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The first hand transplant in the western U.S., which was performed March 4-5 by a surgical team from the hand transplant program at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, was covered March 7 in the Los Angeles Times, KCBS-Channel 2, KTTV-Channel 11, KNBC-Channel 4, United Press International, KFI-640 AM, Science Daily, LAist and the Examiner; March 8 in CNN Wire, the Daily Breeze, L.A. Weekly, KTLA-Channel 5, KABC-Channel 7, KPCC-89.3 FM, FOX News, Yahoo News, Westwood-Century City Patch and Medical News Today; March 9 on KNBC-Channel 4 and in Becker's Orthopedic and Spine Review, among others. Dr. Kodi Azari, surgical director of the program and associate professor of orthopaedic surgery and plastic surgery, and Dr. Ronald Busuttil, executive chair of surgery and chief of liver and pancreas transplantation, were quoted in the coverage. A March 9 Fresno Bee blog post focused on transplant coordinator Erin Core's role in the historic procedure.

"UCLA Surgeons Perform First Hand Transplant in California"

<http://www.latimes.com/health/la-he-hand-transplant-20110307,0,7006568.story>

"Woman Gets Hand Transplant at UCLA"

<http://www.myfoxla.com/dpp/health/woman-gets-hand-transplant-at-ucla-20110307#>

"UCLA Doctors Perform CA's 1st Successful Hand Transplant"

<http://www.ktla.com/health/ktla-ucla-hand-transplant,0,7767914.story>

"First Hand Transplant in Western U.S. Performed"

<http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/health/First-Hand-Transplant-in-Western-US-Performed--117611994.html>

"UCLA Performs First Hand Transplant in the Western United States"

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2011/03/110308101539.htm>

"UCLA's First Hand Transplant Surgery Goes Well"

[http://www.scpr.org/news/2011/03/08/uclas-first-hand-transplant-surgery-goes-well/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KpccStoriesByNickRoman+\(KPCC%3A+Stories+by+Nick+Roman\)](http://www.scpr.org/news/2011/03/08/uclas-first-hand-transplant-surgery-goes-well/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KpccStoriesByNickRoman+(KPCC%3A+Stories+by+Nick+Roman))

"Clovis West Grad Part of UCLA Medical Center Hand Transplant Team"

http://fresnobeehive.com/news/2011/03/clovis_west_grad_part_of_ucla.html

CBS Explores Dangers of Sleep Deprivation

Dr. Ronald Harper, distinguished professor of neurobiology, was featured March 4 in a CBS "Early Show" segment about the health and societal consequences of nearly 38 percent of Americans sleeping less than seven hours a night.

"Sleep Loss Gets Scary in CDC Report"

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/03/04/earlyshow/health/main20039275.shtml>

Smoking's Effect on Teen Brains Draws Headlines

A new study by Edythe London, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was featured March 3 by the Orange County Register, AOL Health and LA Weekly blogs and KCRW-89.9 FM, and March 4 on KTSM-Ch. 9 (El Paso). Her research found that smoking can lower activity in teens' prefrontal cortex, the brain region that guides decision-making and other important functions.

"Smoking May Alter Brain in Teens"

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/teens-290641-smoking-most.html>

"Study: Smoking Impacts 'Decision-Making' Part of Teens' Brains"

<http://www.aolhealth.com/2011/03/03/teen-smoking-reckless-decisions/>

"UCLA Study: Cigarettes Make Teens Want to Smoke More Cigarettes"

http://blogs.laweekly.com/informer/2011/03/teens_smoke_cigarettes_brain.php

"Mom Was Right? Teen Smokers are Altering Brain Development, Inhibiting Decision-making Skills"

<http://www.ktsm.com/news/mom-was-right-teen-smokers-are-altering-brain-development-inhibiting-decision-making-skills>

KCBS Channel 2 News Features Ovarian Cancer Research

Dr. Robin Farias-Eisner and his work to develop a new and more effective treatment for ovarian cancer were featured March 8 by KCBS Channel 2 News. Farias-Eisner is head of gynecologic oncology and a researcher with UCA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"New Research Pointing To Possible Cancer Treatments"

<http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2011/03/08/new-research-pointing-to-possible-cancer-treatments/>

NBC's "Today Show" Comments on Charlie Sheen

Dr. Arif Karim, (voluntary) clinical instructor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was interviewed March 8 by NBC's "Today Show" about the possibility that actor Charlie Sheen might be suffering from mental illness.

