



**UCLA HEALTH SCIENCES MEDIA REPORT
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Take a Tour of UCLA Health Sciences' 2010 Success Stories

The UCLA Health Sciences Media Relations office is pleased to present highlights from its top television stories of 2010. Please note that we could not include every story from the past year as our media relations staff logged countless hours of news coverage. This is for internal use only and not for rebroadcast. You may need to copy and paste the link into your web browser to play. Happy New Year! "UCLA Health Sciences in the News 2010"

<http://streaming.uclahealth.org/inthenews2010>

ABC News, L.A. Times Showcase Infant's Dramatic Brain Surgery

ABC's "World News" and "Nightline" programs aired Dec. 30 segments and the Los Angeles Times ran a front-page story Dec. 26 on a child who underwent a hemispherectomy – surgical removal of half the brain -- at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA to treat severe epileptic seizures. Dr. Gary Mathern, professor of pediatric neurosurgery and director of the UCLA Pediatric Epilepsy Program, was featured. The Times' online version included a Q & A with Dr. Raman Sankar, chief of pediatric neurology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, an extensive photo gallery, a video about the family's hospital experience, and an interactive graphic. The Coos Bay World News (OR) ran a Dec. 25 story about a local patient who underwent the same surgery at UCLA in November.

"A Journey of Risk, Hope"

www.latimes.com/dylan

"Baby Has Half of His Brain Removed to Treat Seizures"

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/baby-half-brain-removed-treat-seizures/story?id=12503272>

"Parents Face Medical Decision on Infant"

<http://abcnews.go.com/WNT/video/parents-face-medical-decision-infant-baby-doctors-brain-seizure-decision-health-12511441?tab=9482930§ion=1206853&playlist=12511694&page=1>

L.A. Times Focuses on Care for the Terminally Ill

The Los Angeles Times published a front-page Dec. 19 article about the emerging field of palliative care for the terminally ill. The story highlighted the work of Dr. David Wallenstein, a visiting assistant professor of family medicine who works with UCLA's Palliative Care Service. Wallenstein, Dr. Thomas Strouse, Maddie Katz Professor of Palliative Care Research and Education and medical director of the Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital at UCLA, and Dr. Alice Chen, clinical instructor of general internal medicine and health services research, were quoted. Palliative care nurse Edith O'Neil-Page appeared in several photos.

"Easing Life's Final Choices"

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-1219-end-of-life-doctor-20101219,0,5461231.story>

N.Y. Times Spotlights Innovative Melanoma Research

The New York Times ran a Dec. 26 article on Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center research by Dr. Antoni Ribas and Dr. Roger Lo investigating why melanoma patients quickly grow resistant to a new, targeted therapy currently undergoing testing. Ribas is an associate professor of hematology/oncology and Lo is an assistant professor of dermatology.

"Enlisting the Dying for Clues to Save Others"

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/12/27/health/research/27trials.html?_r=1&pagewanted=all

Stroke Study Attracts Wide Coverage

A UCLA study finding that nearly two-thirds of Medicare beneficiaries hospitalized for acute ischemic stroke either die after discharge or are rehospitalized within a year was covered Dec. 16 by WebMD, Dec. 17 by United Press International, Dec. 20 by Cardiovascular Business, All Headline News, Senior Journal, Nurse.com, and Barchester Health News, Dec. 21 by Heart.org and Jan. 3 by Ivanhoe News. Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson–UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, was quoted. Other coverage included Rillara News, eMax Health News, and a story on an ABC News affiliate in Bakersfield.

“Study Gives Striking Snapshot of Stroke Prognosis”

<http://www.webmd.com/stroke/news/20101215/study-gives-striking-snapshot-of-stroke-prognosis>

“Problems after Post-Stroke Hosp. Discharge”

http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2010/12/17/Problems-after-post-stroke-hosp-discharge/UPI-32681292642764/

“Medicare Patients Hospitalized for Stroke Die or are Rehospitalized Within a Year”

http://www.ivanhoe.com/channels/p_channelstory.cfm?storyid=26030

“Most Elderly Stroke Patients Fare Poorly after Hospital Discharge”

<http://news.nurse.com/article/20101220/NATIONAL02/112200017/-1/frontpage>

Stein Eye Institute May Test Stem Cell Therapy for AMD

Agence France Press, the Los Angeles Times, BusinessWeek, Bloomberg News and Medical News Today reported Jan. 3; a Nature blog reported Jan. 4; Ocular Surgery News reported Jan. 5; and EmpowHer.com reported Jan. 6 on a new clinical trial that will test a therapy derived from human embryonic stem cells to treat dry age-related macular degeneration, a leading cause of blindness in older adults. The Jules Stein Eye Institute at UCLA is being considered as a study site by Advanced Cell Technology, which is sponsoring the trial.

