



UCLA HEALTH SCIENCES MEDIA REPORT For the week of April 3 – April 9, 2009

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The April issue of the USO's inaugural magazine "On Patrol" featured a story on UCLA's Operation Mend program, which provides reconstructive facial surgery for wounded military personnel. The program's lead surgeon, Dr. Timothy Miller, professor and chief of plastic and reconstructive surgery, Dr. David Feinberg, CEO of the UCLA Hospital System and associate vice chancellor, and Ronald A. Katz, a UCLA Medical Center board member who helped start the program, were interviewed. Patti Taylor, nurse case manager for Operation Mend, was also cited. The magazine article was also discussed March 29 on CSPAN's Washington Journal program.

"Saving Face"

<http://operationmend.ucla.edu/workfiles/news/OnPatrolSpring2009.pdf>

"CSPAN: Washington Journal"

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=104422&key=KO8jeALWG4UIMV5K3h7oZwheUrbrX2q6&email=aalbin@mednet.ucla.edu>

KABC Turns Out for Annual 5K Run/Walk Benefiting Pediatric Patients

KABC-Channel 7 on April 5 covered the 10th Annual UCLA 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Child Life/Child Development program at UCLA's Mattel Children's Hospital. Actress Dakota Fanning served as the special guest host of the event, which was organized by UCLA students.

"Dakota Fanning Hosts UCLA Run Walk"

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=104788&key=w3bKLWe5YI4vtLKRjO2Cg9IVywOR6pR&email=aalbin@mednet.ucla.edu>

UPI, La Opinion Examine Class for Autistic Teens

Elizabeth Laugeson, a clinical instructor of psychiatry, associate director for the UCLA Parenting and Children's Friendship Program and director of The Help Group – UCLA Autism Research Alliance, was featured April 9 in United Press International and La Opinion articles about a class she designed that teaches social skills to autistic teens.

"Autistic Teens Benefit from Social Classes"

http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2009/04/07/Autistic-teens-benefit-from-social-classes/UPI-91481239155771/

"Ayuda Para Adolescentes con Autismo"

<http://www.impre.com/laopinion/vida-estilo/2009/4/9/ayuda-para-adolescentes-con-au-118540-1.html>

L.A. Times Highlights TV Drama's Portrayal of Camp for Kids with Heart Disease

The Los Angeles Times on April 6 reviewed a recent episode of "E.R.," which included a storyline about Camp del Corazon, a program founded by Dr. Kevin Shannon, associate professor of pediatric cardiology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, and Lisa Knight, R.N., a UCLA pediatric cardiology nurse, to help children with heart disease. Shannon and Knight were quoted.

"Children's Heart Ailments Handled with Care on 'ER'"

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-unreal6-2009apr06.0.6896321.column>

IBS Expert Featured on Local TV

Dr. Lin Chang, professor of medicine in the division of digestive diseases, commented April 7 and 8 on NBC and FOX affiliate television stations in South Dakota, Florida and Texas regarding the treatment and diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). April is IBS awareness month.

"IBS: Dr. Lin Chang"

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=104646&key=T59V79TPLQV1rZiog6rDO3fTrhvEaAqB&email=rchampeau@mednet.ucla.edu>

Florida TV News Cites UCLA Brain Cancer Vaccine Study

A CBS affiliate in Florida, WPST-TV, on April 6 aired a story on a Tampa resident who is participating in a brain cancer vaccine study at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. The study is led by Dr. Linda Liau, a professor of neurosurgery and a Jonsson Cancer Center researcher.

Magazines Report on Black HIV/AIDS Researcher Shortage

The magazines HIV Plus on April 3 and Diverse: Issues in Higher Education on April 6 reported on research led by Dr. Gail Wyatt, professor of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences, outlining a strategy for boosting the ranks of black HIV/AIDS researchers. African Americans comprise 49 percent of the newly diagnosed HIV/AIDS cases, yet there are very few black researchers in the field.

"More Black AIDS Researchers Needed"

<http://www.hivplusmag.com/NewsStory.asp?id=20233&StoryDate=04/03/2009-04/05/2009>

"UCLA Study Outlines Strategy to Bolster Number of Black HIV/AIDS Researchers"

http://diverseeducation.com/artman/publish/article_12458.shtml

Cancer Blog Features UCLA Study

TopCancer News.com on April 3 featured a study by Robert Schiestl, a professor of pathology, radiation oncology and environmental health sciences and a scientist with UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, on a discovery that may lead to a test for predisposition to cancer.