"Is Charlie Sheen Losing His Mind?"

<http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/26184891/vp/41985360#41985360>

HealthDay, Times of India Examine Underweight Infants

HealthDay News and the Times of India reported March 10 on a UCLA study finding that underweight infants born to malnourished mothers may be physiologically programmed to eat more, increasing the risk of obesity later in life. Dr. Mina Desai, assistant professor-in-residence of obstetrics and gynecology, was quoted.

"Animal Study May Explain Low Birth Weight-Obesity Link"

http://news.yahoo.com/s/hsn/20110310/hl_hsn/animalstudymayexplainlowbirthweightobesitylink

"Low Birth Weight Kids Programmed to Eat More"

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/health-fitness/health/Low-birth-weight-kids-programmed-to-eat-more/articleshow/7670996.cms>

ANI, Examiner Track Homeless Youth on Social Networks

Asian News International reported March 5 and Examiner.com reported March 1 on research by Sean Young, visiting assistant professor of family medicine and a member of the UCLA AIDS Institute, exploring how online social networking affects homeless teens' sexual behavior. Young was quoted.

"Homeless Kids' Use of Social Networking Can Up Risky Sex Behavior"

http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/health/homeless-kids-use-of-social-networking-can-up-risky-sex-behaviour_100510642.html

"Social Networks Affect Sexual Behavior of Homeless Children, UCLA Study Reports"

<http://www.examiner.com/women-s-health-in-los-angeles/social-networks-affect-sexual-behavior-of-homeless-children-ucla-study-reports>

Local Papers Cover Legionnaire's Disease

The San Bernardino Sun, Pasadena Star News and Whittier Daily News ran a March 5 column by Dr. Claire Panosian Dunavan, clinical professor of medicine, division of infectious diseases, about Legionnaire's disease and Legionella. Dr. Marcus Horwitz, professor of medicine and microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics, was quoted.

"The Real Story behind Legionnaire's Disease"

http://www.sbsun.com/ci_17548824?source=email

Launch of National Children's Study Attracts Interest

Azteca América News reported March 4 on the National Children's Study's recruitment of research volunteers. The UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities is directing the study for Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Study co-director Dena Herman, adjunct assistant professor at the School of Public Health, was interviewed. L.A. Watts Times ran a March 10 op-ed by lead investigator, Dr. Michael Lu, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology and public health at UCLA.

"Azteca TV"

<http://db.tt/TUaNYrV>

"Health Issues Affecting the Black Community: Making a Difference in the Next Generation"

http://issuu.com/la_wattstimes/docs/lawt-3-10-11

iVillage Spotlights Prof's Book

The Bipolar Disorder Survival Guide, a book by David Miklowitz, professor of psychiatry and director of the child and adolescent mood disorders program at the Semel Institute, was highlighted Feb. 25 on iVillage.com, and featured a chapter excerpt about managing money.

"Don't Let Bipolar Disorder Break the Bank!"

<http://www.ivillage.com/don-t-let-bipolar-disorder-break-bank/4-a-326750>

BRIEFS

The Santa Monica Mirror noted March 4 that more than 250 UCLA Health System physicians were recognized as Southern California "Super Doctors" in the January issue of *Los Angeles* magazine.

"UCLA Physicians Named "Super Doctors"

<http://www.smmirror.com/?ajax#mode=single&view=31860>

Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA was mentioned March 7 in a Morris (Minn.) Sun Tribune story about a local girl who underwent a liver transplant.

"Erin Tanner Receives Liver Transplant"

<http://www.morrissuntribune.com/event/article/id/24702/>

Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA was referenced in a March 10 Thousand Oaks Acorn story about a local troop of Brownies who donated 32 "Build-a-Bears" to the hospital.

"Brownies and Bears Make Perfect Match"

http://www.toacorn.com/news/2011-03-10/Family/Brownies_and_bears_make_perfect_match.html

QUOTABLES

Carrie Bearden, associate professor of psychiatry and psychology at the Semel Institute, was quoted in a March 6 CBSNews.com segment about the symptoms of bipolar disorder.

