



**UCLA HEALTH SCIENCES MEDIA REPORT
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U.S. News & World Report Ranks Med School in Top 20

The David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA ranks 11th among the nation's research-based medical schools and 14th among primary care medical school programs, according to the April 27 U.S. News & World Report's annual survey of the best graduate schools in the United States. The 2011 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools" is currently available online. In addition to its overall ranking, the Geffen School of Medicine also received high marks in a number of specialty training programs, ranking third in geriatrics, sixth in AIDS and six in drug and alcohol abuse programs.

"Best Medical Schools"

<http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-medical-schools>

Washington Post, PBS Affiliate Explore War's Toll on Military Families

The Washington Post health blog reported April 14 and KCET-Channel 28 reported April 8 on new research by Dr. Patricia Lester, assistant professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, showing that the children of troops deployed in Afghanistan or Iraq are more likely than other kids to suffer from anxiety. She and her colleagues have developed FOCUS (Families OverComing Under Stress), a program that provides parents and children customized training to address the impact of wartime deployment.

"War's Toll on Military Kids"

http://voices.washingtonpost.com/checkup/2010/04/wars_toll_on_kids.html?wprss=checkup

"Military Families: Separated by War"

<http://kcet.org/socal/>

Discovery Spotlights Vest that Helps Patients Regain Balance

The Discovery Channel's "Daily Planet" show aired an April 8 segment on a new vest that helps patients regain their balance as they learn to walk again after injury or disease. The NBC affiliate in Ohio also reported April 7 on the findings, which were presented by the UCLA Center for Advanced Surgical and Interventional Technology at the 2010 Haptics Symposium.

"Daily Planet" (clip appears towards end of video)

<http://watch.ctv.ca/daily-planet/season-14/daily-planet-june-09-2009/#clip287011>

"Teaching Patients to Walk Again"

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=124906&key=Ov1dqLtOnc7DPEEYbuXlqbHMjWS2Rpu6&email=rchampeau@mednet.ucla.edu>

Gymnast Chooses Nursing Career after Auto Accident

The April 8 Los Angeles Times profiled UCLA gymnast Brittani McCullough, who decided to pursue an undergraduate degree in nursing following a 2006 car accident. Barbara Denman, a lecturer at the UCLA School of Nursing, was quoted.

"UCLA Gymnast Brittani McCullough Chooses Tough Career Course"

<http://www.latimes.com/sports/la-sp-0409-brittani-mccullough-ucla-20100409,0,4512822.story>

Extra Explains New Treatment for Depression

Dr. Nader Pouratian, assistant professor of neurosurgery, was featured in an April 8 NBC Extra "Lifechangers" segment discussing deep brain stimulation to treat depression.

"Depression and Your Relationship"

http://extratv.warnerbros.com/2010/04/depression_and_your_relationship.php

Study on Elderly Patients Highlighted by AARP

AARP Bulletin published an April 13 story on a study by Jonsson Cancer Center researcher Dr. Katherine Kahn about elderly patients not receiving aggressive chemotherapy for colorectal cancer. Kahn is a professor of medicine, a RAND senior scientist and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"Health Discovery: Older Patients Less Likely to Receive Chemotherapy after Colon Surgery"

bulletin.aarp.org/.../health_discovery_older_patients_less_likely_to_receive_chemotherapy_after_colon_surgery.html

Reuters Explores Health Fairs' Detection of High Blood Pressure

Reuters reported April 15 on research led by Dr. Arshiya Baig, a researcher in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program, finding that health fairs can help identify people with high blood pressure.

"Church Health Fairs Help Spot High Blood Pressure"

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE63E5H020100415>

KABC Profiles Doctor, Brain Cancer Survivor

KABC-Channel 7 aired an April 14 news segment about Dr. Linda Liau, professor of neurosurgery, and her development and ongoing clinical trial of a brain tumor vaccine. Her patient, Bob Gibbs, whose organization, Miles for Hope, raises money for her research, was also featured.

"Man Beats Odds against Terminal Brain Cancer"

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/health/your_health&id=7386883

Local Radio Spotlights Donation to UCLA's "Operation Mend"

KABC- 790AM and Westwood One affiliates KRLA-1110AM and KKGQ-105.1FM reported April 12 on a \$4 million donation made by the Lockheed Martin Corp. to UCLA's "Operation Mend" program that provides reconstructive surgeries to U.S. soldiers wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. Dr. David Feinberg, CEO and associate vice chancellor of the UCLA Hospital System, was interviewed.

