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Media Tap into UCLA Experts in Response to Boston Terror Attack

- Dr. Jeffrey Eckardt, professor and chair of the UCLA Department of Orthopedic Surgery, was quoted in an April 18 [Los Angeles Times](#) article about injuries and amputations resulting from the bomb attack in Boston.
- Dr. Andrew Leuchter, professor of psychiatry and director of UCLA's Laboratory of Brain, Behavior, and Pharmacology at the Semel Institute, was featured in an April 16 [KABC-Channel 7](#) news segment about how parents can talk to their kids about the Boston terror attack.
- Emanuel Maidenberg, director of the UCLA Cognitive Behavior Therapy Clinic, and an associate clinical professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was featured in an April 16 [USA Today](#) article noting that Americans' attitude toward the latest terror attack in Boston has adjusted since the September 11 attacks, moving more rapidly from one of fear to the stage of wanting justice. Maidenberg was also featured in an April 17 [MedScape News](#) article about the emotional aftermath of the Boston terror attack.
- Dr. Catherine Mogil, director of the child and family trauma psychiatry service at Semel Institute, was quoted in an April 15 [Health.com](#) article about how to deal with the psychological aspects of the Boston attack. Mogil suggested focusing on the heroes, and turning off the television. Separately, Mogil was quoted in the April 18 Arizona [Republic](#) about the reaction and "hypervigilance" on the part of lawmakers and their staff after the poison ricin was sent in letters to a U.S. Senator and to President Obama.
- Dr. Mark Morocco, associate professor of emergency medicine at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, was interviewed April 16 in [USA Today](#) and April 15 for [KTTV-Channel 11](#) on stories about the bomb blasts at the Boston Marathon about the types of injuries such explosions cause. The USA Today story also ran in [Sci-Tech Daily](#), [WUSA-TV](#) (Washington D.C.), [Detroit Free Press](#) and many more.

Potential Therapy for HIV Draws International Interest

Research by David Brooks, assistant professor of microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics, showing that temporarily blocking a protein critical to immune response actually helps the body clear itself of chronic infection, was covered April 12 by Iran's [FARS News Agency](#), [Asian News International](#) and [Indo-Asian News Service](#) and April 11 by the [Examiner.com](#), [Scrubs Report](#), [Science Codex](#), [Science Daily](#), [E! Science News](#) and [Scicasts](#). Published in *Science*, the finding could lead to a potential therapy for HIV and hepatitis C. Brooks was quoted.

Web Media Highlight Kidney Cancer Study

[Scrubsreport.com](#), [Health News Digest](#), [Examiner.com](#), [Science Daily](#), [Doctor Tipster](#), [Health Canal](#) and [Cancer Treatment](#), reported April 16 that researchers led by Dr. Allan Pantuck, professor of urology and director of genitourinary oncology at UCLA's Jonsson Cancer Center, have classified kidney cancer into several unique subtypes, a breakthrough that could help doctors tailor treatments to individual patients. Pantuck and Dr. Arie Belldegrun, director of UCLA's Institute of Urologic Oncology, were quoted.

Media Highlight Procedure to Clear Carotid Arteries

[Examiner.com](#), [News-Medical](#), [Science Daily](#) and [Bioportfolio](#) April 11 and the [Century City Patch](#) April 12 reported that Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center was the first on the west coast to perform a new

procedure that is part of a clinical trial to help clear plaque-ridden carotid arteries. Dr. Wesley Moore, UCLA study investigator and professor emeritus of vascular surgery, was quoted.

'Zoobiquity' Benefits People and Animals

The April 15 [Washington Post](#) featured a profile of Dr. Barbara Natterson Horowitz, associate clinical professor of medicine, division of cardiology and director of imaging at the UCLA Cardiac Arrhythmia Center, highlighting her research comparing physical and mental disorders in animals and humans and her book "Zoobiquity," which examines the species-spanning nature of illness. Natterson-Horowitz was quoted.

NBC Latino Follows International Medical Graduates

[NBC Latino](#) April 18 reported on the UCLA International Medical Graduate (IMG) program, which assists bi-lingual, bi-cultural immigrant medical school graduates from Latin America, who reside in the U.S. legally, to earn their California medical licenses and obtain residencies in family medicine. The UCLA program is privately funded and covers all educational costs and includes a stipend. In exchange, the IMG physician must commit to practice in one of the state's more than 500 underserved communities for two to three years after completing their three year family medicine residency. Dr. Michelle Bholat, vice-chair of the UCLA Department of Family Medicine who co-founded the program and serves as executive director, was quoted.

