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National and local news media continued to utilize UCLA medical and public health experts to explain developments in H1N1, or swine flu.

Dr. David Baron, chief of staff at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, appeared April 30 on KCBS-Channel 2 and KCAL-Channel 9 to answer questions about the H1N1 virus. He also commented in a May 1 KNX 1070AM report on efforts to develop a swine-flu vaccine for this fall. "UCLA Doctor Answers Questions about Swine Flu"

<http://cbs2.com/video/?cid=6085>

Dr. James Cherry, professor of pediatric infectious diseases at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was quoted May 7 in the Baltimore Sun about theories on what course the H1N1 influenza will take in the coming months.

"Mild Flu Could Hit Harder in the Fall"

http://www.baltimoresun.com/health/bal-te.md.fall06may06_0,4239104.story

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, was quoted May 4 in a Notimex wire story about the H1N1 swine influenza and health services for undocumented immigrants.

"California Podría Suspender Medida Antinmigrante por Influenza"

<http://www.diariosandiego.com/bin/articulos.cgi?ID=71973>

http://www.baltimoresun.com/health/bal-te.md.fall06may06_0,4239104.story

Dr. Peter Katona, associate clinical professor of infectious diseases, was quoted April 29 in a Los Angeles Times blog item about asthmatic patients and the H1N1 flu. He commented May 1 on MSNBC.com about preventing an H1N1 infection and in a Medscape Medical News article on H1N1 vaccine development. He also commented May 7 in ABCNews.com about preparation for a possible swine flu pandemic.

"Asthmatics Should be Prepared – but Shouldn't Panic"

http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2009/04/a-word-of-advice-for-asthmatics-during-the-swine-flu-outbreak-dont-panic--yes-those-with-asthma-can-have-a-tough-time-with.html

http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-hew-flu-social-media30-2009apr30_0,2835402.story

"Many Take Flu Matters into Own Sanitized Hands"

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/30521804/>

"Two Billion Infected? WHO Stokes Swine Flu Fear"

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/SwineFlu/story?id=7523338&page=1>

"WHO: H1N1 Vaccine Will Take 4 to 6 Months to Make"

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/702258>

Dr. Robert Kim-Farley, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was quoted April 30 in the Los Angeles Times about gathering information online about the flu; May 1 in the Times and Wall Street Journal about the virus; and May 4 in Newsweek about the dangers of an influenza pandemic.

"In California, Cases Suggest Border Origin"

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124113696409275445.html>

"Hyping Swine Flu isn't Really Healthy"

http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-et-onthedia1-2009may01_0,3878187.column

"H1N1 Virus Gone Viral: Swine Flu Updates and Resources Online"

http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-hew-flu-social-media30-2009apr30_0,2835402.story

"The Next Pandemic"

<http://www.newsweek.com/id/195864>

Scott Layne, a professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was quoted in a May 4 Barrons.com article about the potential dangers of the H1N1 swine flu virus.

"Sizing Up the Swine Flu"

<http://online.barrons.com/article/SB124121864203378903.html>

Dr. David Pegues, hospital epidemiologist for the Reagan UCLA Medical Center and division of infectious diseases, was quoted in the April 28 AARP Bulletin Today on the fact that people of all ages are susceptible to influenza.

"What We Know About Swine Flu"

http://bulletin.aarp.org/yourhealth/diseases/articles/what_we_know_about_swine_flu_.html?cmp=NLC-WBLTR-CTRL-5109-F1

Dr. Shira Shafir, assistant professor at the School of Public Health and program coordinator for the Global Health Training Program, commented May 2 in the Whittier Daily News about H1N1 swine influenza.

"Officials Watching Swine Flu Virus Closely"

http://www.whittierdailynews.com/news/ci_12282470

USA Today Examines Mental Health Disorders, Discrimination in Children

USA Today reported May 6 on a UCLA study linking perceived racial or ethnic discrimination among fifth-grade students with a negative effect on kids' mental health. Dr. Tumaini Coker, clinical instructor of

pediatrics at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was quoted. The study was also covered April 28 – May 5 by E.F.E., ANI News, Washington Times, WFMY-Channel 2 (Greensboro, NC), SoCalMinds, KaiserNetwork, ADDitude Magazine, and Noticias Parana (Buenos Aires, Argentina).

