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Migraine Gene?

Dr. Andrew Charles, UCLA's Meyer and Renee Luskin Professor of Migraine and Headache Studies and director of the headache research and treatment program in the UCLA Department of Neurology, was interviewed on NPR's ["All Things Considered"](#) and cited in an article in Britain's [Daily Mail](#), both on May 1, about research that found a gene mutation that could increase the risk for migraines.

Media Explore Meth Addiction among Adolescents

[Examiner.com](#), [Science Codex](#), [HealthCanal.com](#), [Medical Xpress](#), [Bio-Medicine](#), and The Scrubs Report April 30, and [Science Blog](#) and [MDLinx](#) May 1 reported on research led by Dr. Keith Heinzerling, health sciences assistant clinical professor of family medicine, finding that girls are more likely to continue using methamphetamine during drug treatment than boys, suggesting that new approaches are needed for treating meth abuse among teen girls.

LA Times, Radio Note Passing of Health Advocate and UCLA Professor

Dr. Anronette Yancey, a professor of health services at the Fielding School of Public Health, co-director of the UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity and a longtime public health advocate, died April 23. Coverage included the April 25 [Los Angeles Times](#) and April 26 KPCC 89.3 FM's ["Off-Ramp."](#)

Poor Body Image Could Be 'Bad Brain Wiring'

Dr. Jamie Feusner, associate professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder Intensive Treatment Program, was featured in several outlets regarding his research finding that people with body dysmorphic disorder have abnormalities in the underlying connections in their brains. Coverage included April 29 in [Examiner.com](#) and [HealthCanal.com](#), and April 30 in the [LA Weekly](#), Britain's [Daily Mail](#), on the [KPCC 89.3FM](#) website, [Times of India](#), and [News Medical](#).

Radio, USA Today Spotlight Operation Mend's Outreach to Wounded Warriors

KCTE 1510AM (Kansas City, Mo. and Kansas City, Kan.) April 29 featured interviews with Operation Mend program manager Melanie Gideon and patient Mark Wise on the show "Total Health" discussing how the program helps our nation's wounded active military and veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. WAMV 1421AM (Amhurst, Va.) interviewed Gideon and patient Tony Porta on May 2. Porta, who suffered major burn deformities, was also featured April 26 in a front page [USA Today](#) story about his challenges in adjusting to life after the war.

UCLA Stem Cell Purifying Study Continues to Draw Media Interest

[e! Science News](#) April 22 and [Lab Manager Magazine](#) April 26 reported on a UCLA study in which researchers used a new agent that could be used to improve purification of stem cells developed for therapies. The leaders of the study, 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.

Eighteenth Annual "Taste for a Cure" Event Garners Wide Coverage

[The Wall Street Journal](#) April 23, [Hollywood Reporter](#) April 27 and others featured coverage of the Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation's 18th Annual "Taste for a Cure" event to benefit research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

UCLA Oncologist Appears on Hallmark Channel

Dr. John Glaspy, professor of medicine in the division of hematology/oncology and member of UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, was featured with his patient Celeste Mills on the April 29 episode of the Hallmark Channel's [Home & Family](#). The extensive interview focused on the patient's battle with breast cancer and her treatment with a newly approved drug, Kadcyla.

Zapping Zits with 'Friendly' Bacteria

[Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#) April 29 and [KTLA-Channel 5](#) April 30 reported on research led by Huiying Li, assistant professor of molecular and medical pharmacology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and a member of UCLA's Crump Institute for Molecular Imaging, showing that acne bacteria contain "bad" strains associated with pimples and "good" strains that may actually protect the skin against blemishes. Li was quoted.

Grant Award Cited by Online Media Outlets

[Examiner.com](#) and [Santa Clarita Valley News](#) May 1 and [News-Medical.net](#) May 2 featured an \$11 million grant won by Dr. Barbara Vickery, vice chair and professor of neurology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, to develop stroke prevention interventions for minority populations.