“FDA Approves Third Human Stem Cell Trial”

http://blogs.nature.com/news/thegreatbeyond/2011/01/fda_approves_third_human_stem.html

“US Approves New Trial of Embryonic Stem Cells on Blindness”

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gwzWqJzllhkS5cti2fdXZg-o3mBQ?docId=CNG.63ce099f0759b32debc0c53d5ee39e68.541>

“Human Embryonic Stem Cells May Help Older People Battle Blindness”

<http://www.latimes.com/health/boostershots/la-heb-stem-cells-for-macular-degeneration-20100103,0,14675.story>

“Advanced Cell Will Test Stem-Cell Therapy for Vision”

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2011-01-03/advanced-cell-will-test-stem-cell-therapy-for-vision.html>

FOX News, Azteca TV Cover New Transport for Donor Hearts

FOX News on Dec. 19 and Azteca TV on Dec. 22 reported on a multi-center study led by Dr. Abbas Ardehali, professor of cardiothoracic surgery and surgical director of the UCLA Heart Transplant program. His team is testing an experimental box that keeps a donated heart warm and beating during transport. Ardehali was interviewed by FOX News, and Dr. Anne Hickey, assistant professor of cardiology, was interviewed by Azteca TV. Both programs featured a study participant whose new heart was transported in the experimental box.

“Revolution in Heart Transplant Procedure”

<http://video.foxnews.com/v/4468698/revolution-in-heart-transplant-procedure>

“Health Watch: Beating Heart Transplant”

<http://www.myfoxatlanta.com/dpp/health/health-watch-beating-heart-transplant-122010>

“Prueba California Método para Conservar Órganos Donados”

<http://www.aztecanoticias.com.mx/capitulos/salud/27526/prueba-california-metodo-para-conservar-organos-donados>

N.Y. Times Spotlights Technology’s Impact on Older Adults

Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging, a professor of psychiatry with the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Center on Aging, was featured Dec. 21 in a New York Times blog story about engaging older adults in new technologies for enjoyment and social outreach. Small was quoted and is the co-author of “iBrain: Surviving the Technological Alteration of the Modern Mind.”

“Elder Tech: What’s Important”

<http://newoldage.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/12/21/elder-tech-whats-important/?hp>

Channel 7 Features Acupressure for Stress Relief

KABC-Channel 7 featured Dr. Lawrence Taw, assistant professor of medicine, UCLA Center for East-West Medicine, in a story about how to de-stress for the holidays. Taw demonstrated how to use acupressure to encourage relaxation.

“Tips on How to De-stress During the Holidays”

<http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/health&id=7855032>

KPCC Scrutinizes the Brain’s Circuitry

Arthur Toga, professor of neurology and director of the Laboratory of Neuro Imaging (LONI), appeared Dec. 28 on KPCC-89.3 FM’s “Patt Morrison Show.” He discussed LONI’s role in an NIH-funded human connectome project, which blends genetics, neuroscience and computer science to uncover how memories, personality traits and skills are stored in the brain.

“Mapping the Mind, New Field of Connectomics Charts Where Nature Meets Nurture”

<http://www.scpr.org/programs/patt-morrison/2010/12/28/mapping-the-mind-new-field-of-conectomics-charts-w/>

Medscape Today Notes Poor Care for Medicaid Kids with ADHD

Dr. Bonnie Zima, professor of child and adolescent psychiatry and associate director of the health services research center in the Semel Institute, was featured Dec. 29 by Medscape Today about her research showing the need for improvement of Medicaid-funded treatment for children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

“Medicaid-Funded Treatment for Pediatric ADHD Failing”

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/734976?src=emailthis>

PBS NewsHour Examines Multitasking’s Effect on Teen Brain

The PBS NewsHour aired a Jan. 6 story on multitasking’s effect on the teenage brain. Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Center on Aging, discussed how technology may alter the way young minds develop, function and interpret information.

