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# THE LANCET

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Perspectives: The art of medicine

## **Legacies of ableism and the pursuit of disability justice in medicine**

I was diagnosed with chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy at the age of 16 years as I began training in Indian classical dance. This rare neurological condition resulted in partial paralysis of my lower limbs and shattered my dream to become a professional dancer.

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Seminar

## **Haemophilia**

Haemophilia A and B are congenital X-linked bleeding disorders resulting from deficiencies in clotting factors VIII (haemophilia A) and IX (haemophilia B). Patients with severe deficiency, defined as having less than 1% of normal plasma factor activity, often have spontaneous bleeding within the first few years of life.

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Article

## **Global, regional, and national prevalence of child and adolescent overweight and obesity, 1990–2021, with forecasts to 2050: a forecasting study for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021**

Despite the well documented consequences of obesity during childhood and adolescence and future risks of excess body mass on non-communicable diseases in adulthood, coordinated global action on excess body mass in early life is still insufficient.

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## **Pulling back the curtain: how physicians actually feel**

As a clinician, educator, and emotion researcher, I have long believed that our efforts to optimise the wellbeing of health-care professionals are doomed if we cannot talk openly about the emotional and psychological experience of practising medicine.

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## **Aliasgar Esmail: innovation in TB and HIV research and medicine**

“During medical school, I came across a professor who introduced me to research—up until that point, I was content with being an excellent clinician, but that was the moment when I realised that I was missing out on making a larger impact on the population at large”.....

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**Rachael Burke: integrating equitable HIV and TB research and care**

“I think what I've really wanted to do since I was a teenager was work on HIV and TB, and conditions that affected people who were disproportionately poor and vulnerable. And research was a nice way into that, but—the purpose of what the research was for, that came before the methods, was justice and solidarity, and a conviction that everybody matters.

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**The injustice of tuberculosis**

Why would John Green, a best-selling American novelist, write a book about tuberculosis? The answer can be found in his new book *Everything is Tuberculosis: The History and Persistence of Our Deadliest Infection*.

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**Wolves and women's bodies**

“Girls' bodies were fair game”, Sarah Moss writes. “You all knew which were the gropey dads...whom you shouldn't visit when the grandfather was there.” The teenage girls protected each other, she says, until they could not.

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World report

**Martha's rule 1 year on**

The pilot of patient safety initiative Martha's Rule in England ends this month with encouraging early results, but will it be extended? Jacqui Thornton reports.

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**Negative capability: a moral imperative in adolescent medicine**

Several months ago, I spent an afternoon at Keats House in Hampstead, London, UK. John Keats (1795–1821) began an apprenticeship to a surgeon–apothecary during his adolescence in 1810 and 5 years later became a medical student at Guy's Hospital in London. By the age of 25 years he had died of tuberculosis.

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Article

**Safety and immunogenicity of a pentavalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine targeting serogroups A, C, W, Y, and X when co-administered with routine childhood vaccines at ages 9 months and 15 months in Mali: a single-centre, double-blind, randomised, controlled, phase 3, non-inferiority trial**

Invasive meningococcal disease is a devastating public health problem for the African meningitis belt.

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## New England Journal of Medicine

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### **Answering the Call — Sustaining Equity Efforts in the Face of Regression**

A study of a health equity curriculum is stopped in its tracks by the ban on diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts in federal agencies. The study's leaders see the sudden halt as a call to action.

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Editorial: science behind the study

### **Genetic Medicine for Danon Disease**

In this editorial, the authors describe the foundations of a study of gene therapy to treat children and young adults with Danon disease.

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Correspondence

### **Pulse Oximetry and Skin Tone in Children**

Simultaneous measurements in children revealed overestimation of arterial saturation by pulse oximetry that was attributable to spectrophotometric measures of skin tone.

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### **What I Wish I Had Done for a Grieving Father**

Having lost trust in physicians when he lost his daughter, a man with newly diagnosed cancer declines care, leaving the oncologist to consider past failures of communication, connection, and trust.

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Images in clinical medicine

### **Linear IgA Bullous Dermatitis of Childhood**

A 2-year-old boy presented with a 1-week history of itchy, red spots. Tense vesicles, erosions, and inflammatory plaques were seen. Direct immunofluorescence revealed a linear band of IgA at the dermoepidermal junction.

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### **The Definition of Failure**

When his mother is diagnosed with what medicine calls “heart failure,” an epidemiologist identifies harmful flaws in both the term and communication with patients and families.

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Images in clinical medicine

### **Meconium Ileus**

A full-term baby boy was transferred to the NICU at 30 hours of age with abdominal distention and failure to pass meconium. An abdominal radiograph showed dilated loops of small intestine.

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Editorial

### **Order out of chaos**

The young woman and her husband were terrified. Her first pregnancy had been difficult, although she had eventually given birth to a healthy boy. But she’d had two subsequent miscarriages. Now, despite another rocky course, she’d carried a baby almost to full term. But something was very wrong.

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