Int'l Paper Reports on Research Identifying Mirror Neurons

Asian News International reported on April 13 that researchers at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at UCLA have made the first recording of mirror neurons in the brain, which are thought to be behind our ability to discern others' thoughts and empathize with them. Study authors Itzhak Fried, professor of neurosurgery and of psychiatry and biobehavioural sciences and director of the UCLA Epilepsy Surgery Program, and Roy Mukamel, a UCLA postdoctoral neurosurgery fellow, were quoted.

"First Direct Recording of Mirror Neurons in Human Brain"

<http://www.dailyindia.com/show/369737.php>

Local Papers Explore Shady Cosmetic Procedures

The Daily News, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, Pasadena Star-News and San Gabriel Valley Tribune ran an April 14 column by Dr. Claire Panosian Dunavan, clinical professor of medicine, division of infectious disease, about bacterial infections that can follow cosmetic procedures and the importance of seeking a licensed practitioner.

"Beware Shady Nips, Tucks and Fills"

http://www.dailynews.com/lalife/ci_14884766?source=rss

Geriatrician Pens Column on Troubling Health Problem

Dr. Grace Chen, staff geriatrician at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital and assistant clinical professor of medicine, published a column in the April 8 Santa Monica Mirror about diagnosing and treating urinary incontinence.

"All About Aging: Urinary Incontinence"

Local Media Covers Haitian Ambassador's UCLA Visit

The Los Angeles Wave reported April 14 and KABC-790 AM reported April 9 on Haitian ambassador to the U.S. Raymond Joseph's recent visit to the UCLA School of Nursing. He thanked medical staff for their relief efforts following the Jan. 12 earthquake. Nursing lecturer Patti Taylor and Barbara Bates-Jensen, an associate professor at the School of Nursing and David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, were quoted in the Wave.

"Gratitude in the Midst of Tragedy"

<http://www.wavenewspapers.com/news/local/west-edition/90899419.html>

Pro-Test Rally Supports Animal Research

A Nature blog reported April 9 on a Pro-Test for Science rally held April 8 at UCLA, which drew several hundred scientists, students and others who voiced their support of research involving laboratory animals

and denounced harassment by anti-animal research extremists. David Jentsch, a professor of psychology and psychiatry who helped organize the rally, was quoted.

"Second 'Pro-Test' Rally Draws Hundreds to Support UCLA Researchers"

http://blogs.nature.com/news/thegreatbeyond/2010/04/second_protest_rally_draws_hun.html

HHS Radio Show Examines Senior Disability Trends

The Health and Human Services radio show, "HealthBeat," reported April 14 on a study by Teresa Seeman, professor of geriatrics and epidemiology, finding that Baby Boomers are entering their 60s with more disabilities than did those in previous generations. Seeman was quoted.

"Older and Worse"

http://www.hhs.gov/news/healthbeat/2010/04/older_and_worse.mp3

Expert Addresses Generational Attitudes toward Computers

NW Jobs, a blog dedicated to workplace issues, ran an April 11 interview with Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging and a professor of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences with the Semel Institute. He addressed how younger and older workers work with new technologies differently and offered suggestions for how the generations can work better together. Small is author of "iBrain: Surviving the Technological Alteration of the Modern Mind."

"Brain Drain: Computers Can Cause a Digital Divide among Workers, Author Says"

http://blog.marketplace.nwsources.com/careercenter/brain_drain_computers_can_cause_a_digital_divide_among_workers_author_says.html?cupid=2694

Prof Named to General Motors Board

The Associated Press, Los Angeles Times, Detroit News and Detroit Free Press reported April 13 on Dr. Cynthia Telles' appointment to the General Motors Co. board of directors. She is an associate clinical professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute.

"General Motors Expands Board to 13 with Appointment of UCLA Medical School Prof"

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/sns-ap-us-gm-board,0,1781075.story>

"GM Board Adds UCLA Professor"

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-briefs14-2010apr14,0,6953593.story>

Fox Affiliate Examines New Treatment for MS

Dr. Rhonda Voskuhl, professor of neurology and director of the Multiple Sclerosis Research and Treatment Program, was featured in an April 9 news segment by Fox-affiliate WFTX (Florida), about the use of the hormone estriol in treating multiple sclerosis.

