



**UCLA HEALTH SCIENCES MEDIA REPORT  
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#### UC Hospital Strike Averted by Tentative Contract Agreement

The [Los Angeles Times](#), [Associated Press](#), [KPCC 89.9FM](#), [City News Service](#) and other local news media noted on March 23 that a planned, five-day strike this week at University of California hospitals was averted Sunday after University of California officials and the AFSCME 3299 union representing patient care technical workers reached a tentative agreement.

#### County Health Department Head Returning to UCLA

The [Los Angeles Times](#), [City News Service](#), [KPCC 89.3FM](#), and websites of [KCBS-Channel 2](#), and [KNBC-Channel 4](#), reported March 27 that Dr. Jonathan Fielding, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, is retiring from his position to return to UCLA.

#### Build Muscle and Live Longer

[Scientific American](#) March 20, [KFBK 1530AM](#) (Sacramento, Calif.) March 22, [WDAF-TV](#) (Kansas City, Mo.) March 26, and [Healio Endocrinology](#) March 27 reported on research by Dr. Preethi Srikanthan, assistant professor of medicine in the division of endocrinology, and Dr. Arun Karlamangla, professor of medicine in the division of geriatrics, indicating that greater muscle mass may be a more important factor in preventing premature death among older Americans than a good body mass index. Srikanthan was interviewed.

#### Websites Cover Heroic Save at UCLA

[Examiner.com](#), [Brentwood Patch](#), and [Health Canal](#) March 25 and [MDLinx](#), [WN.com](#), and [Medical Express](#) March 26 covered the unique use of the heart-lung machine in the emergency room to help save a heart attack victim who arrived at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in full cardiac arrest. Dr. Eric Savitsky, professor of emergency medicine, and Dr. William Suh, assistant clinical professor of medicine and interventional cardiology, were quoted.

#### Avoiding Colon Cancer

[HealthDay News](#) March 22 featured a column offering tips from UCLA experts on lowering colon cancer risk. Dr. Anne Lin, assistant professor of general surgery, was quoted. The HealthDay article ran on [U.S. News & World Report](#), [MSN Healthy Living](#), [Yahoo! News](#), [Philadelphia Inquirer](#), [WebMD](#), [Health.com](#), [New Jersey Herald](#), [Medicine.Net](#), [WSYR-TV](#) (Syracuse, N.Y.), [KSLA-TV](#) (Shreveport, La.), [WOGX-TV](#) (Gainesville, Fla), [WHLT-TV](#) (Hattiesburg, Miss.), [KNDO-TV](#) (Yakima, Wash.), [NBC-TV](#) (Cranston, R.I.), [KTTC-TV](#) (Rochester, N.Y.), [KUSI-TV](#) (San Diego, Calif.), [WJTV-TV](#) (Jackson, Miss.) and more than 30 additional TV news station websites nationwide.

#### PBS Programs Examine Lawsuit Challenging the Affordable Care Act

Dr. Linda Rosenstock, emeritus dean of the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and professor of health policy and management, was featured in a March 21 PBS [Religion & Ethics Newsweekly](#) segment and March 25 on the [PBS Newshour](#) regarding the upcoming Supreme Court hearings about a lawsuit by religious owners of a business that believe the Affordable Care Act violates their religious freedom by requiring them to buy certain kinds of contraception insurance for their employees.

#### Hospitals Create a Culture of Compassion

An article in [Fierce Health Care](#) March 20 about the importance of hospitals conveying compassion and kindness toward patients highlighted the UCLA Health System's organizational strategies and unique patient-centered approach. Dr. David Feinberg, the system's president and associate vice chancellor for health sciences at UCLA, was cited.

### **Fox News Spotlights Cool Hearing Devices**

Fox News Channel aired a March 25 profile of a UCLA patient who was born with impaired hearing and underwent surgery to receive a cochlear implant when she suffered total hearing loss as a young mother. Dr. Alison Grimes, director of the UCLA Audiology Clinic and an assistant professor of head and neck surgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, explained the latest advances in cochlear implant technology, which are now Bluetooth- and iPad-compatible, offer remote controls and come in waterproof versions. The story also appeared on [FoxNews.com](http://FoxNews.com).

