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International Press Looks at Stem Cell Trial

Preliminary results from clinical trials in which Dr. Steven Schwartz, Ahmanson Professor of Ophthalmology and chief of the retina division at UCLA's Jules Stein Eye Institute, is testing therapies derived from human embryonic stem cells to treat Stargardt's macular dystrophy and dry age-related macular degeneration, were highlighted by hundreds of news outlets worldwide, including Jan. 23 by CBS's "[Evening News](#)," [Science](#), [WebMD](#), [BioWorld](#), KCAL-Channel 9, a [Wall Street Journal](#) blog and a [Los Angeles Times](#) blog; Jan. 24 by the [New York Times](#), [Associated Press](#), [Washington Post](#), Britain's [Financial Times](#), Britain's [Telegraph](#), NPR's "[All Things Considered](#)," a [Nature](#) blog, [HealthDay News](#), the

[Toronto Star](#), CBS's "This Morning," KABC-Channel 7, [Reuters](#), the [Scientist](#), [Time](#), [CNN](#), [USA Today](#), the [Boston Globe](#), [New Zealand Herald](#), [California Healthline](#), [Prensa Latina](#), [BBC News](#) and blogs in [BBC News](#), [LA Weekly](#) and [AARP](#); Jan. 25 by [Technology Review](#); and Jan. 26 by [The Economist](#). Schwartz was quoted.

Young Breast Cancer Patients' Stress Garners International Attention

A study led by Dr. Patricia Ganz, director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, finding that younger women with breast cancer suffer more mental distress than older women with breast cancer, drew headlines at many international media outlets. They included [Dottor Salute](#) on Jan. 26; [Il Quotidiano Italiano](#), [Health Canal](#), [International Federation of Gynecology](#), [Ivanhoe News](#), [Doctor's Lounge](#), [About.com Breast Cancer](#), [ABC Salud](#), [HemOnc Today](#), [HVG.com](#), [Cancer Kick](#) and [Good News Health](#) on Jan. 25; [Private MD](#) and [Examiner.com](#) on Jan. 24; [Europa Press](#), [Cancer Network](#), [El Economista](#), [IBL News](#), [Atlantico](#), [La Region](#), [Noticias Terra](#), [La Informacion](#) and [Psych Central](#) on Jan. 23; [Home Testing Blog](#), the [French Tribune](#), [Asian News International](#), [Vita di Donna](#) and [One Pakistan](#) on Jan. 21; and [ABC News](#), [Health Day](#), [Everyday Health](#) and [Science Codex](#) on Jan. 20. The Health Day story also appeared on numerous web sites and the ABC News story was featured on dozens of affiliate station web sites across the country.

News Site Highlight's UCLA's Role in Helping Military Veterans

The [Examiner](#) reported Jan. 19 that the UCLA Health System and the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA have joined the White House's Joining Forces initiative to help train health care personnel to meet the unique medical and mental health needs of military veterans and their families. Dr. David Hovda, professor of neurosurgery and director of UCLA's Brain Injury Research Center, and Patricia Lester, assistant professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at UCLA, were cited. Dr. A. Eugene Washington, vice chancellor for health sciences and dean of the Geffen School, and Dr. David Feinberg, CEO of the UCLA Hospital System and associate vice chancellor for health sciences, were quoted.

Double Transplant Saves Cystic Fibrosis Patient

[KABC-Channel 7](#) and [KTNV-Channel 13 \(Nev.\)](#) reported Jan. 19 and [Impre.com](#) reported Jan. 21 on a Las Vegas teenager with cystic fibrosis who received a lifesaving double lung and liver transplant at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. Dr. David Ross, professor of pulmonary and critical care medicine and medical director of the UCLA Lung and Heart-Lung Transplant Program, was interviewed by KABC.

Press Scrutinizes Defense against Dementia

A Jan. 22 Q&A in the [Houston Chronicle](#) and a Jan. 25 story on [KUSA-TV \(Colo.\)](#) featured Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Longevity Center, discussing ways to keep our brains healthy as we age. He is the author of the new book, "The Alzheimer's Prevention Program."

Marina del Rey Paper Covers New Santa Monica Campus Opening

[The Argonaut's](#) Jan. 19 edition featured a photo and story about the opening of the new UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica. Dr. David Feinberg, president of UCLA Health System, and Dr. James Atkinson, medical director at the Santa Monica campus, were quoted.

AFP, HealthDay Spotlight Ovarian Cancer Survival

Research led by Kelly Bolton, a student at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, showing that women who develop ovarian cancer are more likely to survive if they carry mutated versions of the genes BRCA1 and BRCA2, was reported Jan. 24 by [HealthDay News](#), [Agence France Presse](#) and [The Oncology Report](#), and Jan. 25 by the [National Cancer Institute](#). The *Journal of the American Medical Association* published the findings on Jan. 25. Bolton was quoted by HealthDay and the National Cancer Institute.

News Wires Explore Nerve Preservation in Prostate Surgery

[MedPage Today](#) and the [Press Association \(U.K.\)](#) reported Jan. 26, and [HealthDay News](#) reported Jan. 25, on a UCLA study testing the use of MRI scans prior to surgery to help spare nerves and prevent

erectile dysfunction in men with prostate cancer. Online editions of The Nursing Times and Doctor's Lounge picked up the respective reports. Dr. Daniel Margolis, assistant professor of radiological sciences, was quoted in the HealthDay report.

Health Website Examines Restless Legs

Dr. Alon Avidan, associate professor of neurology and director of the Sleep Disorders Program, was featured Jan. 15 in two articles on the health website [Everyday.com](#) about Restless Leg Syndrome, a painful burning sensation in the legs that can cause a lack of sleep. Avidan discussed treatments, and tips for helping lessen the condition.

