Articles

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**Availability and readability of patient education materials for deprescribing: An environmental scan.**
Fajardo MA. *British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology* 2019; doi.org/10.1111/bcp.13912. [Review of 48 patient education materials identified reports only 37% provided information about both benefits and harms of deprescribing, while 40% focused on benefits only. Most were pitched above average reading levels making them inaccessible for low health literacy population.]
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**Exposing drug industry funding of UK patient organisations**
*BMJ* 2019;365:l1806 . [From 2012 to 2016 the drug industry donated over £57m (€65m; $73m) to UK patient organisations, with the annual sum more than doubling over the period. The funding benefited a small number of organisations and activities related to research and public involvement. The industry gave priority to commercially high profile conditions. Industry payment disclosures had limited transparency]

**Mass media to communicate public health messages in six health topic areas: a systematic review and other reviews of the evidence.**
Stead M. *Public Health Research* 2019;7(8):1-238. [This study suggested that the evidence is mixed, but mass media campaigns can reduce sedentary behaviour, improve sexual health and contribute to smoking cessation and it identified features to increase campaigns’ effectiveness.]
*Freely available online*

**Patient and Family Engagement During Treatment Decisions in an ICU: A Discourse Analysis of the Electronic Health Record.**
Kruser JM. *Critical Care Medicine* 2019;47(6):784-791. [Shared decision-making is recommended for critically ill adults who face major, preference-sensitive treatment decisions. Yet, little is known about when and how patients and families are engaged in treatment decision-making over the longitudinal course of a critical illness. We sought to characterize patterns of treatment decision-making by evaluating clinician discourse in the electronic health record of critically ill adults who develop chronic critical illness or die in an ICU.]

Guidelines
The following new guidance has recently been published:

**WHO Guideline: recommendations on digital interventions for health system strengthening.**
World Health Organization (WHO); 2019.

[The key aim of this guideline is to present recommendations based on a critical evaluation of the evidence on emerging digital health interventions that are contributing to health system improvements, based on an assessment of the benefits, harms, acceptability, feasibility, resource use and equity considerations.]

Reports

The following report(s) may be of interest:

**National survey of local innovation and research needs of the NHS**
The AHSN Network; 2019.

[The survey asked respondents about innovation and research needs across three main categories: system-level priorities, medical treatment areas, and needs related to specific patient groups. Stakeholders were also asked about their awareness, access and use of existing innovation and research. Issues identified included workforce issues, mental illness, older people, frailty, multi-morbidities and current innovation and research]

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**Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee: Inquiry to explore the findings of "Ignoring the Alarms" by the Parliamentary and Health Services Ombudsman: Written Evidence by the Patient Experience Library April 2019.**
The Patient Experience Library; 2019.
https://www.patientlibrary.net/tempgen/194234.pdf

[(From Executive summary)
"We will draw on evidence to show that the failures of investigation and learning highlighted by the PHSO are not unique to Averil Hart's case. Nor are they unique to eating disorder services. They are systemic, and extend right across the NHS."
This report looks to highlight that there is a double standard in the treatment of patient experience evidence as opposed to medical evidence, that the flaws are persistent. They go on to recommend steps for improvement.]

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