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Top stories in this newsletter

**In the News:**

**New measures to be introduced in the UK to protect doctors**

Following the case of Dr Bawa-Garba, who was struck off the medical register after being found guilty of mistakes in the death of a 6-year-old boy, UK Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt has announced that there will be new measures introduced to protect doctors and nurses when mistakes are made. An important new measure is that the UK General Medical Council will no longer be able to appeal the results of doctors’ disciplinary hearings, as it did in the case of Dr Bawa-Garba. Read more here.

**One third of Hong Kong’s youth suffers from mental health issues**

A survey conducted by the Hong Kong Playground Association has recently found that a third of Hong Kong’s youth suffers from stress, anxiety or depression. The survey also revealed other disturbing trends, including a lack of sufficient physical activity and a lack of sleep. Read the results in more detail here.

**Update:**

**German stem cell network compiles sample text for informed consent**

A sample text used to obtain informed consent for the donation of somatic cells for human induced pluripotent stem cell (hiPSC) research has recently been developed and published in German. Read more about the development of this text and obtain the original and English translation here.

**Feature:**

**‘Curiosity and What Equality Really Means’**

Atul Gawande, surgeon, public health researcher and best-selling author of ‘Being Mortal: Medicine and What Really Matters in the End’, delivered the commencement address this month at UCLA Medical School. Using the story of how he dealt with the treatment of a hateful prison inmate, he argued that the foundational principle of medicine is that all lives are of equal worth. In an increasingly divided world, curiosity about others is one of the most important traits to maintain, because curiosity is the beginning of empathy, and the ability to see the humanity in others. Read the full text of his speech here.