. Professor Robin Ferner had earlier told the inquest that the drugs could have hastened her death. Following earlier inquests, the General Medical Council ruled that Dr Jane Barton, who prescribed the drugs, was guilty of professional misconduct relating to the deaths of 12 patients at the hospital.

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Surgeon cleared of misconduct

Leicester Mercury, 11/04/2013, p.11, Cathy Buss

Surgeon Mr Sead Dzumhur has been cleared by the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service after it was found that mistakes he had made did not amount to misconduct. A hearing found that his note-keeping had been inadequate, but cleared him of more serious offences relating to breast surgery.

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Some Reflections on Measles and the MMR

Peter Hitchens - Mail Online (Blog), 11/04/2013, Unattributed

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A patient died after surgery that the public service ombudsman said should never have gone ahead. Peter Tyndall criticised the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board over the death of Allan King, and had planned to send a copy of the report to the General Medical Council regarding the actions of surgeon 'Mr Y', but later relented.

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Gladys Richards: Powerful drugs were 'to ease pain'

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A 91-year-old woman who died at a heavily-criticised Hampshire hospital was given powerful drugs to help ease her pain, an inquest heard.

Nurse Philip Beed said when patients like Gladys Richards were given syringe drivers to continuously administer drugs they were likely to die.

He was in charge of Daedalus Ward at Gosport War Memorial Hospital (GWMH) when Mrs Richards died in August 1998.

She was there to recuperate from a hip operation following a fall.

But Mrs Richards, of Lee-on-the-Solent, died four days after being continuously given diamorphine via a syringe to treat a haematoma - a swelling containing blood.

'Confused and agitated'

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

Mrs Richards' daughters, Gillian Mackenzie and Lesley O'Brien, have campaigned for years for a full inquest to be held into her death.

Mrs Mackenzie, of Eastbourne, East Sussex, told the hearing medical staff placed her mother on a course of palliative care which "condemned" her to death.

Mr Beed told the inquest that when Mrs Richards, who had dementia, was admitted to the hospital for rehabilitation she was "confused and agitated".

"I did not think at that point she would die



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

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but I did think it would be difficult for her to regain mobility," he said.

He added that her condition worsened after she underwent a further hip operation following a fall at the hospital.

At that point Dr Jane Barton, who was in charge of the ward, prescribed Mrs Richards diamorphine to be administered using a syringe driver, he said.

Mr Beed claimed Dr Barton set the parameters for the dosage but the level used was applied on the agreement of two nurses.



Dr Jane Barton resigned from Hampshire NHS Foundation Trust in 2010

'Out of control'

When asked by coroner David Horsley if this was deemed to be terminal care, he agreed and said it was discussed with her daughters.

"I think that was the feeling at this point. She was a patient who wasn't getting better, whose symptoms were running out of control," he added.

"We discussed [with the family] that this was the expected outcome of this stage of treatment."

Prof Robin Ferner, who was asked by relatives to compile a report, earlier told the inquest drugs given to Mrs Richards were "very likely" to have hastened her death.

The professor said a haematoma would have resolved itself within a few days or weeks and was not a justification for putting Mrs Richards onto end-of-life care.

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

A jury found 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 Dr Barton, who was a clinical assistant at the hospital, guilty of multiple instances of professional misconduct relating to 12 patients who died at the hospital.

Hampshire Constabulary investigated the deaths of 92 elderly patients at GWMH but no prosecutions have been brought.

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

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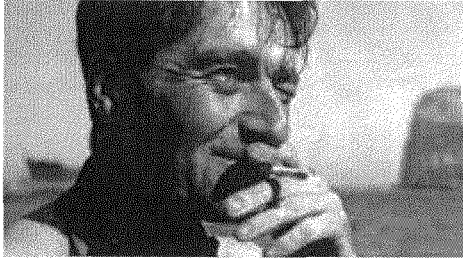
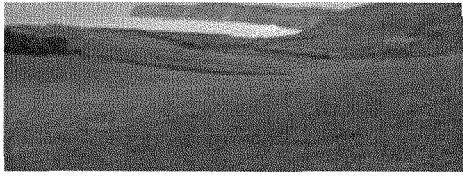
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