KPCC Talk Show Calls on Santa Monica Pediatrician to Discuss Home Deliveries

Dr. Dennis Woo, pediatrician at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica and associate clinical professor, was interviewed April 30 on KPCC 89.3FM's "[Air Talk](#)" about the American Academy of Pediatrics' new guidelines for infants born at home. Additionally, he was quoted April 29 in an [NBCNews.com](#) article about the guidelines.

AP, KCAL Report on Speeding up Search for Autism Drugs

Dr. James McCracken, a professor of psychiatry and director of the division of child and adolescent psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was featured April 26 by the [Associated Press](#) and [KCAL-Channel 9](#) regarding his \$9 million award from the National Institute of Mental Health to lead a multicenter effort to rapidly study and assess promising new drugs that may help children with autism spectrum disorders.

Music and the Mind Event Highlighted

Photography from the Friends of the Semel Institute's 2013 "Music and the Mind: A Symphony of Art and Science" event was featured on the May 1 [Monsters and Critics](#) website. The event honored Renee and Meyer Luskin; Dr. Andrew Leuchter, professor of psychiatry; and actor Eric McCormack.

Family Medicine Doctor Addresses Diabetes among Hispanics

Dr. Michael Rodriguez, professor and vice chair of research in the department of family medicine, was interviewed April 26 on Univision's "[Noticias 34: Primera Edicion](#)" about the high rates of diabetes among Hispanics.

Health Site Reports on Researcher's Education Award

[Phys.org](#) reported April 29 that Thomas J. Coates, director of the UCLA Center for World Health and a member of the UCLA AIDS Institute, was presented with the 2013 Elizabeth Fries Health Education Award for his pioneering research on HIV-related volunteer testing and counseling.

San Diego Paper, KABC Radio Cover Study Finding Brain Damage in NFL Players

[U-T San Diego](#) April 25 and [KABC 790AM](#) April 27 covered a brain-imaging study in which UCLA researchers found elevated levels of the Alzheimer's disease-related tau protein in the brains of five retired football players who had suffered one or more concussions. Study authors Dr. Gary Small, a professor of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Longevity Center; Dr. Jorge Barrio, a professor of molecular and medical pharmacology; and Vladimir

Kepe, associate researcher in molecular and medical pharmacology, were quoted. A UCLA study participant was also highlighted.

Eldercare Website Highlights Brain Training, Longevity Center

An April 24 [Elderbranch](#) post featured the brain training programs at the UCLA Longevity Center. Dr. Gary Small, director of the UCLA Longevity Center and a professor of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences at the Semel Institute, and Dr. Karen Miller, associate clinical professor at the Semel Institute, were quoted about strategies for improving memory. Additional members of the UCLA Longevity Center team, including Nancy Yen and Anel Herrera, also commented about the success of the center.

State Falls Short in Specialized Pediatric Care

[California Healthline](#) reported May 2 on a recent UCLA Center for Health Policy Research paper that highlighted a shortage of pediatric subspecialists in California. The study's lead author, Daphna Gans, a research scientist at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the Fielding School of Public Health, and Dr. Thomas Klitzner, the Jack Skirball professor of pediatrics and director of the UCLA Pediatric Medical Home program at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, were interviewed.

Taking Charge of Your Hospital Discharge

Bertha Viramontes, clinical cardiac nurse at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, was interviewed in an article in the May issue of [Heart Insight](#) about care for patients after they have left the hospital following heart procedures.

Food Allergies in Kids: Real or Not?

[Los Angeles News Group](#) hosted a live web chat May 1 with Dr. Maria Garcia-Lloret, assistant professor of pediatric allergy and immunology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA and director of the Pediatric Food Allergy Clinic at UCLA, to discuss common myths about food allergies in children.

Bridging Western Health Care and Indigenous Cultures

[Health Pro Daily](#) reported May 1 on efforts by Dr. Reza Jarrahy, associate clinical professor of plastic and reconstructive surgery at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, and his colleagues from UCLA public health and anthropology, to build better ways to bridge the cultural gaps between Western medicine and the cultures of the indigenous populations they are helping.