LA Weekly Looks into Federal Civil Right Suit

An LA Weekly blog reported April 12 on a lawsuit filed against UCLA and the UC Board of Regents by Dr. Robert Lufkin, professor of radiological sciences, in response to a complaint filed last year by the UC Board of Regents against him for alleged violation of the Health Sciences Compensation plan and other charges.

"Federal Civil Rights Suit Brought against UCLA, UC Regents for Copying Prof's Hard Drive"

<http://blogs.laweekly.com/ladaily/city-news/ucla-civil-rights-suit/>

BRIEFS

The April 15 Santa Monica Mirror published a brief article noting that the Center for Humane and Ethical Care at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital will provide free information on advance healthcare directives in accordance with National Healthcare Decisions Day.

"Considering Advance Directives on National Healthcare Decisions Day"

<http://www.smmirror.com/MainPages/DisplayArticleDetails.asp?eid=12343>

Research by Susan Ettner, professor of general internal medicine and health services research, finding that women and people with diabetes and dementia are the most likely seniors to reach their annual Medicare drug coverage limit, was cited April 11 in a WFSU-TV (Fla.) broadcast of Gov. Charlie Crist's announcement of an expansion of the state's discount drug card program.

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Dr. Lawrence Bassett, Iris Cantor professor of breast imaging at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, commented April 12 on technology-driven breast screening options in the Los Angeles Times. "Technology Expands Breast Cancer Screening Options"

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-mammogram-20100412,0,3561975.story>

Michelle Fox, a genetics counselor and adjunct assistant professor of pediatrics, commented in an April 12 article in the Los Angeles Times about the importance of speaking to a genetic counselor before undergoing DNA testing and what information to gather in advance.

"Genetic Testing can Unravel the Mysteries of Your DNA"

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-practical-matters-20100412,0,2670974.story>

Dr. Patricia Ganz, director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, commented April 7 in Medscape Medical News about childhood cancer survivors needing close monitoring as they grow up. She also was quoted April 12 by HeathDay News on teen drinking leading to later breast problems. The story also appeared on the websites for MSNBC, U.S. News & World Report and Business Week.

"Childhood Cancer Survivors Need Closer Monitoring in Adulthood"

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/719861>

"Teen Drinking May Boost Breast Problems Later"

<http://health.msn.com/health-topics/addiction/articlepage.aspx?cp-documentid=100256911>

Dr. Charles Grob, professor of psychiatry and director of the division of child and adolescent psychiatry at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, was quoted April 11 in the New York Times about studies on the use of hallucinogens for treating mental problems.

"Hallucinogens have Doctors Tuning in Again"

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/12/science/12psychedelics.html?ref=science>

Dr. Gregory Moran, clinical professor of emergency medicine and infectious diseases at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, commented April 15 in a CNN blog article about methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA.

"How Dangerous is MRSA?"

<http://pagingdrgupta.blogs.cnn.com/2010/04/15/how-dangerous-is-mrsa/>

Jack Needleman, associate professor of health services at the UCLA School of Public Health, was quoted in an April 13 Associated Press article about proposals in 28 states to give nurse practitioners expanded medical responsibilities, including the right to prescribe narcotics.

"Doctor Shortage? 28 States May Expand Nurses' Role"

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jCB6VTbMN12zQSwafnZfBJovMseAD9F2BUG80>

Dr. John Piacentini, professor of psychiatry and director of the Childhood OCD, Anxiety and Tic Disorders Program, was quoted in the April 8 Pasadena Star-News about a standup comedian with Tourette syndrome.

"Laughter is the Best Medicine for Comic with Tourette Syndrome"

http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/ci_14839428

Dr. David Reuben, professor and chief of geriatrics, was quoted April 9 in a U.S. News & World Report column offering advice on how those over 60 can plan for their future medical needs.

"Seniors Should Find Right Doctor Mix Now"

<http://www.usnews.com/money/blogs/the-best-life/2010/04/09/seniors-should-find-right-doctor-mix-now>

Dr. Michael Strober, professor of psychiatry and director of the eating disorders program at the Semel Institute, was quoted April 12 by CNN.com about the criteria for admitting patients to eating disorder programs.

"Anorexia, Bulimia Definitions Hinder Treatment, Study says"

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/HEALTH/04/12/eating.disorders.ednos/index.html>

Dr. Antronette Yancey, professor of health services at the School of Public Health and co-director of the UCLA–Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity, was quoted April 9 by Reuters about White House efforts to tackle childhood obesity.

“White House Gathers Experts in Effort to Tackle Childhood Obesity”

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE63900W20100410>

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