KABC Promotes Workplace Workouts

Dr. Antronette Yancey, professor of health services at the School of Public Health and co-director of the UCLA–Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity, was featured in a Jan. 19 [KABC-Channel 7](#) segment about her book "Instant Recess: Building a Fit Nation 10 Minutes at a Time," which outlines an exercise routine that can be performed at schools and in offices.

Local Stations Spotlight Pediatric Cancer Patient's New Cookbook

KNBC-Channel 4, [KABC-Channel 7](#) and KTTV-Channel 11 Jan. 22 featured the story of an 11-year-old leukemia patient who underwent a bone marrow transplant at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA last year. The boy is also an aspiring chef and launched his new cookbook at a book signing.

Magazine Highlights Doctors' International Quest to Improve Women's Health

The January/February issue of [Malibu Times Magazine](#) profiled Dr. Christopher Tarnay, associate clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology and director of the division of female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery, and Dr. Leo Lagasse, emeritus professor of obstetrics and gynecology, and their efforts to improve the health of women worldwide.

Greek News Covers Upcoming Lecture on Doctor-Patient Communication

[GRBlogs](#), a Greek news blog, ran a Jan. 26 announcement of an upcoming lecture by Dr. Mark Litwin, professor and chair of urology and a researcher with UCLA's Jonsson Cancer Center, who will speak to an audience of doctors and nurses in Athens regarding improving doctor-patient communication. The lecture will take place via Skype.

Health Site Examines Lupus and Cardiovascular Disease Risk

[EmpowHer](#) reported Jan. 25 on research by Dr. Maureen McMahon, assistant clinical professor of rheumatology, finding that women with lupus are up to twice as likely to suffer cardiovascular problems as women without the disease. McMahon was quoted.

Fitness Magazine Explores Metabolism

[Fitness](#) magazine's January issue and website featured an article that followed a writer through a program to improve her metabolism. She received testing at the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition. Dr. David Heber, professor of medicine and director of the center, and Dr. Zhaoping Li, professor of clinical medicine, were quoted.

Examiner Waves at Hand Transplant Recipient

The [Examiner](#) reported Jan. 23 that a woman who recently received the West Coast's first hand transplant at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center took part in this year's Rose Parade, riding on a float highlighting the importance of organ and tissue donation.

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Dr. David Baron, former chief of staff at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, commented in a Dec. 20 [KNX AM1070](#) report about drug shortages at hospitals nationwide.

Susan Bookheimer, Joaquin Fuster Chair in Cognitive Neurosciences at the Semel Institute, was quoted in a Jan. 24 [Wall Street Journal](#) article about new brain-mapping techniques.

Dr. James Cherry, professor of pediatric infectious diseases at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was quoted Jan. 24 in an [Associated Press](#) article and Jan. 25 in a [Los Angeles Times](#) article about the successful campaign against whooping cough in California.

Gregory Cole, professor of medicine and neurology and associate director of the Mary S. Easton Center for Alzheimer Disease Research, was quoted in a Jan. 24 [USA Today](#) article about research indicating that higher cognitive activity in young and middle-aged adults may lead to lower levels of a protein linked to Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, commented Jan. 26 in a [HealthDay News](#) article about the risk of heart attack and stroke later in life.

Dr. Christopher C. Giza, associate professor of neurosurgery and pediatric neurology, was quoted Jan. 23 in an [MSNBC.com](#) article on how the effects of childhood brain injuries can linger for years after treatment. Giza was also interviewed for a story in the February issue of [Scientific American](#) magazine about the long-term effects of head trauma on football players.

Vernon Goodwin, director of security for UCLA Health System, commented about infant and pediatric security at the new UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, in the December 2011 edition of *Directions*, a publication of the International Association for Healthcare Security and Safety.

Dr. Peter Katona, clinical professor of infectious diseases, commented in a Jan. 24 [ABCNews.com](#) article about research showing that only a small percentage of adults in their late 30s have received flu shots this year. He also commented Jan. 17 in a [Wired News](#) blog post about the unlikely occurrence of a global pandemic that would wipe out the human population.

Dr. Braxton Little, staff podiatrist at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, commented Jan. 26 in a "[Good Morning America](#)" segment and accompanying story on the ABC News website about the dangers of high-heeled shoes.

Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging, a professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Longevity Center, commented in a Jan. 24 [Wall Street Journal](#) article about a new energy drink that claims to boost brain activity.

Dr. Bert Thomas, chief of joint-replacement surgery at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, and professor of orthopaedic surgery, was quoted in a Jan. 17 [WebMD](#) article about the risk of blood clots after joint-replacement surgery.

Dr. Neil Wenger, professor of general internal medicine and health services research and director of the UCLA Health System Ethics Center, was quoted in a Jan. 23 [Los Angeles Times](#) blog article assessing the medical accuracy of the TV program "Grey's Anatomy."

Dr. Irene Wu, assistant clinical professor of anesthesiology, commented Jan. 23 in a [CNN.com](#) article and Jan. 24 in a [Daily Mail](#) story about research examining whether women feel more pain than men. The CNN article was picked up by the [New York Daily News](#) and websites for [KESQ-TV](#) (Palm Springs), [WCYB-TV](#) (Tenn.) and [KECI-TV](#) (Mont.).

Dr. Irwin Ziment, professor emeritus of clinical medicine, commented in a Jan. 18 [Seattle Post-Intelligencer](#) blog article about the health benefits of chicken soup.

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