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KPCC 89.3FM (audio [here](#)), KABC-Channel 7, Health News Digest, Science Daily, MedicalXpress, and Examiner.com April 20; the Daily Mail (U.K.), News-Medical, Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology News, redOrbit, BioPortfolio, EMPR.com, Synapse, BrightSurf.com, Capital Bay and Science Newsline April 21; Reuters April 22, and Better Health, NewsMax Health, Medical News Today, MSN.com, Today’s Topics, My Science and News Line April 23 reported on a study by Dr. Marlina Fejzo that found in utero exposure to extreme morning sickness may result in neurological deficits in the child. The Reuters story also appeared in the [New York Daily News](#), [Yahoo! News](#), [Fox News](#), [Business Insider](#) and two dozen other outlets. Fejzo is an associate researcher in the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

UCLA Research Shows Keytruda Effectively Targets Melanoma and Lung Cancer

[The Wall Street Journal](#), [OncLive](#), and [Healio](#) April 19; [CBS News](#), [NBC News](#), [Bloomberg News](#), [Medical News Today](#), [Examiner.com](#), [Health Day](#), and [MedPage Today](#) April 20; [Health Canal](#), [Targeted Onc](#), and [Market Journals](#) April 21, and the [Chicago Tribune](#) April 22 reported on the largest study to date which included international and UCLA researchers who analyzed an immunotherapy drug used to treat lung cancer. They found that Keytruda is safe and effective in arresting tumor growth in patients with advanced non-small cell lung cancer. They also discovered that the drug, recently approved by the FDA to treat melanoma, is more effective than its counterpart ipilimumab. Dr. Edward Garon, associate professor of medicine in the division of hematology/oncology and member of UCLA’s Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Dr. Antoni Ribas, professor of medicine in the division of hematology/oncology and director of the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center Tumor Immunology Program Area, were both quoted extensively.

Stent Clot Retrieval Study Grabs Headlines

[KABC-Channel 7](#), [Business Wire](#), [Market Watch](#), [redOrbit](#), [WOWT.com](#), [HealthCanal](#), [Yahoo! Finance](#), [News-Medical](#), [Finances.com](#), [KGNS-TV](#) (Laredo, Texas), [HealthCanal](#), [Med Device](#), [MedicalXpress](#) and [Delhi Daily News](#) April 17, and [Business Wire India](#), [Digital Journal](#), [Military Technologies](#) and [KCBS Radio](#) (San Francisco) April 18, and [MedPage Today](#) April 23 reported on a study that found the combination of a clot busting drug and stent clot removal significantly improved outcomes in ischemic stroke. Dr. Jeffrey Saver, director of the UCLA Stroke Center and a professor of neurology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA; Dr. Reza Jahan, a professor of radiology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and a member of the UCLA Stroke Center, and Dr. Sidney Starkman, co-director of the UCLA Stroke Center and professor of emergency medicine and neurology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, were quoted.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Undergoes Heart Bypass Surgery at UCLA

The [Los Angeles Times](#), [Boston Globe](#), [Time](#), [ABC News](#), [Associated Press](#), [ESPN](#), [CNN](#), [NBC Nightly News](#) and many others reported April 17 that Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the NBA’s all-time leading scorer, a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame and a UCLA basketball legend, was admitted to Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center with cardiovascular disease and underwent quadruple coronary bypass surgery on April 16. The operation was led by Dr. Richard Shemin, UCLA’s chief of cardiac surgery. Shemin was quoted that the surgery was successful and he expected Abdul-Jabbar to make a full recovery.

LGBT-competent Physicians Scarce at U.S. Academic Medical Practices

[Fusion](#) April 22; [Reuters Health](#) and [News-Medical](#) April 21; [The Advocate](#), [Science Newsline](#) and [MedicalXpress](#) April 20, and [Health Canal](#) April 18 reported on research led by Joshua Khalili, a fourth-year student at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, finding that only 9 percent of accredited academic medical practices in the United States have existing procedures to refer LGBT-competent physicians to patients, only 4 percent had any policies in place to identify these physicians, and just 15 percent had a list of LGBT-competent physicians. Khalili and Dr. Allison Diamant, the study's senior author and an adjunct professor of medicine in the division of general internal medicine and health services research, were quoted in the coverage.