"Bipolar Disorder: 10 Subtle Signs"

http://www.cbsnews.com/2300-204_162-10006910.html

Dr. Ronald Busuttil, executive chair of surgery and Dumont Professor of Transplantation Surgery, was quoted in a March 3 column in New York's Albany Times-Union about a boxer donating a portion of his liver to his uncle.

"Shannon Miller: A Fighter Recovers"

<http://blog.timesunion.com/boxing/shannon-miller-the-fighter-recovers/6598/>

Dr. Joshua Chodosh, associate professor-in-residence of geriatrics, was quoted March 10 in an article by Xinhua (China) News about a state government plan to help fight Alzheimer's disease.

"Action Plan Sketched Out to Fight Alzheimer's in California"

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/xinhua/2011-03-10/content_1975166.html

Dr. Timothy Daskivich, a urology resident, commented March 3 in Reuters about research showing that it is sometimes more beneficial for older men with less aggressive prostate cancer to forgo treatment.

"Often Okay to Skip Prostate Cancer Treatment: Study"

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2011/03/02/us-prostate-cancer-study-idINTRE7217PJ20110302>

Dr. Bruce Dobkin, professor of neurology and director of the neurologic rehabilitation and research program, was quoted in a Feb. 25 Associated Press article about the brain's ability to rewire itself to overcome traumatic injury.

"Scientists Still Trying to Learn How the Brain Repairs Itself"

<http://www.kold.com/Global/story.asp?S=14022926>

Dr. Jerome Engel Jr., Jonathan Sinay Distinguished Professor of Neurology, Neurobiology, and Psychiatry, and director of the UCLA Seizure Disorder Center, was quoted in a Feb. 2011 Runner's World magazine article about an ultra-distance runner who underwent a partial lobectomy to control her epileptic seizures.

"Fixing Diane's Brain"

<http://www.runnersworld.com/article/0,7120,s6-243-297--13822-8-1X2X3X4X5X6X7X8X9X10X11-12,00.html>

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, was interviewed March 7 by ABC News.com about the link between certain painkillers and an increased risk of heart problems. He also was quoted March 4 by HealthDay News about a potassium-rich diet reducing the risk of stroke and heart disease. He was quoted March 9 by HealthDay News about the impact of a specific blood pressure-lowering drug in patients with irregular heart beat.

"Potassium-Rich Foods May Cut Stroke, Heart Disease Risk"

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=650381>

"Some Popular Pain Pills Increase Heart Deaths"

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/PainManagement/popular-pain-pills-increase-risk-heart-deaths/story?id=10859432&page=2>

"Blood Pressure Drug Does Not Help Those with Atrial Fibrillation"

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=650704>

Dr. Daniel Geschwind, a professor of neurology and psychiatry who holds UCLA's Gordon and Virginia MacDonald Distinguished Chair in Human Genetics, commented March 8 in a New York Times column on the genetic origins of left-handedness and how it affects brain symmetry and language development.

“On the Left Hand, There are No Easy Answers”

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/08/health/views/08klass.html?_r=1&src=twrhp

David Glanzman, professor of neurobiology and a member of UCLA's Brain Research Institute, was quoted March 3 in a Nature article about research on how to perpetuate long-term memories.

“Enzyme Can Strengthen Memories”

<http://www.nature.com/news/2011/110303/full/news.2011.134.html>

Dr. John Glaspy, professor of hematology–oncology and director of the women's cancers program area at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, was quoted in a March 7 Los Angeles Times article about obesity and cancer risk.

“Obesity: 'Like the new smoking'”

<http://www.latimes.com/health/la-he-cancer-obesity-20110307.0.2785774.story>

Dr. Wayne Grody, professor of pathology, human genetics and pediatrics, was quoted March 7 in a Washington Post article about the rising prevalence of gout.

“Gout, a Form of Arthritis, is No Longer Limited to the Well-to-do”

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/03/07/AR2011030703990.html>

David Hovda, professor of neurosurgery and director of the Brain Injury Research Center, was quoted in a March 2 USA Today article about the lifelong consequences of a severe traumatic brain injury.

