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The New York Times on Jan. 25 featured a moving personal essay by Dr. Mark Litwin about his experience performing a circumcision on a baby during a bris, a ritual Jewish ceremony. Litwin is a professor of urology, public health and a researcher with the Jonsson Cancer Center.

“A Young Life Passes, and a Ritual of Birth Begins”

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/25/health/views/25cases.html?_r=2&ref=health

CNN en Español Features New Technology to Transport Donor Hearts

CNN en Español on Jan. 26 featured a live interview with Dr. Daniel Cruz, assistant professor of medicine, division of cardiology, describing new technology being studied by the UCLA Heart Transplant program that uses an experimental device to transport donor hearts in a warm and beating state instead of an icebox.

“Una Máquina Para El Corazón”

<http://www.cnn.com/video/#/spanish>

Washington Post Explains Schizophrenia

Dr. Stephen Marder, professor of psychiatry and director of the Section on Psychosis at the Semel Institute, was featured in two WashingtonPost.com articles on Jan. 14 about accused Tucson shooter Jared Loughner and the suggestion he may suffer from schizophrenia. Marder discussed what the symptoms of the disorder are.

“The Real Issue in Arizona: Schizophrenia (Part 1)”

http://voices.washingtonpost.com/right-turn/2011/01/the_real_issue_in_arizona_schi.html

“The Real Issue in Arizona: Schizophrenia (Part 2)”

http://voices.washingtonpost.com/right-turn/2011/01/the_real_issue_in_arizona_schi_1.html

Los Angeles Times Live-Blogs a Q&A about Youth Sports and Concussion

Dr. Christopher Giza, associate professor of neurosurgery and pediatric neurology, was featured in a Jan. 24 Los Angeles Times live online chat about youth, athletics, and concussion. Giza took questions from viewers and responded via text.

“Live Chat: Ask an Expert about Children and Sports-related Concussions”

<http://www.latimes.com/health/la-live-health-chat-sports-concussions-children-20110124,0,3289467.htmlstory>

Antelope Valley Press Reports on Landmark Study Underway in Lancaster

The Antelope Valley Press on Jan. 22 reported the National Children’s Study (NCS) is seeking volunteers to enroll in the study. Principal investigator Dr. Neal Halfon, professor of pediatrics, public health and public policy and director of the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities, was quoted. The NCS is the largest, long-term study of environmental influences on children’s health and development ever conducted in the United States.

“UCLA Children’s Study to Target Health Issues”

Various Media Report on Latinos and Health Care Reform

The research of Arturo Vargas Bustamante, assistant professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was featured in Jan. 26 articles on Politico.com; and Jan.23 articles in La Opinión and El Mensajero. The articles discussed how the health care reform law is likely to benefit Latinos, and cited a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research showing that nearly one-third of Latinos in California’s San Joaquin Valley do not have health insurance.

“Reform Holds Huge Gains for Latinos”

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0111/48078.html>

“¿Quiénes Califican?”

<http://www.impre.com/laopinion/noticias/2011/1/23/quienes-califican-235246-1.html#commentsBlock>

KPCC Examines the Pros and Cons of Electro-Convulsive Therapy

Dr. Helen Lavretsky, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was featured in a Jan. 26 segment on KPCC-89.3 FM’s Larry Mantle show, discussing electro-convulsive therapy and the Food and Drug Administration’s proposal to downgrade the treatment’s risk classification.

“Renewing the Debate over Electroshock Therapy”

<http://www.scpr.org/programs/airtalk/2011/01/26/electroshock-blues/>

Tech Trades Report on Breakthrough in Regenerative Medicine

Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology News reported Jan. 26 on the development by UCLA stem cell scientists and engineers of a new culture system for cultivating human embryonic stem cells and maintaining their long-term quality for clinical applications. Dr. Hong Wu, a researcher with the Eli and Edythe Broad Center of Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research at UCLA and a professor of molecular and medical pharmacology, was involved in the study. Chih-Ming Ho, the Ben Rich–Lockheed Martin Professor at the UCLA Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science, and Hideaki Tsutsui, a UCLA postdoctoral scholar, were quoted.

“Animal-Free Culture System for Single-Cell Passaging of hESCs Developed”

<http://www.genengnews.com/gen-news-highlights/animal-free-culture-system-for-single-cell-passaging-of-hescs-developed/81244595/>

Radio Station Spotlights Ways to Help Kids Cope with Violence

Catherine Mogil, director of training for Project Focus at the UCLA Semel Institute, and associate director of the Child and Family Trauma Psychiatry Service, was featured on a Jan. 24 segment of KPCC-89.3 FM Larry Mantle show about how best to counsel children when they are frightened by current events they see or hear about. Project Focus (Families OverComing Under Stress) is a resiliency-building program designed for military families and children facing the multiple challenges of combat operational stress during wartime.

“Children and the News: Coping with Violence and its Aftermath”

<http://www.scpr.org/programs/airtalk/2011/01/24/kids-news/>

UCLA Pediatric Ear, Nose, Throat Expert Discusses Sleep Apnea on CBS's The Doctors

On Jan. 25, Dr. Nina Shapiro, director of pediatric otolaryngology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA and an associate professor of surgery, appeared on CBS's The Doctors to discuss sleep apnea and tonsillectomy in children.

