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The Jan. 19 edition of People Magazine described the story of a woman who underwent extensive reconstructive surgery at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center after surviving a disfiguring bear attack. Her physician, Dr. Kimberly Lee, chief resident of head and neck surgery, was quoted.

Cholesterol Study Garners Wide Coverage

A national study found that nearly 75 percent of patients hospitalized for a heart attack had cholesterol levels suggesting that they were not at high risk for a cardiovascular event according to current national cholesterol guidelines. Coverage included reports by Asian News International and Fox TV on Jan. 13, the Chicago Sun-Times on Jan. 14 and local TV news websites in 30 markets. Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science, was quoted.

"New Guidelines for 'Bad' Cholesterol"

<http://www.suntimes.com/lifestyles/health/1376399,CST-NWS-heart14.article>

"Cholesterol May Not Be Heart Attack Signal"

<http://www.ksbw.com/health/18477625/detail.html>

"Current Cholesterol Guidelines Not Effective, Say U.S. Researchers"

http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/health/current-cholesterol-guidelines-not-effective-say-us-researchers_100141729.html

Canadian Paper, Palisadian Post Explore HIV and Stress' Effect on Immune System

Rita Effros, professor of pathology and laboratory medicine and a member of the UCLA AIDS Institute, and her research showing that HIV prematurely ages the immune system, were featured in a Jan. 9 story by The Globe and Mail (Canada) about baby boomers' quest for longevity. The Palisadian Post also published a Jan. 7 profile on Effros that explored her research on the physiological mechanisms behind how stress damages the immune system, leading to premature aging.

"The Quest for the Test Tube of Youth"

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20090109.wtelomeres-DONOTPOST/BNStory/specialScienceandHealth/home/?pageRequested=all>

"Dr. Rita Effros Researches Effects of Stress on Aging"

http://www.palisadespost.com/content/index.cfm?Story_ID=4561

OC Register Covers New Method to Track Brain Aging

The Orange County Register reported Jan. 13 on a new UCLA method to monitor brain aging using PET brain scans with patient-specific information on Alzheimer's disease risk. Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging, and Jorge Barrio, professor of molecular and medical pharmacology, were quoted.

"Brain Scan Can Help Screen for Dementia"

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/brain-alzheimer-aging-2280273-information-test>

KCAL Toasts Moderate Drinking Among Healthy Seniors

KCAL-Channel 9 reported Jan. 15 on a study led by Dr. Arun Karlamangla, associate professor of geriatrics, finding that healthy seniors who drink moderately are at lower risk of developing disabilities that prevent them from performing everyday tasks, such as walking and grooming. The study appears in the American Journal of Epidemiology.

KPPC Examines the Evolving Role of the Surgeon General

Dr. Linda Rosenstock, dean of the School of Public Health, was interviewed Jan. 8 on KPCC's Patt Morrison Show regarding the historically changing role of the U.S. surgeon general.

"The Role of the Surgeon General Today"

http://www.scpr.org/programs/pattmorrison/listings/2009/01/pattmorrison_20090105.shtml

NIDA Notes Looks at Brain Imaging to Thwart Addiction

Dr. Arthur Brody, associate professor of psychiatry in the Semel Institute, was featured in the January edition of NIDA Notes, a publication of the U.S. Health and Human Services. The article discussed Brody's use of brain imaging techniques to understand nicotine addiction and withdrawal.

"Imaging Studies Elucidate Neurobiology of Cigarette Craving"

http://www.nida.nih.gov/NIDA_Notes/NNindex.html

Extra! Discusses Death of Actor's Son

Dr. John Stern, associate professor of neurology and co-director of the Seizure Disorder Center in the Semel Institute, appeared in a Jan. 6 segment on NBC's Extra! about epilepsy and the death of actor John Travolta's son.

"Jett Travolta Mourned"

http://extratv.warnerbros.com/2009/01/jett_travolta_mourned.php?page=5

Pancreatic Cancer Expert Appears on CNBC

Dr. Edward Garon, assistant professor of hematology/oncology and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, appeared Jan. 14 on CNBC to discuss pancreatic cancer in light of Steve Jobs taking a leave of absence from Apple. Jobs was previously diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Professional Magazine Spotlights Inner Ear Research

Advance for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists magazine published a Jan. 15 article on a UCLA study by Kent Hill, associate professor of microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics at the David Geffen School of Medicine and College of Letters and Science, which shows for the first time how

microscopic crystals form sound and gravity sensors inside the inner ear. The crystals play an important role in detecting sound, maintaining balance and regulating movement. Nature reported the UCLA findings in its advance online edition on Nov. 30.

