



**UCLA HEALTH SCIENCES MEDIA REPORT
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Media continued covering the first patient to receive a hand transplant at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, making her the first to undergo the procedure in the Western United States. Reports ran April 22 on KMJ AM (Fresno), April 23 on Vancouver Persian Radio, April 26 on CNN Radio, and April 28 in Modern Medicine. In addition, an Associated Press report ran April 27 in the North County Times (San Diego), and the American Occupational Therapy Association's "1-Minute Update" ran an April 26 item

about occupational therapist Renee Portenier's role. Dr. Sue McDiarmid, medical director of the UCLA Hand Transplantation Program, professor of pediatrics, and surgery director of the Dumont-UCLA Pediatric Liver Transplant Program, and Dr. Kodi Azari, surgical director of the UCLA Hand Transplantation Program and associate professor of orthopaedic surgery and plastic surgery, were quoted in the coverage.

"Dr. Sue McDiarmid"

http://www.kmj580.com/common/global_audio/174/29062.mp3

'A Young Mother Gets a New Hand"

<http://podcasts.cnn.net/cnn/services/podcasting/audio/cnnradioreports/cnnradioreportsa0425.mp3>

"Rare Surgery: California Woman Shows Off Newly Transplanted Hand"

http://www.nctimes.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/article_20e70f72-4a3b-589e-96fb-e44e8e07427a.html

"Two Women Receive Hand Transplants"

<http://www.modernmedicine.com/modernmedicine/Cosmetic+Surgery/Two-women-receive-hand-transplants/ArticleStandard/Article/detail/718160?contextCategoryId=40174>

LABJ Honors UCLA at Healthcare Leadership Awards 2011

The April 25 issue of the Los Angeles Business Journal set aside a special edition to highlight the Journal's 2011 Healthcare Leadership Awards to honor individuals, organizations and programs that have made strides in helping Angelenos receive better healthcare. Dr. Gerald Levey, Dean Emeritus of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, The Lincy Foundation Distinguished Service Chair and Distinguished Professor of Medicine, received a special achievement award for guiding the creation of the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, landing one of the largest single contributions to a U.S. medical school and shepherding the UCLA Medical Sciences through an incredible period of growth and prosperity. Additionally, the UCLA Health System was singled out as the best hospital for its significant impact on medical education, clinical care and revolutionary medical research and community service. "The Los Angeles Business Journal Presents Healthcare Leadership Awards 2011"

Health Website Features Project to Prevent Surgical Infections

Health.com's April 27 edition featured an op-ed by UC regent Sherry Lansing that highlighted the Surgical Infections Quality Improvement Project, a pilot project at UCLA that aims to develop a set of guidelines and best practices that can help hospitals reduce costly and dangerous surgical site infections. Dr. Richard J. Shemin, Robert and Kelly Day professor and chief of cardiothoracic surgery, who will oversee this pilot project, and Dr. Daniel Z. Uslan, assistant professor of infectious diseases and the project's principal investigator, were cited.

"Opinion: Reducing Infections in U.S. Hospitals"

<http://news.health.com/2011/04/27/reducing-hospital-infections/>

NPR Notes that 9-to-5 Desk Jobs Take a Toll on Health

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 interviewed April 25 on National Public Radio's "Morning Edition" about health problems resulting from sedentary jobs and lifestyles and Yancey's efforts to introduce healthy physical activity into workplaces and schools.

"Sitting All Day: Worse For You Than You Might Think"

<http://www.npr.org/2011/04/25/135575490/sitting-all-day-worse-for-you-than-you-might-think>

TV Stations Nationwide Cover Air Quality Report

An April 27 CBS Newspath story that aired on KCBS-Channel 2, KCAL-Channel 9 and on the CBS Morning News featured Dr. Eric Kleerup, clinical professor of pulmonary and critical care medicine, discussing the impact of poor air quality on people with asthma and other respiratory conditions. A UCLA patient was highlighted. The story was tied to release of a new report by the American Lung Association listing the nation's cities with the highest levels of air pollution. Additional CBS affiliate stations ran the story in Texas, Florida, Nevada, Michigan, Montana, Alabama and New York, among others.

"Dr. Eric Kleerup"

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=143907&key=CN8a3VsMEpDvKG9mhqdCzVWFVIVV5cA&email=rchampeau@mednet.ucla.edu>

KABC-TV Explains Why Common Pain Relievers May Block Antidepressants

Dr. Ian Cook, Miller Family Professor of Psychiatry and director of the Depression Research Program at the Semel Institute, was featured in an April 27 KABC-Channel 7 news segment about how the use of common pain relievers like aspirin and ibuprofen may interfere with how well antidepressants like Prozac and Paxil work.