### **NPR Explores Origin of Autism**

Dr. Stanley Nelson, professor of human genetics and psychiatry at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and Semel Institute, was interviewed in a March 26 [National Public Radio](http://NationalPublicRadio) segment about a recent study published in the New England Journal of Medicine suggesting that autism begins developing in the prenatal brain.

### **Variety Highlights 2014 Taste for a Cure Honoree**

[Variety](http://Variety) on March 24 reported that the Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation at UCLA's 19th annual Taste for a Cure event will honor Sony Pictures TV president Steve Mosko with the Gil Nickel Humanitarian Award. Dr. Judith Gasson, director of UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, was quoted.

### **Cancer Pioneer Named to Pharmaceutical Company's Board**

[Nasdaq OMX GlobeNewswire](http://NasdaqOMX) March 21 and [The Wall Street Journal](http://TheWallStreetJournal) March 25 reported on the appointment of Dr. Dennis Slamon, director of clinical/translational research and director of the Revlon/UCLA Women's Cancer Research Program at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, to BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc.'s board of directors. Slamon was quoted.

### **Blog Spotlights UCLA Testing Device to Lessen Hair Loss**

[Balding Blog](http://BaldingBlog) March 21 carried a story on a UCLA clinical trial that is testing a system for cooling the scalps of breast cancer patients receiving chemotherapy to reduce hair loss from the treatment. Dr. Sara Hurvitz, a member of UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and director of the UCLA Breast Oncology Program, was quoted in the coverage.

### **Infectious Diseases Doctor Discusses STD Prevention**

Dr. Jeffrey Klausner, professor of medicine in the division of infectious diseases, and of public health, and in the UCLA Program in Global Health, was featured in a March 24 KPCC 89.3FM "[Take Two](http://TakeTwo)" report about public health approaches to combating sexually transmitted diseases and unique STD-prevention programs that are tailored to specific communities.

### **How Diamonds Can Help Glaucoma**

The March 26 [Scientist](http://Scientist) highlighted research led by Dr. Dean Ho, professor of oral biology and medicine and co-director of the Jane and Jerry Weintraub Center for Reconstructive Biotechnology at the UCLA School of Dentistry, showing that drug-carrying nanodiamonds embedded in contact lenses may help improve glaucoma treatment. Ho was quoted.

### **Psychological Benefits of Probiotic Yogurt**

An article in the March 23 [USA Today](http://USAToday) about the increasing use of probiotics in the U.S. cited research by Dr. Kirsten Tillisch, associate professor of medicine in the division of digestive diseases and Dr. Emeran Mayer, professor of medicine (digestive diseases), physiology and psychiatry and executive director of the Gail and Gerald Oppenheimer Family Center for Neurobiology of Stress at UCLA. Their research explored how probiotics, commonly found in yogurt, can dampen stress and anxiety signals sent from the gut to the brain.

### **Military News Service Features UCLA Doctor**

Military news service [DVIDS](http://DVIDS) featured a March 27 story about Naval reservist Dr. Josh Tobin, assistant clinical professor of anesthesiology, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, who is currently overseeing post-operative care of trauma patients at a major NATO hospital in Afghanistan. He says he

hopes to use his experiences as both a civilian and military doctor to help further the field of anesthesiology and critical care medicine.

### **Bakersfield Newspaper Tells the Story of Trans Fats**

The March 22 [Bakersfield Californian](#) carried an op-ed by Dr. William McCarthy, professor at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, about trans fats, eating habits and obesity related-disease.

### **KFI Discusses Potential Blood Test for Alzheimer's**

Dr. Lucas Restrepo, assistant clinical professor of neurology, was interviewed March 12 on [KFI 640AM](#) regarding new experimental blood tests that may "predict" if and when a person will develop Alzheimer's disease.

### **NPR Wisconsin Explains the Affordable Care Act**

Dr. Dylan Roby, director of the health economics and evaluation research program at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was interviewed March 25 by the 34-station [Wisconsin Public Radio](#) about the politics and policy of the Affordable Care Act.

### **Running Man William**

Indiana's [The Current](#) March 25 featured the story of an 8-year-old boy who underwent a successful hemispherectomy at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA when he was 11-months-old to help treat his uncontrollable seizures. Today, the boy enjoys running and many other activities with friends. His surgeon, Dr. Gary Mathern, professor of pediatric neurosurgery and director of the Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery Program at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was interviewed.

