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TIME, Reuters, HealthDay News, Agence France-Presse and other outlets reported Feb. 28 on research by Dr. Peter Anton, professor of digestive diseases and of UCLA's Center for Prevention Research. His team's research found that a gel previously shown to reduce HIV transmission in vaginal use also reduces HIV risk when applied rectally. The findings were presented at the Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections. Anton, a member of the UCLA AIDS Institute, was quoted in the coverage. "An Anti-HIV Gel Shows Some Promise for Prevention"

<http://healthland.time.com/2011/02/28/an-anti-hiv-gel-shows-some-promise-for-prevention/>

"AIDS Gel Shown to Protect Anal Tissue from HIV"

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/02/28/us-aids-gel-shown-protect-anal-tissue-hi-idUSTRE71R5GD20110228>

"Rectal Gel Could Help Ward Off HIV: Study"

<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/family-health/sexual-and-reproductive-health/articles/2011/02/28/rectal-gel-could-help-ward-off-hiv-study>

“Rectal Gel Shows Promise in Warding Off HIV: Study”

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5h2rG9HsVn6_PrYq4tR8ZY_qjmrYQ?docId=CNG.c3208b409493352f954b9b0fb37355df.ca1

CNN Celebrates 50 years of Peace Corps Service

Anne Rimoin, assistant professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was featured in a March 2 CNN report that profiled the experiences of Rimoin and others who served in the Peace Corps.

“Peace Corps Turns 50: Volunteers Reflect”

<http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/us/2011/03/02/50.years.peace.corps.cnn?iref=allsearch>

Times of India Examines How Smoking Alters Teen Brains

Edythe London, professor of psychiatry and molecular/medical pharmacology at the Semel Institute and Geffen School of Medicine, was featured in March 3 Times of India and Ecochildsplay.com articles on her study finding that teens who smoke have less activity in their prefrontal cortex.

“Tobacco Smoking Affects Teens' Brains”

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/health-fitness/health/Tobacco-smoking-affects-teens-brains/articleshow/7618035.cms>

“Teenage Addiction to Nicotine Negatively Affects Executive Functioning in the Brain”

<http://ecochildsplay.com/2011/03/02/teenage-addiction-to-nicotine-negatively-affects-executive-functioning-in-the-brain/>

UPI Explores Role of Social Networking among Homeless Youth

United Press International reported March 1 and the LA Weekly and Technorati reported Feb. 28 on research by Sean Young, visiting assistant professor of family medicine and UCLA AIDS Institute member, finding that online social network use among homeless youth can lead to risky behavior, yet keeps them better informed about preventing sexually transmitted diseases and HIV.

“Social Media May Up Risk for Homeless”

http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2011/03/01/Social-media-may-up-risk-for-homeless/UPI-25851299037533/

“UCLA Researchers Surprised to Learn That Homeless Kids Use Online Social Networking to Find Sex”

http://blogs.laweekly.com/informer/2011/02/homeless_sex_facebook.php

“Homeless Youths' Use of Social Networking May Boost Risky Sexual Behavior”

<http://technorati.com/blogging/article/homeless-youths-use-of-social-networking/>

AP Reports on HIV Gene Therapy

The Associated Press reported Feb 28 on a UCLA/UCSF clinical trial of a gene therapy with the potential to make blood resistant to HIV.

“Gene Therapy Raises Hope for a Future AIDS Cure”

http://www.mercurynews.com/health/ci_17505481?source=rss&nclick_check=1

KCBS, KTTV Cover Lung Transplant

KCBS-Channel 2 and KTTV-Channel 11 aired Feb. 28 reports on a UCLA lung-transplant patient with pulmonary fibrosis, a deadly disease that leads to lung scar tissue, making it progressively difficult to breathe. Dr. Murray Kwon, assistant professor of cardiothoracic surgery, and Dr. John Belperio, associate professor of medicine, division of pulmonary and critical care medicine, were interviewed.

“KCBS”

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=141360&key=MWwafEZ9LItfGeKAJQfK4zdgJtbpU9sz&email=RChampeau@mednet.ucla.edu>

“FOX News”

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=141363&key=AdOq7PaaKr0oSNQXHUes8aCaivyPCi8&email=RChampeau@mednet.ucla.edu>

O.C. Register Highlights Hair Study

The Orange County Register reported March 3 on a study in which UCLA-VA researchers investigating the effects of stress on mice stumbled upon a possible treatment for stress-induced hair loss. Million Mulugeta, adjunct professor of digestive diseases, was quoted.