“Racism Hurts Kids' Mental Health”

http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2009-05-05-race-depression_N.htm

“Discrimination = Depression”

<http://washingtontimes.com/news/2009/may/05/health-care-report-getting-to-work/>

“Discriminación Provoca Afecciones Mentales Entre Niños, Según Studio”

<http://www.terra.com.mx/articulo.aspx?articuloid=818884&ref=1>

“Kids Who Feel Racial Discrimination More Prone To Mental Health Problems”

<http://www.dailyindia.com/show/309928.php>

Science Magazine, Daily News Cover Pro-Test Rally

Science magazine reported May 1 on an April 22 campus rally by UCLA Pro-Test, an organization formed by faculty, staff and students to demonstrate support for lifesaving medical research involving laboratory animals and to show solidarity with scientists subjected to harassment and violence by anti-animal research extremists. The group was also highlighted in an op-ed in the April 30 edition of the Los Angeles Daily News condemning anti-animal research extremism. David Jentsch, associate professor of psychology and psychiatry and a leader of UCLA Pro-Test, and Lynn Fairbanks, professor-in-residence of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences, were quoted in Science.

“Hundreds Gather for Rally to Defend Animal Research”

<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/324/5927/574>

“Animal-rights Terrorists Take Away Our Right to Life and Liberty”

http://www.dailynews.com/editorial/ci_12267245

NPR, Local Magazine Highlight Stories from Operation Mend

NPR's “Talk of the Nation” aired a May 6 interview with a U.S. Army Sergeant who suffered injuries in Iraq and is undergoing reconstructive facial surgeries through UCLA's Operation Mend program. The April issue of Peninsula People Magazine spotlighted Laura Albano, a medical tattoo artist affiliated with the UCLA Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, who applies pigment to scars on Operation Mend patients. Dr. Timothy Miller, professor and chief of plastic surgery, was quoted.

“Living with Severe Disfigurement”

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=103858397#commentBlock>

“Her Tattoos Make a Psyche Difference”

<http://operationmend.ucla.edu/workfiles/news/Peninsula-People-April-2009-Albano-article.pdf>

L.A. Times Emphasizes Importance of Childhood Vaccinations

Dr. Ryan Collier, the incoming chief resident in pediatrics at the David Geffen School of Medicine, wrote an opinion editorial published May 3 in the Los Angeles Times that outlined the value of childhood vaccines and efforts to teach the public about the lack of scientific evidence linking immunizations to autism.

“The Autism/Vaccine Myth”

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/commentary/la-oe-coller3-2009may03,0,4461231.story>

Channel 7 Touts Services of Dental Student Clinic

In a May 5 segment of “On Your Side,” KABC-Channel 7's consumer specialist Ric Romero profiled the UCLA School of Dentistry's dental student clinic as an affordable option for well-supervised, quality care. Ronald Mito, clinical professor and associate dean of clinical dental sciences, and Richard Stevenson, clinical professor and chair of restorative dentistry, were interviewed.

“Dental Schools Offer Affordable Care”

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/7_on_your_side&id=6798043

KCRW Explores Disparities in Healthcare Costs

On May 4, Warren Olney's “Which Way, L.A.?” on KCRW-89.9FM tackled the subject of rising healthcare costs in America. Guests included Robert Kaplan, Fred and Pamela Wasserman Distinguished Professor

and chair of health services in the School of Public Health; and Dr. Tom Rosenthal, chief medical officer of the UCLA Health System and associate vice chancellor of the David Geffen School of Medicine.

"Why is L.A. Healthcare More Costly than San Diego's?"

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=106711&key=rWzI8lOmU5vOMul1KDam4XVXwo9ZkLc&email=RMoster@mednet.ucla.edu>

EFE News Studies the Origins of Cinco de Mayo

The Spanish-language newswire EFE reported May 4 on 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 Cinco de Mayo celebrations. He was also quoted May 5 in a story by South Florida's CBS affiliate about the celebrations.

"Expertos Afirman que Celebración del Cinco de Mayo se Inició en California"

<http://www.alianzanews.com/noticiafull.asp?id=685>

"Cinco de Mayo Marks Victory over French"

<http://cbs4.com/local/Cinco.De.Mayo.2.1001585.html>

UPI Reports on Grant to International Medical Graduates Program

United Press International, the San Francisco Business Times and KWHY-Channel 22 reported May 5 on a \$2 million grant from Kaiser Permanente to expand the International Medical Graduates program.