Infectious Diseases Experts Comment on Meningitis Deaths

Dr. Otto Yang, professor of medicine in the division of infectious diseases and of microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics, was quoted April 15 in the [Sacramento Bee](#) and KCRW 89.3FM, and April 17 in an online article on the website of [Southern California Public Radio](#) in reports about a West Hollywood man who died of bacterial meningitis.

Dr. Jonathan Fielding, professor of health services and pediatrics in the Fielding School of Public Health, and director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, was featured in an April 17 [KPCC 89.3FM](#) report about a case of contagious, bacterial meningitis that killed a man from West Hollywood. Fielding said it does not appear to be linked to a wider outbreak.

UCLA Study Linking Auto Pollution with Childhood Cancers Continues to Receive Coverage

[Summit County Citizens Voice](#) and [CBS Channel 3 Philadelphia](#) April 13 reported on a UCLA study led by Julia Heck, member of UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and assistant professor at the Fielding School of Public Health, which found a possible link between exposure to pollution during pregnancy and several rare childhood cancers.

Online Media Report New Breast Cancer Drug Designated "Breakthrough" by FDA

[TopNews.com](#) April 13 reported on the FDA's "Breakthrough Therapy" designation for palbociclib, a drug for advanced breast cancer that has been investigated extensively at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center (JCCC). Dr. Dennis Slamon, professor of medicine at JCCC and director of the Revlon/UCLA Women's Cancer Research Program, and Dr. Richard S. Finn, associate professor of medicine at JCCC, were quoted in the coverage.

Examiner.com Highlights UCLA Stem Cell Purifying Study

An April 17 [Examiner.com](#) article focused on a new UCLA study in which researchers used a new agent to improve purification of stem cells developed for therapies. Carla Koehler, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, and Dr. Michael Teitell, professor of pathology and pediatrics, both members of the Eli and Edythe Broad Center for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research and UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center were quoted.

President Reagan's Daughter Expands Alzheimer's Support

The April 11 [Beverly Hills Courier](#) noted that UCLA Health System's "Beyond Alzheimer's" support group now offers a second night at its Santa Monica campus starting Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., in addition to its weekly Thursday evening support group. Patti Davis, the support group's founder and co-facilitator, and Dr. David Feinberg, president of the UCLA Health System and associate vice chancellor, were quoted.

KPCC Reports on the Pain of Migraine

Dr. Andrew Charles, professor and director of UCLA's Headache Research and Treatment Program in the department of neurology, was featured in an April 12 [KPCC 89.3FM](#) news segment about migraine headaches and the 28 million Americans who suffer from them.

LA Times, Google Chat Explain How the Brain Navigates

Mayank Mehta, professor of neurology, physics and astronomy, was featured in an April 11 live Google Chat on the [Los Angeles Times](#) website. Mehta discussed his research, which focuses on how the brain learns and navigates unfamiliar environments.

Predicting a Woman's Final Period

[Yahoo! Health](#) April 16 reported on research led by Dr. Gail Greendale, professor of medicine in the division of geriatrics and director of the UCLA Women's Health Center. She and her colleagues developed a new way to predict when a woman will have her final menstrual period. Greendale was quoted.

Walking and Talking about Operation Mend

The [Union Democrat](#) (Sonora, Calif.) April 18 featured a profile of Ric Ryan, a Vietnam veteran who raises money for the UCLA Operation Mend program by collecting donations while he walks. Ron Katz, the program's founder, and Dr. David Feinberg, president of the UCLA Health System and associate vice chancellor, were cited. In addition, on April 11, KEEL 710AM (Shreveport, La.) featured interviews with Richard Azar, director of UCLA's Operation Mend program, and one of the program's patients who discussed the medical services that can be provided to U.S. military injured in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Angelenos Bike for UCLA Blood Center

[KABC-Channel 7](#) April 14 and the [Examiner.com](#) and the Riverside [Press-Enterprise](#) April 12 reported on the 16th annual Volkswagen City of Angels Fun Ride, during which some 1,000 riders raised funds for UCLA's Blood and Platelet Center.

LGBT Conference Highlighted by WestHo Outlet

An April 5-7 health symposium co-hosted by UCLA medical and public health students for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students from across the nation was covered April 5 by [WeHoville.com](#), an online news outlet covering West Hollywood.

Drug-Resistant Brain Tumors

[Science Codex](#) reported April 9 on research led by Steven Bensinger, assistant professor of pathology and laboratory medicine and of molecular and medical pharmacology, examining how certain brain-cancer cells develop resistance to drugs that target a particular growth factor receptor.

NFL.com Explores HGH Testing

Anthony Butch, director of the UCLA Olympic Analytical Laboratory, was interviewed in an April 11 segment by the [National Football League](#) about the testing of players for human growth hormone.

Trade Spotlights Pathologist's Lecture

The March 27 edition of New Zealand's NZ Doctor covered a lecture about evidence-based medicine that was presented by Dr. Lee Hilborne, professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and medical director of care coordination for UCLA Health System, to the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia.