“The Teen Brain on Technology”

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/video/blog/2011/01/the_teen_brain_on_technology.html

Local TV Highlights Holiday Caroling with Therapy Dogs

KTLA-Channel 5, KABC-Channel 7 and KTTV-Channel 11 reported Dec. 19 on the UCLA People-Animal Connection program’s annual holiday event. More than a dozen teams strolled the hospital hallways singing holiday carols to patients, their families and staff.

“Dogs Visit Kids Spending Xmas in Hospital Bed”

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/los_angeles&id=7853180

Reuters Health Covers Heart Attack Study

Reuters Health reported Dec. 21 on a UCLA study finding that patients hospitalized after a heart attack often aren’t prescribed the cholesterol-lowering drugs recommended by national guidelines. Dr. Gregg Fonarow, study author and Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson–UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, was quoted.

“Many at High Heart Risk Don’t Get Enough Drugs”

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6BK6CB20101221>

Pediatrician Pens Column on Coughs, Cold Medications

Dr. Dennis Woo, staff pediatrician at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital and clinical professor of pediatrics, wrote a Dec. 22 Santa Monica Mirror column on treating children’s coughs and colds.

“Health Tips for Parents: Treating Coughs and Colds”

<http://www.smmirror.com/#mode=single&view=31527>

Local Papers Publish Infectious Disease Columns

The Daily News and Pasadena Star News ran a Dec. 22 column by Dr. Claire Panosian Dunavan, clinical professor of medicine, division of infectious diseases, about catching respiratory infections on a plane. Both newspapers also ran a Dec. 29 column by Dunavan about seafood safety issues for people with liver disease and a Jan. 5 column on diverticulitis.

"Infection Files: How Not to Share Respiratory Bugs on Airplanes"

http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/ci_16923763?IADID=Search-www.pasadenastarnews.com-www.pasadenastarnews.com

"Infection Files: Seafood Safety Concerns for Those with Liver Disease"

http://www.dailynews.com/ci_16968180?IADID=Search-www.dailynews.com-www.dailynews.com

"Infection Files: When Popcorn May Have Triggered Diverticulitis"

http://www.dailynews.com/ci_17020339?source=email

L.A. Times Explores Baby Boomer Book

The Los Angeles Times ran a Dec. 23 column by Dr. Claire Panosian Dunavan, clinical professor of infectious diseases, on "Shock of Gray," a new book about the U.S. elderly population. Dr. David Reuben, professor and chief of geriatrics was quoted.

"Book Review: 'Shock of Gray' by Ted C. Fishman"

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/news/la-et-book-20101223,0,5677484.story>

Local Paper Praises Professor

The Dec. 18 Topeka Capital-Journal honored Dr. Stephen Young, professor of medicine and human genetics, as a "Distinguished Kansan" for his contributions to science and medicine. He was awarded the 2010 Ernst Jung Prize in Medicine for his research on plasma triglyceride metabolism and progeria, a pediatric disease with features of premature aging. That award provided Young with \$215,000 to further his research.

"Kansas 2010: Stephen Young"

http://cjonline.com/news/state/2010-12-18/kansas_2010_stephen_young

Press-Enterprise Chronicles Kidney Donation

The Riverside Press-Enterprise ran a Dec. 20 article about a local woman who donated a kidney to her brother, who has diabetes. Dr. Peter Schulam, vice chair of urology, was quoted.

"Sister, 57, Donates Kidney to Her Brother, 49"

http://www.pe.com/localnews/healthcare/stories/PE_News_Local_D_ward19.d580da.html

L.A. Times Spotlights Translation Services for Patients

The Dec. 27 Los Angeles Times highlighted the work of Hala Fam, interpretive services manager at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, and her team of interpreters for patients with limited English. The article noted UCLA's use of a call center to share trained interpreters with other California hospitals. Fam was quoted.

"Medical Interpreters are a Patient's Right"

<http://www.latimes.com/health/la-he-medical-interpreters-20101227,0,7041213.story>

S.F. Radio Investigates Smoking Cessation Drug

Dr. Arthur Brody, professor of psychiatry in the Semel Institute, was interviewed Jan. 3 by KCBS-740 AM (San Francisco) about his research on the use of the drug bupropion to curb smoking.

Daily Bulletin Examines California's Problem Gamblers

A new program that treats problem gamblers and their families and was developed by the Semel Institute's gambling studies program and the state of California was highlighted Dec. 31 by the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin. Dr. Timothy Fong, associate professor of psychiatry and program co-director, was quoted.