“Inner Ear Sensor Formation”

<http://speech-language-pathology-audiology.advanceweb.com/editorial/content/editorial.aspx?cc=192080>

BRIEFS

The Agoura Acorn ran a Jan. 15 brief about an upcoming talk by Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging and a professor with the Semel Institute, about the impact of technology on brain function and other concepts from his new book, “iBrain: Surviving the Technological Alteration of the Modern Mind.”

“Parent Education Night to Explore Technology's Effects”

<http://www.theacorn.com/news/2009/0115/schools/058.html>

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Dr. Anthony Aldave, associate professor of ophthalmology and director of the Cornea Service at the Jules Stein Eye Institute at UCLA, commented Jan. 12 in a Los Angeles Times column examining the accuracy behind the premise of the film “Seven Pounds,” in which the main character donates his corneas and other organs to recipients of his choice.

“ ‘Seven Pounds’ Falls Short of the Facts”

<http://www.latimes.com/features/printedition/health/la-he-unreal12-2009jan12,0,6899836.column>

Dr. David Baron, chief of staff at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, commented in a Jan. 9 KNX 1070AM report about the incoming Obama Administration's plans to reform health care.

Dr. Ian Cook, Miller Family Professor of Psychiatry and director of the Depression Research Program at the Semel Institute, was quoted in the Jan. 15 Los Angeles Times and the Houston Chronicle about the risks of certain bestselling anti-psychotic drugs.

“Heart Risk Cited in Antipsychotic Drugs”

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-sci-schizodrugs15-2009jan15,0,4372664.story>

“Newer Antipsychotic Drugs Draw Fresh Scrutiny”

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/nation/6212152.html>

Dr. Gabriel Danovitch, medical director of the UCLA Kidney Transplant Program, was quoted Jan. 13 in a San Gabriel Valley Tribune story about a San Dimas man who received a kidney donation from a co-worker he did not previously know.

“The Gift of a Lifetime”

http://www.sgvtribune.com/news/ci_11444923

Dr. David Feinberg, chief executive officer and associate vice chancellor of the UCLA Hospital System, was quoted in a Jan. 14 Los Angeles Times article about how the economic recession is affecting hospitals.

“Hospitals Feel Ill Effects of Recession”

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-hospitals14-2009jan14,0,5272782.story>

Martin Iguchi, professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health, was quoted Jan. 9 in a CNN.com article about research suggesting that behavior problems during adolescence will more likely evolve into personality disorders later in life.

“Misbehaving Teens May Be at Risk for Major Adulthood Problems”

<http://us.cnn.com/2009/HEALTH/01/09/adolescent.behavior/index.html>

Dr. Michael Irwin, professor of psychiatry and director of the Cousins Center for Psychoneuroimmunology at the Semel Institute, was quoted Jan 12 by the Associated Press and Jan.13 on the CBS affiliate in Little Rock, AK, about sleep and the immune system.

“Preventing Colds May Be as Easy as Vitamin ZZZ”

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jKBop0A-UWIe5_Wy3sqEVJu_zVZAD95LR1900

Gerald Kominski, associate director of the Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was interviewed Jan. 14 on KPFK 90.7FM about a new state law that requires HMOs to provide translation and translated materials to their clients.

Dr. Aurelia Nattiv, professor of family medicine and director of the UCLA Osteoporosis Center, was quoted Jan. 12 in the Los Angeles Times about studies linking the osteoporosis drug Fosamax and an increased risk of esophageal cancer and jawbone damage.

“Osteoporosis Drug Fosamax Linked to Serious Diseases”

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-closer12-2009jan12,0,5569474.story>

Dr. Michael Rodriguez, associate professor of family medicine, commented Dec. 22 in a Radio Bilingue report about the obesity epidemic among low-income youth.

“Linea Abierta: Moratoria a la Comida Rapida”

http://www.archivosderb.org/?q=es/audio/by/guest/michael_rodr_guez

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