“Snoring Treatment”

<http://www.thedoctorstv.com/videolib/init/3408>

Santa Monica Internist Authors Column on Shingles

Dr. Peter Galier, internal medicine specialist at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital and associate professor of medicine, authored a Jan. 21 Santa Monica Mirror health column on the painful viral infection known as “shingles.”

“The Other Kind of Shingles”

Fox Local Morning News Explores Breast Implant Link to Cancer

KTTV-TV Channel 11 on Jan. 27 featured an interview with Dr. Mark Morocco, associate clinical professor of medicine and associate residency director of emergency medicine, regarding the FDA's report that breast implants may be linked to a type of lymphoma.

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=139870&key=TrNielgs11rQFWkpdIOGUqXYP3r8Ofzc&email=RChampeau@mednet.ucla.edu>

KFWB Calls on Family Physician to Address Health Issues

Dr. David Baron, family medicine physician at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, appeared Jan. 24 on KFWB AM980's “Money 101” program to discuss a variety of health topics.

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=139838&key=z6LD2LKwcZAJ1k9apghtjzXK3TGVfsNy&email=tbraun@mednet.ucla.edu>

LA Wave Newspaper Reports on Faculty Appointment

Vickie Mays, a professor in the department of health services in the School of Public Health, and professor of psychology, was featured in the Jan. 26 Los Angeles Wave regarding her appointment to the House of Representatives seat on the 18-member National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics, an advisory panel to Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius.

“UCLA Minority Health Advocate Honored”

<http://www.wavenewspapers.com/news/local/west-edition/UCLA-minority-health-advocate-honored-114691354.html>

Montana Newspaper Spotlights Dentistry as an Art

Montana's Missoulian reported Jan. 22 on a recent presentation by Dr. Ed McLaren, director of UCLA's Center for Esthetic Dentistry, illustrating how to create dental fillings that look like they are part of a real tooth and other aspects of aesthetic dentistry.

"Dentists Learn Myriad New 'Head Spinning' Techniques, Materials for Repairing Teeth"

http://missoulian.com/news/local/article_b81776ba-25e8-11e0-9c7b-001cc4c03286.html

Column Features Memory Expert

A column in the Jan. 20 Salt Lake Tribune featured advice from Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging, a professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Center on Aging, about how older individuals who are still working can maintain their mental acuity. Small was quoted.

"Tips to Nip those 'Senior Moments' on the Job in the Bud"

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/money/51091731-79/says-job-older-mental.html.csp>

Local Papers Feature Column on Infections Linked to Smoking

The Daily News and Inland Valley Daily Bulletin on Jan. 26 ran a column by Dr. Claire Panosian Dunavan, clinical professor of medicine, division of infectious diseases, on why smokers and those exposed to second-hand smoke tend to suffer more severe infections than others.

"How Infections are Linked to Smoking"

http://www.dailynews.com/ci_17210314?source=email

Health Site Explores At-Risk Drinking

HealthJockey.com reported Jan. 22 on research lead by Dr. Alison Moore, professor of geriatrics, finding that while a multi-component intervention helped curb older adults' drinking, it didn't significantly lower drinking risks.

"Intervention Supposedly Curbs Overall Alcohol Consumption in Older Adults"

<http://www.healthjockey.com/2011/01/22/intervention-supposedly-curbs-overall-alcohol-consumption-in-older-adults/>

BRIEFS

A Jan. 22 health symposium organized by UCLA medical students about care for chronic diseases during the era of health reform was highlighted Jan. 19 by The Examiner.com and Jan. 20 by the Santa Monica Mirror, L.A. Daily News and City News Service.

"This Week" - Jan. 20

<http://www.smmirror.com/?ajax#mode=single&view=31656>

"Free UCLA Symposium on Obamacare" - Jan. 19

<http://www.examiner.com/women-s-health-in-los-angeles/free-ucla-symposium-on-obamacare>

"Health Calendar for the Week of Jan. 20, 2011" - Jan. 20

http://www.dailynews.com/lalife/ci_17129948

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Dr. David Alexander, professor of neurology and medical director of the Neurological Rehabilitation and Research Unit, commented in a Jan. 9 Medpage Today article about the possible benefits of prescribing Prozac to ischemic stroke patients.

"SSRI May Promote Post-Stroke Gains in Motor Function"

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/Cardiology/Strokes/24240>

Dr. Gail Anderson Jr., adjunct professor of medicine and chief medical officer at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, commented Jan. 20 in an Associated Press article about two students who sustained gunshot wounds on Jan. 18 at a high school in Gardena, Calif.

"Charges Filed Against Boy after L.A. School Shooting"

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/us_school_shooting

Dr. David Baron, family medicine physician at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, commented in a Jan. 20 KNX AM1070 report on an upper-respiratory illness affecting Southland residents.