Robb Report Features Health Experts

The spring issue of the Robb Report's "Health & Wellness" publication featured several UCLA experts:

- Stephen Goldstein, former coordinator for the UCLA People-Animal Connection Program, commented in an [article](#) about the health benefits of pets.
- Dr. Zhaoping Li, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition, commented in a column about the benefits of consuming whole grains such as barley, brown rice, quinoa, millet and others.
- Dr. Emeran Mayer, a professor of medicine in the division of digestive diseases and director of the Gail and Gerald Oppenheimer Family Center for Neurobiology of Stress, commented in a [feature](#) on the health impact of the microbes that live in the body. Mayer specifically discussed a UCLA study that provided early evidence that bacteria ingested in food can affect brain function in humans.

Measles, Vaccines Make Headlines

Dr. James Cherry, distinguished research professor of pediatrics at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and attending physician of pediatric infectious diseases at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was quoted April 17 in articles in the [Los Angeles Times](#), [Associated Press](#) and [FoxNews.com](#) about the end of the Disneyland measles outbreak and the public health department's quick response in preventing the epidemic from getting worse. Cherry was also quoted April 22 in a [Los Angeles Times](#) article about a new study that found no link between autism and the measles/mumps/rubella vaccine. The autism article was also referenced in the [Palm Beach Post](#) and [Sci-Tech Today](#).

In Memoriam: Dr. Marshall Morgan

[Emergency Medicine News](#) reported April 20 that Dr. Marshall Morgan, age 73, a professor of clinical medicine and director of the UCLA Emergency Medicine Center for over 30 years has passed away. He was also a past president of the Los Angeles County Medical Association. He was a recipient of the Sherman M. Mellinkoff Faculty Award and widely recognized by colleagues and students as an outstanding educator and compassionate physician. From humble beginnings growing up in a small Ohio town without indoor plumbing, he graduated from Princeton and led an illustrious career.

Who Supports the ACA?

[Science 2.0](#) April 17 and [InsuranceNewsNet.com](#) April 23 reported on research led by Dr. Gerardo Moreno, assistant professor of family medicine, finding that 59 percent of California physicians support the Affordable Care Act and 77 percent understand the basics of the complex law. Primary care physicians were likelier than specialists to support the law.

HIV Linked to Age-Accelerating Cellular Changes

[Domain-B](#) April 18 and [AIDSmeds](#) April 22 reported on research suggesting that the virus that causes AIDS accelerates age-related epigenetic changes by about 14 years. Epigenetics are changes to the DNA that in turn lead to changes in expression of gene levels without altering the inherited genetic code. These epigenetic changes affect biological processes. The study was published in the peer reviewed on-line journal PLOS ONE. Study co-author Dr. Beth Jamieson, professor of medicine in the division of hematology/oncology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and director of the UCLA Flow Cytometry Core, was quoted in the coverage.

Media Continues Coverage of Report Analyzing Undocumented Immigrant Policy Support Systems

A report co-authored by Dr. Michael Rodriguez, director of the UCLA Blum Center on Poverty and Health in Latin America, and Dr. Steven Wallace, associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, examining state laws and policies supporting undocumented immigrants, was highlighted April 17 by [California Healthline](#) and the [Kitsap Sun](#) and April 20 by [Imperial Valley News](#).

Endocrinologist Discusses Diet and Diabetes Drugs

Dr. Peter Butler, chief of the UCLA Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Hypertension, was quoted in an April 19 [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#) story about the FDA's approval of five potentially harmful diet drugs. His comments were also featured April 21 in a [Genetic Expert News Service](#) report on a small pilot study, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, showing promising results in the use of oral insulin to prevent the onset of Type 1 diabetes in children at high risk for developing the disease.