'Ouchless' ER Treatment for Kids

[KCBS-Channel 2](#) | [KCAL-Channel 9](#) reported April 12 on how staff at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, are working to make emergency room visits more comfortable for children by providing them with kid-friendly information about procedures and implementing less-painful treatments. Dr. Lisa Dabby, staff emergency physician, Nethercutt Emergency Center at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica and Katie Kolbeck, child life specialist, were interviewed.

Santa Clarita Paper Profiles SM Nurse's Commitment to Care Beyond the Bedside

The April 14 [Santa Clarita Valley Signal](#) published a feature on Maureen Wright, labor and delivery nurse at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, who has volunteered on four medical missions to Africa.

Geriatrician Pens Column on Bone Health and Osteoporosis

Dr. Alia Tuqan, staff geriatrician at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica and assistant clinical professor of medicine, authored an April 12 [Santa Monica Mirror](#) column on ways to keep bones healthy and prevent osteoporosis

Nanodiamonds Show Promising Breast Cancer Therapy

[ScienceCodex.com](#) April 15, [R&D, LaboratoryEquipment.com](#), [BioscienceTechnology.com](#) April 16, [ScienceBlog.com](#), [FierceDrugDelivery.com](#) April 17, and [MedicalNewsToday.com](#) April 18 reported that researchers from the UCLA School of Dentistry and collaborators have developed a new drug delivery system using nanodiamonds, small diamond-like particles that help deliver cancer drugs to breast cancer tumors. Dr. Dean Ho, a professor in the division of oral biology and medicine and the division of advanced prosthodontics at UCLA's School of Dentistry, was one of the lead researchers of the study.

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The UCLA Children's Discovery and Innovation Institute at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA was referenced April 18 in coverage by [Entertainment Tonight](#), [Haute Living](#), [US Magazine](#), [Yahoo! News](#), [Curbed](#) and [ElleChina](#) highlighting designer miniature houses auctioned at the Kaleidoscope Ball event that benefitted the new center.

John Froines, professor of environmental health sciences at the Fielding School of Public Health and director of UCLA's Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, was referenced in an April 13, [Bakersfield Californian](#) column on the safety of a pesticide used by strawberry growers in California.

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Dr. Andrew Charles, professor and director of the Headache Research and Treatment Program in the Department of Neurology, was quoted in the April 16 [USA Today](#) and [CBSNews.com](#) about a possible link between colic in babies and migraine headaches.

Dr. Wayne Grody, professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and director of UCLA's Diagnostic Molecular Pathology Laboratory, was quoted April 15 in a [Los Angeles Times](#) article about a Supreme Court case dealing with the patenting of human genes.

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, commented April 16 in a [HealthDay News](#) article that also ran in [U.S. News & World Report](#) about a link between faster heart rates in healthy people and a risk of earlier death. In addition, he commented April 17 in a [HealthDay News](#) article that also ran in [U.S. News & World Report](#) and [Philly.com](#) about an experimental treatment for people with heart failure. He was also quoted April 8 in Britain's [Daily Mail](#) about new research indicating a possible link between coronary heart disease and male balding.

Dr. Barbara Giesser, professor of neurology and medical director of the Marilyn Hilton MS Achievement Center at UCLA, was quoted in an April 12 [EverydayHealth](#) article about a new study that will examine people with multiple sclerosis who supposedly cannot recognize emotional cues.

Dr. Marc Riedl, associate professor of medicine and section head, clinical immunology and allergy, was quoted April 12 in an [EverydayHealth](#) column on gas and bloating caused by food allergies. The story was picked up by the Los Angeles [Daily News](#), the [Daily Breeze](#), the [San Jose Mercury News](#), and [Red Bluff Daily News](#) among others.

Dylan Roby, director of the health economics and evaluation research program at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the Fielding School of Public Health, was quoted in an April 16 Centerforhealthreporting.org story about the success of a state program called “Bridge to Reform” which is intended to prepare the uninsured to make the transition to the expansion of Medicaid next year.

Dr. Nina Shapiro, associate professor of head and neck surgery and director of pediatric otolaryngology at Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA, was quoted April 16 in a [Westside Today](#) column on how milk can help you sleep.

Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging, a professor of psychiatry with the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Longevity Center, commented April 17 in a [Huffington Post](#) article about technology and education.

Arthur Toga, professor of neurology and director of the Laboratory of Neuro Imaging in the department of neurology, was quoted April 10 by the [Associated Press](#) and April 12 by [Science](#) magazine regarding the development by Stanford scientists of a transparent mouse brain which allows them to see very detailed images of single neurons, as well as whole populations of neurons and the inner structure of the brain.

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