"A New Understanding of Cell Stability"

<http://www.topcancernews.com/news/2005/a-new-understanding-of-cell-stability.html>

Trade Explores Impact of Technology on the Brain

The online site for Newspapers and Technology magazine on April 4 posted a podcast highlighting Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging and a professor at the Semel Institute, who discussed

his book "iBrain: Surviving the Technological Alteration of the Modern Mind." The book was also mentioned in a column featured in the publication's March issue.

"The Pocket-fitting, Black-colored, Silver-rimmed, Gray-flaked, White-keyed, Buzzing Object of Our Obsession"

http://www.newsandtech.com/issues/2009/March/03-09_page-column.htm

"News and Tech Radio"

http://www.newsandtech.com/issues/2009/April/04-09_page-radio.htm

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The Argonaut's April 9 edition contained a story about the Santa Monica Red Cross awards dinner honoring medical professionals, including the Nethercutt Emergency Center staff at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital.

"Red Cross Honors Medical, Emergency Professions at Annual Red Tie Affair"

http://www.argonautnewspaper.com/articles/2009/04/08/news_-_features/santa_monica/sm6.txt

An April 8 opinion piece in the Wall Street Journal mentioned a UCLA study that found the use of standard hospital performance measures to gauge quality of care did not change the mortality risk of heart failure patients.

"Why 'Quality' Care is Dangerous"

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB123914878625199185.html>

A new survey from the UCLA/VA Center for Outcomes Research and Education (CORE) on possible "cherry-picking" practices at dialysis centers due to changes in reimbursement policy was covered April 2 by the website Nepronline. The survey was published in the April issue of the Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology.

"Is there 'Cherry Picking' in the ESRD Program?"

http://nephronline.com/news.asp?N_ID=2786

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Dr. Alon Avidan, associate professor of neurology and associate director of the sleep disorder clinic, commented on several ABC affiliates in a news segment about a device that supposedly eliminates the feeling of sluggishness when you first awake. The story appeared April 2 on KEZI-Channel 9 (OR), KAKE-Channel 10 (KS), and KOHD-Channel 19 (OR), and April 3 on KOCO-Channel 5 (OK) and WTOK-Channel 11 (MS). Avidan was also quoted in an April 7 news story on ABC.com about treatments and causes of the neurological disorder Restless Leg Syndrome and its link to obesity.

"Do You Hate How You Feel First Thing in the Morning?"

<http://kezi.com/page/104038>

"Restless Leg Syndrome Linked to Obesity, Fat Waistlines"

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/MindMoodNews/story?id=7272011&page=1>

Bernard Balleine, a professor of psychology and the associate director for research at the Brain Research Institute, was quoted April 6 in a Los Angeles Times article about breaking bad habits.

"Habits Can Be Broken but Not Forgotten"

http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-badhabits6-2009apr06,3,3968000,full_story

Dr. Gabriel Danovitch, professor of nephrology and medical director of UCLA's kidney and pancreas transplantation program, was featured April 4 in an NBC Today Show segment about singer Natalie Cole's kidney disease and her need for a kidney transplant.

"Unforgettable Plea"

<http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/26184891/vp/30043069#30043069>

Dr. Ravi Dave, staff cardiologist at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital and associate professor of medicine, commented in an April 1 WebMD feature about alcohol's impact on health.

“FAQ: Alcohol and Your Health”

<http://www.webmd.com/cancer/features/faq-alcohol-and-your-health>

Dr. Park Dietz, clinical professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was quoted April 4 and April 7 in two Associated Press articles about the mass shooting at an immigration services center in Binghamton, N.Y.

“Letter Said to be from NY Killer Forecast Slayings”

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gJkIKfdTrpMZyiQPW7SWmCNR2HAD97DB9H00>

“As NY Gunman's Life Unraveled, He Took Others' “

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gJkIKfdTrpMZyiQPW7SWmCNR2HAD97DB9H00>

Dr. Stanley Korenman, professor of endocrinology and dean of ethics, was interviewed April 5 on Fox News about how the recession and rising cost of health insurance have led to an increase in patients volunteering for medical clinical trials.

“Medical Research Sees Boom in Recession”

http://www.myfoxny.com/dpp/your_money/dpgo_Medical_Research_Sees_Boom_in_Recession_SAB_040520092390163

Dr. Anita Nelson, professor of obstetrics and gynecology, was quoted April 6 in a Los Angeles Times article about a recent court ruling that may make the emergency contraceptive pill Plan B available to girls 17 years old and younger without a prescription.

“Teens and the Morning After Pill”

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-closer6-2009apr06.0,2767554.story>

Dylan Roby, a senior researcher at the Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted April 7 in a Los Angeles Daily Breeze article about the high cost of hospital care.

“Price of Care”

http://www.dailybreeze.com/latestnews/cj_12075700

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