“Pain Relievers May Block Antidepressants”

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/health/your_health&id=8098559

KABC-TV Highlights How to Get Rid of Unwanted Medications

An April 27 KABC- Channel 7 news story featured Dr. Mark Pregoner, a drug information pharmacist at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, who discussed the issues with keeping expired, unwanted medications and the best way to dispose of them.

“Getting Rid of Expired, Unwanted Medications”

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/health/your_health&id=8098305

HealthDay News, Others Report on Cancer Recurrence

A study by Dr. Patricia Ganz, director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA’s Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, showing that a blood pressure drug may increase risk for breast cancer recurrence was highlighted April 21 by HealthDay.com and MedIndia, April 22 by MedPageToday and April 25 by HemOncToday and EMaxHealth.com. The HealthDay story appeared on the web sites for U.S. News & World Report, DoctorsLounge.com, MSN Health and Fitness and USA Today. .

“ACE Inhibitors Seem to Raise Risk of Breast Cancer Recurrence”

<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/family-health/heart/articles/2011/04/21/ace-inhibitors-seem-to-raise-risk-of-breast-cancer-recurrence>

“Common Blood Pressure Medications Tied to Breast Cancer Recurrence”

<http://www.emaxhealth.com/1020/common-blood-pressure-medications-tied-breast-cancer-recurrence>

“ACE Inhibitors May Be Linked to Breast Cancer Recurrence”

<http://www.hemonctoday.com/article.aspx?rid=82897>

“ACE Inhibitor May Trigger Breast Cancer Recurrence”

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/HematologyOncology/BreastCancer/26076>

Forbes Explores Smoking Cessation Program in China

An April 20 Forbes blog reported on the efforts of Linda Sarna, a professor of nursing, to reduce and deter smoking among women in China by engaging Chinese nurses in a program to identify and treat smokers. Sarna was quoted.

“A Nurse’s Mission to Keep Chinese Women from Smoking”

<http://blogs.forbes.com/85broads/2011/04/20/a-nurses-mission-to-keep-chinese-women-from-smoking/>

Trades Spotlight Radiologists and Healthcare Policy

A review article co-authored by Dr. Christoph Lee, a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar, advocating for a greater role by radiologists in health services garnered coverage April 22 in HealthImaging.com, Cardiovascular Business and CMIO.net.

“AJR: Radiologists Dangerously Uninvolved in Healthcare Policy”

http://www.healthimaging.com/index.php?option=com_articles&view=article&id=27406&division=hiit

Canada Newspaper Examines 'Seasickness Syndrome'

Dr. Yoon-Hee Cha, visiting assistant professor of neurology, was featured in an April 25 Toronto Globe and Mail article about her research on mal de débarquement syndrome, an uncommon balance disorder that leaves sufferers feeling chronically seasick.

“Imagine being Seasick for Years—on Land”

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/health/new-health/health-news/imagine-being-seasick-for-years---on-land/article1995866/>

CNN Features Autism’s Impact on Families

Dr. Shafali Jeste, assistant professor of neurology and psychiatry, was interviewed April 22 on CNN's "Dr. Drew" program about the diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders and how families cope with children who suffer from these disorders.

"Dr. Drew"

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/1104/22/ddhln.01.html>

UCLA Pediatrician Helps Japan

The April 24 Pasadena Star-News featured a column by Dr. Claire Panosian Dunavan, clinical professor of infectious diseases, about Dr. Kozue Shimabukuro, a pediatric critical care doctor at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, who spent three weeks working with a pediatric disaster relief team in Japan following the earthquake and tsunami. Shimabukuro was quoted.

"Infection Files: Of Earthquakes and Epiphanies - a Doctor's Journey"

http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/ci_17918546

Reuters, Other Media Explain How Memories Can Be Erased

David Glanzman, professor of neurobiology and a member of the Brain Research Institute, was featured in April 26 articles in Reuters, Asian News International, and United Press International, and in a San Francisco Examiner blog about his study finding that injecting snails with an enzyme inhibitor may dull the memory of prior trauma, and may someday prove to be able to remove stressful memories in human subjects with post-traumatic stress disorder.

"Snail Memory Study Offers Hope to Trauma Victims"

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/26/us-memory-snails-idUSTRE73P7R920110426>

Local Paper Covers Health Care for Veterans

An April 25 story in the Providence Journal (Rhode Island) reported on a study by Dr. Donna Washington, associate professor-in-residence of medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and the Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, that examined the Veterans Affairs health care system's efforts to close gaps in care between white and African American patients.

"Veterans Journal: VA Better at Treating Minorities but Outcomes Still Lag, Study Says"

http://www.projo.com/news/content/Veterans_column_25_04-25-11_0FNMSK4_v15.b823db.html

French News Service Reports on Napping

Christopher Colwell, professor of psychiatry, was quoted in an April 27 Agence-France Presse piece about a study in which lack of rest caused some rats' neurons to fall asleep even when the rats were awake.