Dangers of Childhood Obesity

The [East Oregonian](#) reported April 24 on a study led by Dr. Neal Halfon, professor of pediatrics, public health and public policy and director of the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities, that found that obese children are at far greater risk for a variety of other immediate health problems than was previously thought.

UC Patient-care Workers Vote on Strike

A [Los Angeles Times](#) blog reported April 29 that the union representing nearly 13,000 patient-care workers at UCLA and other UC campuses was to begin voting Tuesday on whether to strike over a contract dispute. Dr. J. Thomas Rosenthal, chief medical officer for the UCLA Hospital System and associate vice chancellor of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted.

"Which Way, L.A.?" Talks Tobacco Free

Linda Sarna, Lulu Wolf-Hassenplug Endowed Chair in Nursing at the UCLA School of Nursing, was interviewed May 1 on KCRW 89.9FM's "[Which Way, L.A.?](#)" about the UCLA tobacco ban. Sarna was chair of UCLA's Tobacco-Free Steering Committee.

Nursing Trade Spotlights Substance Abuse Intervention among Homeless Youth

[Nurse.com](#). April 19 reported on research led by Adeline Nyamathi, associate dean for international research and scholarly activities at the UCLA School of Nursing, finding that nursing intervention can decrease substance abuse among homeless youth.

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An article in the April 29 [Headlines and Global News](#) about a possible blood test for autism spectrum disorders cited a study led by Dr. Daniel Geschwind, professor of neurology, psychiatry, and genetics, and director of Center for Autism Research at UCLA.

Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA was cited in a May 1 [People Style Watch](#) article about a spa day provided to UCLA teen cancer patients and their moms organized by a nonprofit organization.

QUOTABLES

Christian Cannady, simulation laboratory technician at the UCLA School of Nursing, was quoted April 26 in the [Los Angeles Times](#) about the importance of conducting a disaster drill.

Dr. Rebecca Dudovitz, assistant professor of pediatrics at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was interviewed April 30 on [KFI 640AM](#) regarding the safe way to swaddle infants.

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, was quoted May 1 in a [HealthDay](#) article about a study showing that the antibiotic azithromycin -- under scrutiny for increased risk of death for those with existing heart disease -- appears to be safe for those without heart problems. The story also ran in [U.S. News & World Report](#). He also commented May 1 in a [WPVI-TV](#) (Philadelphia, Pa.) report about eggs and cholesterol.

David Hayes-Bautista, professor of medicine in the division of general internal medicine and health services research and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, was quoted April 25 in an [ABC News.com](#) article about the growing number of U.S.-born Latino children in foster care.

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition, commented April 30 in an [NBCNews.com](#) article on a Centers for Disease Control report showing that both American adults and children are eating too much sugar.

David J. Miklowitz, professor of psychiatry and director of the Child and Adolescent Mood Disorders Program at the Semel Institute, was quoted April 30 in [USA Today](#) about actress Catherine Zeta-Jones and her struggle with bipolar disorder.

Dr. Tom Rosenthal, chief medical officer of the UCLA Hospital System, was quoted in a May 2 [Bloomberg](#) article on upcoming changes to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services "Hospital Compare" website.

Dr. Jeffrey Saver, professor of neurology and director of the UCLA Stroke Center, was quoted April 30 in [USA Today](#) and the [Counsel and Heal](#) health website about the importance of calling 911 and not waiting to get someone to an ER promptly if they show the signs of a stroke: face drooping, arm weakness, or difficulty with speech.

Dr. Robert Suh, professor of radiology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, commented May 1 in an [EverydayHealth](#) article about using cryoablation to freeze the nerves that cause chronic pain.

Dr. Denise Sur, chief of staff at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica and director of the UCLA Family Medicine Residency Program, was quoted in an April 18 [Santa Monica Daily Press](#) story about a new exercise routine that can be done while watching television.

Jerome Zack, professor of microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics and director of the UCLA Center for AIDS Research (CFAR), was quoted April 29 in a [New York Times](#) article about why some individuals seem to remain essentially unaffected by HIV.

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