"Breaking Free: New Help Available to Those with Problem Gambling"

http://www.dailybulletin.com/ci_16968179

HHS Radio Features Prayer's Effect on Exercise

“HealthBeat,” a podcast of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, reported Dec. 28 on a study by Dr. O. Kenrik Duru, assistant professor of general internal medicine and health services research, finding that older African-American women exercise more when their fitness program includes Bible readings and group prayer. Duru was quoted.

“Spiritual Activity”

http://www.hhs.gov/news/healthbeat/2010/12/spiritual_activity.mp3

Web Press, Trades Weigh Protein Stability

A study on a biological mechanism that governs protein stability in cells was featured Dec. 24 by The Medical News and Jan. 4 by PhysOrg.com and Drug Week. The study was led by Dr. Edward De Robertis, a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator and researcher with UCLA’s Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

“Mechanism Regulates Protein Stability in Cells”

<http://www.physorg.com/news/2011-01-mechanism-protein-stability-cells.html>

Indian Paper Explores Spice’s Effect on Cancer

A Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center study finding that turmeric spice enhances chemotherapy’s suppression of head and neck cancers was featured Dec. 26 by India’s Deccan Herald. Dr. Marilene Wang, professor of head and neck surgery, and Eri Srivatsan, adjunct professor of surgery, led the research.

“Turmeric Enhances Effect of Chemotherapy: Study”

<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/106846/turmeric-enhances-effect-chemotherapy-study.html>

L.A. Times Examines Objections to UC Pension Changes

The Los Angeles Times reported Jan. 5 on objections raised by a group of highly paid UC employees to proposed changes to the UC retirement plan.

“UC’s Top Leaders Reject Bigger Pensions for Top Earners”

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-uc-pensions-20110105.0.6880072.story>

BRIEFS

The Jan. 6 Illinois Times cited a study by Dr. Anthony Heaney, a Jonsson Cancer Center researcher and associate professor of endocrinology, finding that pancreatic cancer cells use fructose to grow.

“The Rest of the Story – 2010”

<http://www.illinoistimes.com/Springfield/article-8212-the-rest-of-the-story-2010.html>

The Jan. 4 Marysville Appeal-Democrat cited a UCLA Center for Health Policy Research study linking asthma to poverty, and showing that Yuba County and nearby counties have asthma rates above the California state average.

“Asthma Problems Rise in Mid-Valley”

<http://www.appeal-democrat.com/news/rate-102785-asthma-percent.html>

The Dec. 25 Santa Monica Daily Press ran a photo of new parents with their newborn wrapped in a holiday stocking provided by Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital.

“Stuffed Stocking”

<http://www.smdp.com/Gallery-1852.113116-3233.113116-STUFFED-STOCKING.html>

The Dec. 17 Santa Monica Daily Press ran a front-page photo of Santa Claus and Santa Monica firefighters visiting pediatric patients at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital.

“Fired Up for the Holidays”

<http://www.smdp.com/Gallery-1852.113116-3222.113116-FIRED-UP-FOR-THE-HOLIDAYS.html>

The UCLA Stroke Center was referenced in a Dec. 27 World Tennis Magazine article about tennis legend Rod Laver’s successful stroke treatment at UCLA in 1998.

“Rod Laver’s Stroke”

<http://www.worldtennismagazine.com/archives/3801>

A Jan. 3 story in the Virginian-Pilot about high infant mortality rates among blacks in Virginia cited research by Dr. Michael Lu, associate professor of obstetrics/gynecology and public health.

“Dying Young, Dying Black: Va. Infant Mortality High”

<http://hamptonroads.com/2011/01/dying-young-dying-black-va-infant-mortality-high>

QUOTABLES

Dr. David Baron, family physician at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, was quoted in a Dec. 31 KNX AM1070 report about hangovers. He also was interviewed Jan. 6 by KNX about a fraudulent study linking childhood vaccines to autism.

Dr. James Cherry, professor of pediatric infectious diseases at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was quoted Jan. 4 by the Orange County Register about the whooping cough vaccine.

“Vaccine's Efficacy Questioned”

<http://www.ocregister.com/news/whooping-102691-ocprint-cough-cases.html>

Dr. Bruce Dobkin, professor of neurology and director of neurological rehabilitation, was quoted Jan. 4 by ABC News.com about how applying electrical currents to parts of the brain could improve math skills.

“Brain Stimulation Leads to Improved Math Skills, Study Says”

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/brain-stimulation-improves-math-skills-study/story?id=12049544&page=1>

David Farabee, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was quoted Jan. 3 by Associated Press about Kamala Harris, the first woman and first minority to serve as California's attorney general.

