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**Disability trends**
Xiaoying Zheng et al. (788–797) analyse changes in reported disability over 20 years.

**Lack of syphilis testing**
Li-Gang Yang et al. (798–805) find that few health facilities offer syphilis testing to pregnant women.

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**After the Arab Spring**
In an interview, Hoda Rashad (786–787), former member of the Egyptian Senate and equity campaigner, calls for a social justice approach to health.

**Jordan**

**Family planning gains ground**
Dale Gavlak (782–783) reports on the increasing recognition of the role of family planning, both for health and economic development.

**Thailand**

**Counting deaths**
Patama Vapattanawong & Pramote Prasartkul (806–812) estimate the number of unregistered deaths.

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**Bring back iodized salt**
Jane Fisher et al. (813–820) link iodine deficiencies in pregnant women to a decline in use of iodized salt.

**Social media for health**
Ben Jones (784–785) reports on the increased role of social media for public health.

**New ideas for AIDS**
Heidi J Larson et al. (846–852) outline a new direction for a global response to the AIDS epidemic.

**Genetics and malaria drugs**
Mary W Roederer et al. (838–845) suggest that host genetics should play a role when selecting antimalarials.

**Evaluating effectiveness**
Theodore Svoronos & Kedar S Mate (831–837) propose new ways to evaluate health programmes in different settings.

**High coverage of HPV vaccines**
D Scott LaMontagne et al. (821–830) assess coverage of the human papillomavirus vaccine in India, Peru, Uganda and Viet Nam.