“Drug Cures Baldness...in Mice”

<http://inyourface.ocregister.com/2011/03/03/drug-cures-baldness-in-mice/26825/>

KNBC Reports on New Concussion Test for Athletes

Dr. Neil Martin, professor and chair of neurosurgery, appeared Feb. 25 in a KNBC-Channel 4 report about a new test for concussion that could be used immediately on the sidelines after an athlete is injured.

Dermatologist Offers Oscar-Worthy Tips for Red Carpet

Dr. Jenny Kim, a dermatologist with the UCLA Skin and Aesthetic Clinic and associate professor of clinical medicine, division of dermatology, wrote a Feb. 25 Santa Monica Mirror column on skin care and rejuvenation tips for special events.

“How to Achieve Healthy Glowing Skin for Your Red-Carpet Event”

Local Papers Promote National Children’s Study

The Ventura County Star and KEYT-Channel 3 (Santa Barbara) reported Feb. 28 and the Los Angeles Sentinel reported Feb. 27 that the National Children’s Study is now enrolling research volunteers. The UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities is directing the study for Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

“National Children’s Study Spanning First 21 Years of Child’s Life Rolls Out in L.A. County”

<http://www.lasentinel.net/National-Childrens-Study-Spanning-First-21-Years-of-Childs-Life-Rolls-Out-in-L.A.-County.html>

“The National Children’s Study Will Include Local Newborns”

<http://www.keyt.com/news/local/The-National-Childrens-Study-Will-Include-Local-Newborns-117115383.html>

“Largest Children’s Study in History Scheduled to Come to Ventura County”

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2011/feb/21/largest-childrens-study-in-history-scheduled-to/>

Cardiologist’s Editorial on Diuretics Draws Interest

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson–UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, wrote a March 3 editorial in the New England Journal of Medicine about a study on heart-failure patients’ clinical treatment with diuretics. Coverage included HealthDay News and Internal Medicine News on March 2 and Heart.org on March 3.

“Heart Failure Patients Don’t Need Continuous Infusion of Diuretics: Study”

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=650506>

“DOSE Trial Published: How to Give IV Diuretics in Acute HF”

<http://www.theheart.org/article/1193555.do>

“Heart Failure Outcomes Unaltered by Different Diuretic Strategies”

<http://www.internalmedicineneeds.com/single-view/heart-failure-outcomes-unaltered-by-different-diuretic-strategies/841552a0a6.html>

Online Radio Showcases Mindful Awareness

Diana Winston, director of mindfulness education at the Mindful Awareness Research Center in the Semel Institute, was featured in a March 2-9 web-based New Dimensions Radio interview about the center and her book, “Fully Present.”

“How Mindfulness Can Add to Your Well Being”

<http://www.newdimensions.org/flagship/3375/diana-winston-how-mindfulness-can-add-to-your-well-being/>

Trade Cites Colonoscopy Study

ASC Review, a trade magazine for ambulatory surgery centers, reported March 2 on an article in the journal Gastroenterology by Dr. Brennan Spiegel, director of the UCLA-VA Center for Outcomes Research and Education and associate professor of medicine, division of digestive diseases. Spiegel linked the accuracy of a colonoscopy to the technician’s experience and skill, to patient adherence to preparation and other provider and procedural variables.

"UCLA Gastroenterologist: Colonoscopy is an 'Imperfect Test'"

<http://www.beckersasc.com/gastroenterology-and-endoscopy/ucla-gastroenterologist-colonoscopy-is-an-imperfect-test.html>

BRIEFS

A Feb. 27 "60 Minutes" segment about a con artist peddling fake stem-cell medicine therapies as a cure for disease noted a study by Dr. Bruce Dobkin, professor of neurology and director of the neurological rehabilitation and research unit. He found that many patients who visited a China clinic to undergo unproven stem-cell implants for chronic spinal cord injuries ended up contracting spinal meningitis. "21st Century Snake Oil"

http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2010/04/16/60minutes/main6402854_page6.shtml

Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center was mentioned in a Feb. 26 St. Petersburg Times story about a local woman who received a kidney as part of a transplant chain involving UCLA.

"Donating a Kidney to Mom Part of a Cross-Country Chain of Events"

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/health/donating-a-kidney-to-mom-part-of-a-cross-country-chain-of-events/1153933>

A study by Paul Thompson, professor of neurology, was cited in a March 2 CNN segment on bipolar disorder and its symptoms.