Administered by the UCLA Department of Family Medicine, the program helps Latin American medical school graduates pass U.S. licensing examinations. MSN Money picked up the SF Business Times story and Hispanic Business carried the UPI report.

"Kaiser Grant for Recruiting Latino Doctors"

http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2009/05/05/Kaiser-grant-for-recruiting-Latino-doctors/UPI-13251241543647/

"Kaiser to Grant \$2M to UCLA Medical School to Augment Supply of Hispanic Doctors"

<http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/stories/2009/05/04/daily29.html>

Stockton Record Editorializes about California's Uninsured

An editorial in the April 30 Stockton Record highlighted findings from a study by the Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health that assessed the number of Californians without health insurance in each of the state's congressional and legislative districts.

"System Needs a Cure"

http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090430/A_OPINION01/904300309/-1/A_OPINION

Online Outlet Spotlights Pediatric Disorder's Link to Alzheimer's

BioQuickNews reported May 7 on a new study by Elizabeth Neufeld, professor of biological chemistry, and Stanislav Karsten, assistant professor of neurology and obstetrics/gynecology, that found a form of the rare genetic disease known as Sanfilippo syndrome may be treatable with new Alzheimer's disease drugs directed against the P-tau protein.

"Sanfilippo Syndrome Might Be Treatable with Alzheimer Drugs"

<http://www.bioquicknews.com>

Pasadena Weekly Profiles Memory Expert

The April 30 Pasadena Weekly highlighted Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging and a professor at the Semel Institute, about ways to maintain and improve brain function, as well as the impact of technologies, such as the Internet, on the brain. Small is the author of "iBrain: Surviving the Technological Alteration of the Modern Mind."

"Thanks for the Memories"

http://www.pasadenaweekly.com/cms/story/detail/thanks_for_the_memories/7181/

Medical Website Covers How Broccoli May Protect Against Asthma

Research by UCLA scientists indicating that an antioxidant found in broccoli and other cruciferous vegetables may help prevent the inflammation that leads to respiratory conditions like asthma was

reported May 5 on the medical website, The Med Guru. Study author Dr. Marc Riedl, assistant professor of clinical immunology and allergy, was cited.

“Have More Control over Asthma”

<http://www.themedguru.com/articles/have-more-control-over-asthma-86121958.html>

British Pub Features New Scan that Tracks Effectiveness of Chemo

Britain’s Daily Mail reported May 5 on a study by Dr. Fritz Eilber, assistant professor of surgical oncology and director of the Sarcoma Program at UCLA’s Jonsson Cancer Center, in which researchers used a combination PET/CT scanner to determine whether a given course of chemotherapy was effective after a single treatment. Eilber was quoted.

“New Scans that Can Reveal if Chemotherapy is Working”

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-1177248/New-scans-reveal-chemotherapy-working.html>

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The Los Angeles Times blog ran a May story about the upcoming opening of the Renee and Meyer Luskin Children’s Clinic in Santa Monica. The pediatric orthopaedic clinic will operate as a partnership between Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital and OH’s downtown clinic.

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2009/05/la-orthopaedic-hospital-to-open-santa-monica-clinic.html>

UCLA Medical Center was mentioned in a May 3 story on KBAK-Channel 29 and KBFX-Channel 58 in Bakersfield about a local teenager who received a successful heart transplant at UCLA and was recuperating at home.

“Taft High School Graduate Recovering After Heart Surgery”

<http://www.bakersfieldnow.com/news/44269042.html>

Dr. Thomas Klitzner, professor and chief of pediatric cardiology at Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA, was cited in a May 3 American Academy of Pediatrics News brief announcing his election as chairman of L.A. Care’s Board of Governors.

QUOTABLES

Dr. Lenore Arab, professor of medicine in the division of general internal medicine and health services research, commented May 3 in the Los Angeles Times on the amino acid L-theanine, which some studies suggest may help improve focus and concentration.

“L-theanine Comes Into Focus”

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-theanine4-2009may04.0.4842906.story>

Dr. David Baron, chief of staff at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, commented in a May 5 KNX 1070AM report about the increasing use of psychoactive drugs to treat mental illness.