Local Newspaper Spotlights Santa Monica Campus Volunteer

Marianne Klein, a volunteer at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, was the subject of an April 21 [Santa Monica Daily Press](#) profile related to "National Volunteer Week." Klein, a Holocaust survivor, is a patient-liaison volunteer committed to helping patients and their families have the most positive hospital experience possible.

150 Great Places to Work in Healthcare | 2015

Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center made the list of "150 great places to work in healthcare" released by [Becker's Healthcare](#) March 11. The list was developed through a combination of nominations and editorial research. The organizations on this list were chosen for their benefits offerings, wellness programs, commitment to diversity and inclusion, professional development opportunities and environments that promote employee satisfaction and work-life balance. Many of these organizations have been recognized by national, state or local organizations for their workplace culture or employee satisfaction scores.

100 Great Hospitals in America

Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center made the list of "[100 Great Hospitals in America](#)" published by [Becker's Hospital Review](#) April 22. The list is a compilation of some of the most prominent, forward-thinking and focused healthcare facilities in the nation, according to Becker's. Hospitals included on the list are home to many medical and scientific breakthroughs, provide best-in-class patient care and are stalwarts of their communities, serving as research hubs or local anchors of wellness. To develop the list, Becker's Hospital Review's editorial team conducted research and evaluated reputable hospital ranking sources, such as U.S. News & World Report, Truven Health Analytics, Healthgrades, Magnet designation by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, The Leapfrog Group and several other resources. The final result is a group of 100 hospitals that are leaders in their region, their state and the nation in terms of high-quality patient care.

Researchers Receive Award for UCLA-Led Stroke Study

[Examiner.com](#) April 20, [Heart.org](#) and [News-Medical](#) April 21 reported that a UCLA-led study for improving stroke care was honored with a Distinguished Clinical Research Award from the Clinical Research Foundation. The forum also named the study, which was published in JAMA, among the 10 outstanding research papers of 2014. UCLA authors included Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Sciences and Dr. Jeffrey Saver, professor of neurology and director of the UCLA Comprehensive Stroke Center.

Medically Unnecessary Advanced Imaging Studies in the ER

[Medscape](#) reported April 21 on research led by Dr. Hemal Kanzaria, an emergency medicine physician at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and a Veterans Affairs/Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar. The study provides insights into why physicians order radiology tests they consider "medically unnecessary" and offers potential solutions to overcoming this problem.

Disparities in Flu Vaccinations among the Elderly

[HealthCanal](#) reported April 21 on a new study published in the journal *Vaccine* that found more work is needed to find the cause of disparities in flu vaccination rates among African Americans and Hispanics aged 65 and older. The study's senior author, Dr. Peter Szilagyi, professor and vice-chair for clinical research at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was quoted.

Gala to Benefit Children's Research

The [Hollywood Reporter](#) featured April 16 a story on the upcoming Kaleidoscope Ball benefitting the UCLA Children's Discovery and Innovation Institute. The May 2 event will be hosted by actress Goldie Hawn and will honor actress Halle Berry and others, as well as feature artwork created by famous street artists.

Hollywood Reporter Highlights Gala Ball to Support Mental Health

The Friends of the Semel Institute's Gala Ball was featured April 15 in the [Hollywood Reporter](#). The annual event is used to raise funds to support the Friends Scholar Program. The event was hosted by comedian Paula Poundstone, and honored UCLA Chancellor Gene Block along with other luminaries.

Addiction Newsletter Reports on Addiction Prediction

Dr. Steven Shoptaw, a professor of family medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and a professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute; Dr. Matthew Worley, a postdoctoral scholar in the department of family medicine; and Dr. Walter Ling, a professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the Integrated Substance Abuse Programs, penned an article in the April 27 edition of the American Society of Addiction Medicine [newsletter](#). The manuscript was based on research conducted at UCLA on the use of behavioral economics to predict opioid use during prescription opioid dependence treatment.

Daily Beast Explores Why Animals in the Wild Get "High"

Dr. Ronald Siegel, a professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was featured in an April 19 [Daily Beast](#) article about the phenomenon of wild animals that seek to get high from ingesting various plants simply for pleasure. Siegel studied the impact of narcotics on animals in an effort to better understand the biological basis of addiction and how best to treat his human patients.