"Sheen Has Us Asking: What's Bipolar?"

<http://thechart.blogs.cnn.com/2011/03/02/what-were-learning-about-bipolar-in-the-brain/?hpt=T2>

A Feb. 25 San Bernardino Sun story about a new Banning clinic that aims to provide health care for 5,000 uninsured and underinsured individuals cited a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research showing that nearly 30 percent of San Bernardino County residents and 25 percent of Riverside County residents were without health insurance for all or part of 2009.

"San Bernardino-Based Safety Net Clinic Operator Begins Construction of Health Center in Banning"

http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci_17485571

Dr. Lonnie Zeltzer, director of the pediatric pain program at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was featured in the March edition of the American Academy of Pediatrics' AAP News, which highlighted her appointment to the Institute of Medicine committee on advancing pain research, care and education.

Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center was cited in a Feb. 21 San Diego Union Tribune article and March 3 KSWB-Channel 5 (San Diego) story about an 8-year-old boy who raised money for a friend who needs to undergo a heart transplant at UCLA.

"Child Swims 2.08 Miles for a Friend's New Heart"

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/feb/21/child-swims-208-miles-for-a-friends-new-heart/>

QUOTABLES

Dr. David Baron, family physician at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, commented March 2 on KNX 1070AM about tennis star Serena Williams' emergency treatment for a pulmonary embolism and hematoma.

Dr. John Belperio, associate professor of medicine, division of pulmonary and critical care medicine, commented March 2 on KCBS-Channel 2 and KCAL-Channel 9 about the diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary embolisms in a story about tennis player Serena Williams.

"KCBS- TV – Dr. John Belperio"

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=141471&key=W50ptnaC6fsvWog9mWtAopN6Yshv6IAc&email=RChampeau@mednet.ucla.edu>

"KCAL-TV – Dr. John Belperio"

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=141473&key=Cw8wWahtbCI2TUM34026a5IE1Kk6x8PB&email=RChampeau@mednet.ucla.edu>

Dr. Bruce Dobkin, professor of neurology, was quoted Feb. 24 by the Associated Press about how brain injury patients develop compensational strategies to function.

“Doctors Work to Help Giffords’ Brain Rewire Itself”

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=133737470>

Dr. Jonathan Fielding, professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was quoted in a Feb. 25 La Opinión article about how Los Angeles residents are preparing for cold weather.

“Lluvia Traerá Más Frío”

<http://www.impre.com/laopinion/noticias/2011/2/26/lluvia-traera-mas-frio-241646-1.html#commentsBlock>

Dr. Peter Galier, internal medicine specialist at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and associate professor of medicine, and Dr. Wally Ghurabi, medical director of the hospital’s Nethercutt Emergency Center, were quoted in a Feb. 28 Santa Monica Daily Press story about the late-arriving flu season. Nurse Rubina Andonian was pictured giving a flu shot.

“Severe Flu Hits Later in Season”

<http://www.smdp.com/Articles-c-2011-02-27-71398.113116-Severe-flu-hits-later-in-season.html>

David Hovda, professor of neurosurgery and director of the Brain Injury Research Center, was quoted in a March 1 USA Today article about the lack of insurance coverage for rehabilitation after a traumatic brain injury.

“For Brain Injuries, a Treatment Gap”

http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2011-03-02-brain-injuries-treatment_N.htm

Dr. Larissa Mooney, assistant professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was quoted in a Feb. 25 MSNBC article about a documentary aimed at stopping teens from using methamphetamine by showing them how the drug affects one’s appearance.

“Shocking Mug Shots Reveal Toll of Drug Abuse”

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/41787410/ns/health-addictions/>

Beate Ritz, professor of epidemiology and neurology, was quoted March 2 by ABCNews.com and MedPage.com about the potential benefits of taking ibuprofen as a deterrent to Parkinson’s disease.

“Lower Parkinson’s Risk in Patients on Ibuprofen”

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/ibuprofen-lower-parkinsons-risk/story?id=13040370>

Dr. Karol Watson, associate professor of cardiology, commented Mar. 3 in a USA Today article about research indicating that heart patients who have an optimistic outlook are more likely to survive longer.

“Staying Optimistic May Keep Your Heart Healthy, Study Says”

http://www.usatoday.com/yourlife/health/medical/heartdisease/2011-03-01-heartattitude01_ST_N.htm

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