“California Swears in First Female Attorney General”

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=%2Fn%2Fa%2F2011%2F01%2F03%2Fstate%2Fn151458S80.DTL>

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, commented Jan. 4 in HealthDay News about a study suggesting some patients receive unneeded implantable defibrillators.

“Many May Get Unneeded Implantable Defibrillators”

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=648481>

Dr. Maria Garcia-Lloret, assistant professor of pediatric allergy and immunology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, commented in a Dec. 27 Los Angeles Times article on diagnosing kids with food allergies.

“With Children and Food Allergy Diagnoses, Thoroughness is Key”

<http://www.latimes.com/health/la-he-closer-food-allergies-20101227.0.6697404.story>

Dr. Wally Ghurabi, medical director of the Nethercutt Emergency Center at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, was quoted Jan. 6 by HealthDay News about giving intravenous fluids to trauma victims. The story also appeared on U.S. News & World Report.com.

“Giving IV Fluids on Scene Might Raise Death Risk for Trauma Victims”

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=648559>

Dr. Andrew Leuchter, professor of psychiatry and director of the UCLA Laboratory of Brain, Behavior and Pharmacology at the Semel Institute, commented Dec. 22 on MSN.com about placebos. He was also quoted Dec. 30 by the Los Angeles Times about treating depression in conjunction with diabetes and heart disease.

“Placebos Work -- Even if Patients are in on the Secret”

<http://health.msn.com/health-topics/digestive-health/articlepage.aspx?cp-documentid=100268420>

“Study Coordinates Depression Treatment with Disease Care”

<http://www.latimes.com/health/la-he-depression-20101230.0.6637346.story>

Dr. Robert Morris, pediatrician at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA and professor of pediatrics, was quoted in a Dec. 30 Santa Monica Mirror health column about athlete's foot.

"Health Tips for Parents: Treating Athlete's Foot"

<http://www.smmirror.com/#mode=single&view=31558>

Dylan Roby, a research scientist with the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, commented Jan. 1 in the San Jose Mercury News about new California state laws effective Jan. 1, 2011. He was also quoted Jan. 4 by the Los Angeles Times about unneeded hospitalizations in California.

"New Laws Launched Today Statewide Affect Everyone from Bakers to Paparazzi"

http://www.insidebayarea.com/california/ci_16983652

"California is Cutting Preventable Hospitalizations"

[http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-hospital-race-20110104,0,4503564.story?track=rss&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+latimes%2Fnews%2Flocal+\(L.A.+Times+-+California+%7C+Local+News\)](http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-hospital-race-20110104,0,4503564.story?track=rss&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+latimes%2Fnews%2Flocal+(L.A.+Times+-+California+%7C+Local+News))

Dr. Wendy Slusser, medical director of the Fit for Healthy Weight Program at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, commented Dec. 30 in MSNBC.com and Health Day News about a new study that found obesity affects children as early as 9 months of age.

"Chubby Babies 'Obese' as Early as 9 Months, Study Says"

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/40856449/ns/health-diet_and_nutrition/

"In U.S., Obesity Afflicts Even Some of the Tiniest Tots"

<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/diet-fitness/diet/articles/2010/12/31/in-us-obesity-afflicts-even-some-of-the-tiniest-tots.html>

Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging, a professor with the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Center on Aging, commented in a Dec. 17 Toronto Star column on the digitization of books. He also was quoted Dec. 31 in an online column by KGTV-Channel10 (San Diego) offering tips for improving memory.

"Digitization: The Last Word? No. But the Last Book Readers?"

<http://www.thestar.com/entertainment/books/article/909019--digitization-the-last-word-no-but-the-last-book-readers>

"Brain Experts Give Their Six Best Memory Tips"

<http://www.10news.com/health/26329891/detail.html>

Dr. David Talan, professor of medicine in the division of infectious diseases and chief of the department of emergency medicine at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, commented Jan. 5 in an online story of a CBS affiliate in Louisiana about new guidelines for treating staph infection.

"Skin-Eating Bacteria Gets New Treatment Guidelines"

<http://www.ksla.com/Global/story.asp?S=13792205>

Dr. Karol Watson, assistant professor of medicine, division of cardiology, commented Dec. 22 in CNN.com about the history and benefits of aspirin.

"From a Tree, a 'Miracle' Called Aspirin"

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/HEALTH/12/22/aspirin.history/index.html>

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