Separately, Hovda was quoted in a March 9 Foxbusiness.com article about mild traumatic brain injury among our military and the need for complete rest to insure total recovery.

“For Brain Injuries, a Treatment Gap”

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

“Growing Threat to Soldiers: Traumatic Brain Injury”

<http://www.foxbusiness.com/personal-finance/2011/03/09/growing-threat-soldiers-traumatic-brain-injury/>

Marco Iacoboni, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, and director of the Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Lab in the Ahmanson Lovelace Brain Mapping Center, was quoted in a March 9 ABCNews.com article about the teen brain, emotions and peer pressure.

“Will Your Teen Give in to Peer Pressure?”

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/MindMoodNews/researchers-brains-tumultuous-preneens/story?id=13094403&page=2>

Dr. Carole Lieberman, (voluntary) assistant clinical professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was quoted March 9 in ABCNews.com about how addicts behave when they are high on drugs.

“Charlie Sheen: What's Next, Who Can Help?”

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/Wellness/charlie-sheen-mental-health-experts-weigh/story?id=13085792>

Dr. Karen Miotto, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and medical director of the alcoholism and addiction medicine service, was quoted in a March 3 Los Angeles Times article about actor Charlie Sheen's criticisms of Alcoholics Anonymous.

“Charlie Sheen Claims AA has a 5% Success Rate -- Is He Right?”

<http://articles.latimes.com/2011/mar/03/news/la-heb-sheen-aa-20110302>

Dr. Marshall Morgan, director of emergency medicine, was quoted March 4 by HealthDay News about research finding that 1 in 5 emergency room patients in California leave before they are seen. The article also appeared on MSN.com and BusinessWeek.com.

“1 in 5 Patients at California ERs Leave without being Seen”

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=650341>

Dr. Marc Nuwer, professor of neurology, was quoted March 5 by the Austin American-Statesman about claims that broken compact fluorescent light bulbs can cause migraines and epileptic seizures.

“Phyllis Schlafly Says Broken CFL Bulbs Allegedly Cause Migraines and Epileptic Seizures”

<http://www.politifact.com/texas/statements/2011/mar/05/phyllis-schlafly/phyllis-schlafly-says-broken-cfl-bulbs-allegedly-c/>

John Piacentini, professor of psychiatry and director of the childhood OCD, anxiety and tic disorders program at the Semel Institute, was quoted in a March 9 USA Today article about "American Idol" contestant James Durbin's struggle with Asperger's and Tourette's syndromes, and Piacentini's development of a cognitive behavioral treatment to control the disorder.

"'Idol' Finalist Durbin is Singing through Tourette's"

http://www.usatoday.com/yourlife/health/medical/conditions/2011-03-09-tourette09_st_N.htm

Dr. Ali Sepahdari, assistant clinical professor of radiological sciences, commented March 7 in American Medical News about a four-week Northwestern University class that uses improvisational comedy to teach medical students how to become better doctors.

"Comedic Skills for a Serious Role: Improv Class Teaches Med Students to Think on their Feet"

<http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2011/03/07/prsa0307.htm>

Dr. Nick Shamie, associate professor of orthopaedic surgery, was quoted March 5 in Westside Today about how sleeping on the floor of the Wisconsin state capital could affect public union protestors' backs.

"Wisconsin: The Spine of Politics"

<http://www.westsidetoday.com/s11-4580/wisconsin-the-spine-of.html>

Dr. Mousa Shamonki, assistant clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology, was quoted March 7 in a Peace FM Online article about overcoming obstacles to becoming pregnant.

"Trying to Get Pregnant? 10 Fertility Blunders"

<http://news.peacefmonline.com/health/201103/141691.php>

Dr. Gail Wyatt, professor of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences and a member of the UCLA AIDS Institute, was quoted in a March 5 Herald Sun (Durham, N.C.) article about a forum on HIV and minorities.

"'Women of Color & HIV' Forum Looks at Virus, Effect on Minorities"

http://www.heraldsun.com/view/full_story_news_durham/12175024/article--Women-of-Color---HIV--forum-looks-at-virus--effect-on-minorities?instance=main_article

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