Dr. Rochelle Caplan, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was quoted May 7 by WebMD about new warning-label requirements by the FDA.

“FDA Approves New Labeling for all Anti-epileptics to Reflect Suicidal Risk”

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/702490>

Dr. Timothy Cloughesy, director of UCLA’s neuro-oncology program and a researcher at UCLA’s Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, was quoted May 5 in Bloomberg and Contra Costa Times articles about the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s approval of the drug Avastin to treat an aggressive form of brain cancer.

“Roche Wins U.S. Approval for Avastin in Brain Cancer”

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601202&sid=a.GVgG4xSaa8>

“FDA Approves New Brain Cancer Drug”

http://www.insidebayarea.com/business/ci_12302390ves

Dr. Ravi Dave, staff cardiologist at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital and associate professor of medicine, was quoted in a May 7 WebMD story about the potential dangers of very low blood pressure in patients with heart disease. He also commented in a May 5 HealthDay News story about determining the difference between heartburn and heart attack.

“Low Blood Pressure Risky for Heart Patients”

<http://www.webmd.com/hypertension-high-blood-pressure/news/20090507/low-blood-pressure-heart-patient-risk>

“Telling Heartburn from Heart Attack Can Be Tricky”

<http://www.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=625802>

Dr. Bruce Ferrell, professor of geriatrics, was quoted May 6 in a New York Times blog about aspirin and ibuprofen use in the elderly. He chaired an American Geriatrics Society expert panel that advised bumping all non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs, off the list of medicines recommended for adults 75 and older with chronic, persistent pain.

“Experts Warn against Long-term Use of Common Pain Pills”

<http://newoldage.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/05/06/experts-warn-against-long-term-use-of-common-pain-pills/>

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-Cardiomyopathy Center, commented May 7 in a HealthDay News story about research exploring the efficacy of blood pressure medications.

“All Blood Pressure Drugs Lower Risk of Heart Attack and Stroke”

<http://www.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=626844>

Dr. Charles Grob, director of the division of child and adolescent psychiatry at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, was quoted May 1 in Canada’s National Post about the recent deaths of two teenage girls, which have been linked to a tainted batch of the drug Ecstasy.

“Doctor Suspects Ecstasy Tainted”

<http://www.nationalpost.com/news/story.html?id=1551259>

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition, commented May 4 in the Chicago Tribune about how to avoid weight gain while on vacation.

“Exercise Your Smarts: Avoid Weight Gain While on Vacation”

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/health/fitness/sns-health-exercise-on-vacation,0,4776591.story>

Richard Rawson, professor psychiatry and associate director of the Integrated Substance Abuse Programs at the Semel Institute, was quoted May 3 in a Tennessean article about methamphetamine labs in Tennessee.

“Meth Labs Make a Comeback in Tennessee”

<http://m.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090503/NEWS03/905030362/-1/WAP&template=wapart>

Dr. Mark Riedl, assistant professor of clinical immunology and allergy, commented May 4 in the Los Angeles Times about topical gels that claim to prevent allergens from reaching allergy sufferers' nostrils.

“Allergen Block: Invisible Shield or Invisible Results?”

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-skeptic4-2009may04,0,3898942.story>

Dr. Catherine Sarkisian, associate professor of geriatrics, was quoted May 1 in a Yahoo! Sports article about former pro football player Willie Gault, who is still breaking athletic records at age 48.

“Willie Gault is Still Racing Around at 48”

<http://sports.yahoo.com/nfl/news?slug=li-gault050109&prov=yahoo&type=lgns>

Dr. Jerome Siegel, an associate clinical professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was quoted in a May 7 Oprah.com article about mindfulness meditation.

“Mind Over Matters through Meditation”

http://www.oprah.com/article/omagazine/200812_omag_meditate

Paul Thompson, professor of neurology at the Semel Institute, and a member of the Laboratory of Neuro Imaging, was quoted in a May 3 London Times article about advances in brain imaging. The article also appeared in the New York Post.

“They Know What You’re Thinking: Brain Scanning makes Progress”

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/science/article6211202.ece>

Dr. Lonnie Zeltzer, director of the Pediatric Pain Program at Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA, commented in a May 7 New York Times article about the effectiveness of sports creams.

“Do Sports Creams Rub the Pain Away?”

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/07/health/nutrition/07fitness.html?_r=1&ref=health

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