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=139837&key=25AQcERJMgJSKDzJvh3c1fRZfVuCHTly&email=tbraun@mednet.ucla.edu>

Dr. Jamie Feusner, assistant professor of psychiatry and director of the Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder Intensive Treatment Program, was quoted in a Jan. 14 Medscape Today article about the long-term recovery rates of people suffering from body dysmorphic disorder, a condition characterized by a person's obsession over nonexistent or slight defects in their physical appearance.

"Probability of Full Recovery from Body Dysmorphic Disorder Good over Time"

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/735806>

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, commented in a Jan. 24 HealthDay News story about the costs of cardiovascular disease and in a Jan. 26 HealthDay News story about a study showing that defibrillators located in public places help save lives. He was also quoted Jan. 23 in a Los Angeles Times article about research on good and bad cholesterol.

"U.S. Heart Disease Costs Expected to Soar"

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=649165>

"Researchers Work to Harness Power of Good Cholesterol"

<http://articles.latimes.com/2011/jan/22/health/la-he-cholesterol-20110123>

"Widespread Use of Defibrillators in Public Places Saves Lives: Study"

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=649250>

Dr. Peter Galier, internal medicine specialist at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital and associate professor of medicine, commented in a Jan. 25 WebMD story about people refusing to remain at home after developing flu symptoms.

"Most People with Flu Don't Stay Home"

<http://www.webmd.com/cold-and-flu/news/20110125/most-people-with-flu-dont-stay-home>

Dr. David Heber, professor of medicine and director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition, commented Jan. 23 in an MSNBC.com article about research showing that eating a big breakfast each morning may be unhealthy.

"Big Breakfast May Make You Fat After All, Study Finds"

http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/41177896/ns/health-diet_and_nutrition/41172364

Dr. Edmond Hewlett, vice chairman of the UCLA School of Dentistry, was quoted in a Jan. 21 article in Florida's Naples News about Americans seeking low-cost dentistry in Latin America.

"Dental Destinations: Naples Business Lets You See Panama Canal, Get Root Canal"

<http://www.naplesnews.com/news/2011/jan/21/Dental-Destinations-travel-dentist-latin-america/>

Marco Iacoboni, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Lab at the Ahmanson-Lovelace Brain Mapping Center, was quoted in a Jan. 27 New Scientist article about the first MRI machine that can scan two individuals' brains at once.

"World's First Scanner Made for Two"

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg20927973.700-worlds-first-brain-scanner-made-for-two.html>

Dr. Peter Katona, associate clinical professor of infectious diseases, commented Jan. 26 in an ABC News online column debunking myths about how to fight the flu.

"Flu Fiction: 15 Common Misperceptions about Seasonal Flu"

<http://abcnews.go.com/ad/gmaintroad.html?goback=http://abcnews.go.com/Health/ColdandFlu/myth-busters-debunking-flu-fictions/story?id=12756378&page=1>

Dr. Leeka Kheifets, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was quoted in a Jan. 25 article on the website of Palm Springs' KESQ-Channel 3 about local residents who are concerned that local cell phone towers may pose a health risk.

"PSUSD Discusses Cell Phone Tower Cancer Risks"

<http://www.kesq.com/news/26618090/detail.html>

Dr. Neil Martin, professor and chair of the department of neurosurgery, was interviewed Jan. 26 on the NBC show Extra about the ongoing medical prognosis for U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

Dr. Marc Nuwer, professor of neurology, was quoted in a Jan. 11 Scientific American article about what kinds of functional issues Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' could suffer from her shooting as she continues her recovery.

"The Chances of Recovering from Brain Trauma: Past Cases Show Why Millimeters Matter"

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=recovering-from-brain-trauma>

Dr. Alcino Silva, a professor of neurobiology and a professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, commented Jan. 26 in Science and Live Science on a new study identifying a naturally occurring hormone that boosts memory retention in animals.

"Growth Hormone also a Memory Booster"

<http://news.sciencemag.org/sciencenow/2011/01/growth-hormone-also-a-memory-boo.html?ref=hp>

"Hormone Holds Promise as Memory Enhancer"

<http://www.livescience.com/health/hormone-boosts-memory-110126.html>

Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging, a professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Center on Aging, commented Jan. 14 in a KNBC story about a new book about Ronald Reagan. In addition, he was quoted Jan. 25 in a Medscape article about studies on the effectiveness of cognitive training to improve memory.

"Cognitive Training to Improve Memory Just as Effective as Other Intellectual Activities"

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/736278>

"Dr. Gary Small Interview – KNBC"

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=139720&key=esDjyCeLeYEHQLEeftJr1cWZTZAYIXjv&mail=rchampeau@mednet.ucla.edu>

Frederick Zimmerman, professor and chair of the department of health services at the School of Public Health, was quoted in a Jan. 24 HealthDay News article on research indicating that inadequate sleep may put children at greater risk for obesity.

"Insufficient, Irregular Sleep Tied to Kids' Obesity"

<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/family-health/sleep/articles/2011/01/24/insufficient-irregular-sleep-tied-to-kids-obesity>

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