Key to Parenting a Successful Kid – Expectations, Education or Wealth?

Dr. Neal Halfon, director of the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was quoted April 17 by the [Friday Flyer](#) about his research into how parental expectations affect the future success of a child.

CNN: How the U.S. Trails the World in Gender Equality

Data compiled by the WORLD Policy Analysis Center at the Fielding School of Public Health was featured in a [CNN](#) news story on April 16 comparing the rights of women and children around the globe.

Rare Disorder Explored on "The Doctors"

CBS' [The Doctors](#) April 22 spotlighted a college student who suffered for months from severe vertigo until her diagnosis and surgery for superior semicircular canal dehiscence, a tiny hole in the ear that undermines balance and causes other disruptive symptoms. Dr. Isaac Yang, an assistant professor of neurosurgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, appeared on the show with her.

L.A. Times Reports on Treatment of Female Alzheimer's Faculty

The [Los Angeles Times](#) reported April 18 on a letter sent to department of neurology faculty that outlined an investigation and findings regarding allegations by three female faculty members at the UCLA Alzheimer's Research Center.

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The UCLA Health Sound Body Sound Mind was mentioned in an April 22 [Family Edge](#) article focusing on getting to the core of childhood obesity.

On April 22 [Virtual Strategy Magazine](#) reported on a biotechnology company scheduled to hold its first "Research & Development Day" event for the institutional investment community in New York City on May 5th. Dr. Antoni Ribas, UCLA professor of hematology and oncology and member of the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, was listed as a featured speaker.

A study on bus filtration systems conducted by Dr. Yifang Zhu, associate professor of environmental health sciences at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was referenced March 29 in a [Philly.com](#) article discussing the effect of clean air on children's asthma.

[Inglewood Today](#) April 9 cited the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research's California Health Interview Survey in a story about how a fast food restaurant ban in South L.A. was ineffective in reducing obesity rates.

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Dr. Alon Avidan, professor of neurology and director of the UCLA Sleep Disorders Program, was quoted in an April 16 [NBCNews.com](#) article about a study showing that the disruptive condition known as sleep apnea may hasten memory and thinking declines, leading to earlier diagnoses of mild cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. Christopher Colwell, professor of psychiatry at the UCLA Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Laboratory for Circadian and Sleep Medicine, was quoted in an April 21 NBC [Today.com](#) article about the accuracy of cell phone sleep apps, and the fact they are good at timing the amount of sleep, but not the quality.

Dr. Patricia Ganz, professor of health policy and management in the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, professor of medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and director of the Center for Cancer Prevention & Control Research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, was quoted April 19 by [Yahoo! Health](#) about how some modern lifestyles make it difficult for people to maintain a healthy weight.

Dr. Christopher Giza, professor of pediatrics and neurosurgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, commented April 21 in [MedPage Today](#) on new research presented at the American Academy of Neurology annual meeting. Preserving the body's normal temperature to reduce fevers in severe brain trauma improved brain function and reduced the number of hospital deaths compared to previous approaches that rely upon cooling therapy.

Dana Hunnes, senior dietician, Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, was featured in an April 20 [Self Magazine](#) online article about seasonal fruits and vegetables that may help boost metabolism.

Dr. April Pyle, an associate professor of microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, commented April 23 in the [U-T San Diego](#) about a Salk Institute study that found a genome-editing method could prevent the transmission of mitochondrial diseases from mice to their offspring.

Dr. Dylan Roby, senior research scientist at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and assistant professor of health policy and management at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was quoted April 22 in [The Gazette](#) about a new partnership between University of Colorado Health and First Choice Emergency Rooms.

Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging, professor of psychiatry and director of the UCLA Longevity Center, commented in an April 18 [New York Times](#) story about older adults becoming inventors.

Dr. Steven Wallace, chair of community health sciences at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, was quoted April 22 in an [Inquirer.net](#) story about a California Senate bill to expand health coverage to undocumented immigrants.

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