"Caught Napping: Can We be Awake and Asleep at the Same Time?"

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/157797/caught-napping-can-we-be-awake-and-asleep-at-the-same-time/>

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An April 28 Stockton Record article about Cinco de Mayo cited research by David Hayes-Bautista, professor of general internal medicine and health services research and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, on the origin of the celebrations.

"Cinco de Mayo's Rich California Roots"

http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110428/A_NEWS/104280321

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Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, commented April 25 in a HealthDay story about how Tai Chi, an ancient Chinese exercise, may benefit heart failure patients. Fonarow also commented in an April 27 HealthDay News story about a study reporting that heart attacks occurring in the morning may be more severe. In addition, he was quoted in an April 28 HealthDay News story on a study showing that a bone-strengthening drug plus a statin may help fight plaque build-up in the aorta.

"Tai Chi May Help Heart Failure Patients"

<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/family-health/heart/articles/2011/04/25/tai-chi-may-help-heart-failure-patients>

"Morning Heart Attacks Cause More Damage, Study Finds"

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=652317>

"Bone Drug Plus Statin Better at Fighting Plaque in Aorta: Study"

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=652372>

Dr. Christopher Giza, associate professor of neurosurgery and pediatric neurology, was quoted in an April 14 USA Today article about the coming use of magnetic resonance imaging machines to determine the severity of brain-injured soldiers in Afghanistan.

"MRIs in War Zones Help Brain-Injury Treatment"

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/afghanistan/2011-04-14-mris-in-war-zones.htm>

Dr. Michael Gottlieb, assistant clinical professor of medicine, commented April 22 in an LA Weekly blog article about the AIDS epidemic

"AIDS Isn't Over, People, So Stop Acting Like it is: A Warning from HIV's First Responder, UCLA's Michael Gottlieb"

http://blogs.laweekly.com/informer/2011/04/aids_hiv_anniversary_gottlieb.php

Dr. Helen Lavretsky, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the Late-Life Depression, Stress, and Wellness Research Program, was quoted in the April 27 Ventura County Star about a proposal to increase the age eligibility for receiving Social Security.

"The Human Cost of Raising the Retirement Age"

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2011/apr/27/the-human-cost-of-raising-the-retirement-age/>

Dr. Mark Litwin, professor of urology and public health and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, commented April 21 in a Reuters story about a new study finding that 50 percent of men who have their prostates removed due to cancer feel worse.

"Half of Men Feel Worse after Prostate Removal"

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/21/us-prostate-removal-idUSTRE73K77N20110421>

Dr. Michael Lu, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, was quoted April 27 in a PBS News Hour Web article about a new report finding high maternal mortality rates among African-Americans in California.

"Report: African-American Women at Higher Risk for Maternal Death in Calif."

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/2011/04/report-african-american-women-at-higher-risk-for-maternal-death-in-calif.html>

Dr. Emanuel Maidenberg, associate clinical professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and clinical coordinator for the UCLA Anxiety Disorders Program, was quoted in the April issue of Men's Health Magazine about how best to talk to your psychiatrist.

"How to Jumpstart Anything"

http://www.menshealth.com/best-life/start-strong/page/2?sms_ss=email&at_xt=4db5fa913c41872b.0

Dr. Karen Miotto, professor of clinical psychiatry and director of the Alcoholism and Addiction Medicine Service in the Semel Institute, was quoted in an April 25 MSNBC article about a controversy over the diagnosis of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder.

"Adults Who Claim to Have ADHD? 1 in 4 May Be Faking It"

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42710178/ns/health-addictions/>

Dr. John Ringman, associate professor of neurology and interim director of the Mary S. Easton Center for Alzheimer's Disease Research, was quoted in the April 25 Los Angeles Times about new and broader diagnostic criteria for Alzheimer's disease.

"Broader Definition of Alzheimer's Could Help Doctors Diagnose it Earlier"

<http://www.latimes.com/health/la-he-alzheimers-guidelines-20110425.0,6178911.story>

Michael Strober, professor of psychiatry and director of the Eating Disorders Program at the Semel Institute, was quoted in an April 25 New York Times article about recovering from anorexia.

“In Fighting Anorexia, Recovery Is Elusive”

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/04/26/health/26anorexia.html?_r=1

Dr. Eric Vilain, professor of human genetics, pediatrics and urology and chief of medical genetics, commented April 28 in an Associated Press article about new rules established by the International Association of Athletic Federations concerning the privacy of athletes whose gender is called into question.

“With New Rules, Doubts about Semenya Should Stop”

http://www.usatoday.com/sports/olympics/2011-04-28-3468259421_x.htm

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