### **Medical Guidance for Overseas Adoptions**

The [Santa Monica Mirror](#) and [Imperial Valley News](#) reported March 23 on the new International Adoption and Travel Clinic at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA which reviews potential adoptees' health records, offers medical assessments and provides other support services to parents adopting children from foreign countries. Dr. Yvonne Bryson, professor and chief of pediatric infectious diseases at Mattel, and Dr. Nava Yeganeh, clinical instructor in pediatric infectious diseases, were quoted.

### **Huntington Beach Paper Profiles Therapist's Volunteer Work in Mexico**

The March 27 [Huntington Beach Independent](#) published a feature on Mary Eimers, a physical therapist at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, who provides volunteer rehab services to underserved children in Mexico as part of the Orthopaedic Institute for Children's international program. Julie Tobin, manager of Rehab Services at the hospital, and Lorena Gomez, assistant coordinator of the program, were quoted.

### **More Dentists Leaving California**

[Medical Xpress](#) and [Science Codex](#) reported March 27 on a study by Dr. Nadereh Pourat, director of research at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, showing that the number of dentists licensed to practice in California who opt to reside or work outside the state has been growing since 2008.

### **Expansion of UCLA Health in Ventura County**

The [Pacific Coast Business Times](#) reported March 21 on a group of doctors in solo or small practices that are banding together to compete with UCLA Health System and other large health networks expanding into Ventura County. Dr. Matteo Dinolfo, medical director of the UCLA Department of Medicine's community offices, was quoted.

## **BRIEFS**

Dr. Neal Baer, a project scientist with the Global Media Center for Social Impact at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was referenced in a March 19 [New York Times](#) column about a study finding that geographical regions in the U.S. with a higher audience for the television shows "16 and Pregnant" and "Teen Mom" had an overall drop in the number of teenage births.

An article in the March 25 [Washington Post](#) about the number of individuals signing up for health insurance through Covered California referenced a study by researchers from the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and colleagues showing that people of Asian descent make up about 14 percent of those eligible for insurance through the state's insurance marketplace.

A visit by NASCAR race driver Danica Patrick to Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA was featured March 27 on the [Fox Sports](#) website.

Dr. Shaun Hussain, assistant clinical professor of pediatric neurology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was referenced in a March 25 [Huffington Post](#) article about the use of medicinal marijuana to treat a severe type of pediatric epilepsy.

## QUOTABLES

Dr. Tanya Altmann, assistant clinical professor of pediatrics at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was interviewed March 22 on [WORC 950AM](#) (Rochester, N.Y.) about teaching kids how to responsibly take over-the-counter medications.

Dr. Andrew Charles, the Meyer and Renee Luskin Chair in Migraine and Headache Studies and director of the UCLA Headache Research and Treatment Program, commented March 24 in a [National Public Radio](#) "Morning Edition" segment about Cefaly, a new battery-powered headband that emits electrical stimulation to prevent migraines.

Dr. David Hayes-Bautista, professor of medicine in the division of general internal medicine and health services research and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, was quoted March 23 in a [San Jose Mercury-News](#) article about the number of Asian-Americans and Latinos signing up for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act.

Dr. Luu Ireland, fellow and clinical instructor in the UCLA Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, was quoted March 24 in a [Riverside Press-Enterprise](#) article about recent conflicts over health care reform and religious beliefs.

Dr. Mayumi Prins, associate professor of neurosurgery, commented March 21 in an essay in [Aeon magazine](#) about what happens in the brain when an athlete suffers a concussion.

Dr. Dylan Roby, director of the health economics and evaluation research program at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was quoted in a March 26 Santa Barbara News Press [blog](#) about California's efforts to extend the deadline to complete a healthcare application, with a specific outreach to the state's Latinos.

Dr. Raman Sankar, professor and chief of pediatric neurology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was interviewed March 25 by [KTLA-Channel 5](#) and the [Huffington Post](#) about the use of medicinal marijuana to treat a severe type of pediatric epilepsy. Sankar referenced plans to begin a multi-site clinical trial of an FDA-approved drug in the future.

Dr. Christopher Tarnay, associate clinical professor of urology and of obstetrics and gynecology, commented in a March 24 [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) article on single site robotic hysterectomy.

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