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Media Clamor to Know True Cause of Lenin's Death

Research by Dr. Harry Vinters, chief of neuropathology at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and professor of pathology and neurology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, re-examining the cause of Vladimir Lenin's death was highlighted May 7 by the [New York Times](#), May 5 by [Asian News International](#); May 4 by the [International Business Times](#), [MSNBC.com](#) and the [Calgary Sun](#); and May 3 by [Associated Press](#). Vinters was quoted.

Experts Address Athletic Brain Injury, Junior Seau Tragedy

Dr. Neil Martin, W. Eugene Stern Professor of Neurosurgery and chair of neurosurgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine, was interviewed May 3 on [KABC-Channel 7](#), [KCBS-Channel 2](#), [KNBC-Channel 4](#), [NonStopNews LA](#) and [Associated Press TV](#) about the suicide of former football player Junior Seau and the degenerative brain disease known as chronic traumatic encephalopathy, which has afflicted many former athletes in high-contact sports. David Hovda, professor of neurosurgery and director of the UCLA Brain Injury Research Center, was quoted May 3 in the [Los Angeles Times](#) and [Reuters](#). Dr. Christopher Giza, associate professor of neurosurgery and pediatric neurology and a member of UCLA's Brain Injury Research Center, was interviewed May 3 on [KTTV-Channel 11](#).

N.Y. Times Explores Meditation's Effect on the Brain

Eileen Luders, assistant professor of neurology at the UCLA Laboratory of Neuro Imaging, was featured in the May 9 [New York Times](#) about her research showing that people who meditate have, on average, a greater amount of folds in the brain's cerebral cortex, which improves information processing, memory formation and decision making.

Famed Rockers Launch Teen Cancer Center at UCLA

Roger Daltrey was interviewed May 3 on [Jimmy Kimmel Live](#) about the Daltrey/Townshend Teen & Young Adult Cancer Program at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, the first such program launched in the U.S. by Daltrey and Pete Townshend of the Who. [WFJA105.5-FM](#) covered the visit on May 2 and Daltrey was also interviewed May 4 on the [HealthCare Channel/Reuters](#) and May 5 in [Pop Entertainment](#) about his vision for the program at UCLA and across the U.S.
<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=155528&key=GweuR8yYA9la9oUvrPavVksDfRfs559S&email=RMoster@mednet.ucla.edu>

ABC World News Examines Whooping Cough's Return

Dr. Jaime DeVille, professor of pediatric infectious diseases at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was interviewed May 4 on ABC's "[World News with Diane Sawyer](#)" about the recent resurgence of whooping cough in Washington State.

Cinco de Mayo: Born in the USA

A new book by David Hayes-Bautista, professor of medicine and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, exploring the California origins of Cinco de Mayo was highlighted May 4 by the [Associated Press](#) and May 5 by the [Huffington Post](#), [LA Weekly](#), [United Press International](#), [CNN.com](#) and the [Des Moines Register](#). Hayes-Bautista was quoted in the coverage.

FOX Airs Heart Health Series

KTTV-Channel 11 ran a week-long series on heart health featuring Dr. Karol Watson, associate professor of medicine, division of cardiology and several UCLA patients from Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. Tom Keep, cardiovascular X-ray technologist, was interviewed on May 9. Coverage ran May 7 on FOX News at 5 p.m. (1) and 10 p.m. (2); May 8 at 10 p.m., which repeated the segment on May 9 on Good Day. L.A. (3). May 9 also included coverage on FOX News at 5 p.m. (4) and 10 p.m. (5). In addition, Watson participated in a FOX webcast on May 8.

"The Doctors" Investigates Cost of Distracted Driving

Dr. Mark Morocco, associate clinical professor of emergency medicine, and his Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center emergency department colleagues appeared May 7 on a CBS' "The Doctors" segment about distracted driving and its potential life-altering medical consequences.

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=155557&key=AT7eJAlmok4mCCyxHBJ8W94kUBBxExAt&email=rmoster@mednet.ucla.edu>

Medscape Examines Drug's Link to Secondary Tumors

[Medscape](#) reported April 30 on research by Dr. Isaac Yang, assistant professor of neurosurgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, indicating that a drug commonly used to treat malignant, recurrent brain tumors may increase the risk of secondary cancerous growths.

Online Outlets Spotlight Alzheimer's Innovation Award

The [Century City Patch](#) reported May 8 and [Examiner.com](#) reported May 10 about how UCLA's new Alzheimer's and Dementia Care program received a \$3.2 million Health Care Innovation award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. David Reuben, chief of geriatrics, was quoted.

Doc Warned Others of Shooter's Behavior

An article in the May 8 [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#) about the suspect in a mass shooting at a Pittsburgh psychiatric institute cited Dr. Brennan Spiegel, assistant professor-in-residence of digestive diseases at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, who warned colleagues about the suspect's behavior before the incident.

Becker's Interviews Spine Surgeon about Collaboration

The May 3 [Becker's Spine Review](#) featured a Q & A with Dr. Nick Shamie, orthopaedic spine surgeon at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica and associate professor of orthopaedic surgery, about why spine surgeons should collaborate with other specialists.

Researcher Identifies Genes Linked to PTSD

[Genome Web](#) reported May 4 on a study led by Dr. Armen Goenjian, a research professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at UCLA, linking two genes involved in serotonin production to a higher risk of developing post-traumatic stress disorder.

Magazine Spotlights RRUMC Nursing Director

The May issue of [Working Nurse](#) magazine highlights Cathy Ward, director of nursing at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, and the UCLA Health System's award for high-performing nurses who are strong patient advocates.

Why Underweight Babies Grow Obese

[Asian News International](#) reported May 3 and [Jagran Post](#) reported May 4 on a study by Dr. Sherin Devaskar, professor and executive chair of pediatrics at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, showing that the brain has higher levels of appetite-increasing peptides in low-birth-weight babies who become obese. Devaskar was quoted.

Health Magazine Highlights Memory Tips

The May issue of Health magazine featured tips by Dr. Gary Small, UCLA's Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Longevity Center, on how to remember the names of new people you meet.

Argonaut Covers Renaming of SM Imaging Center

[The Argonaut](#) ran a photo and May 10 story about the newly named Barbara Kort Women's Imaging Center on the Santa Monica campus. Dr. Anne Hoyt, director of the center and associate professor of radiology, was quoted. Dr. Helena Chang, director of the Revlon/UCLA Breast Center and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, was cited.

Geriatrician Pens Column on High Blood Pressure

The May 4 Santa Monica Mirror ran a column by Dr. Sonja Rosen, medical director of the geriatrics unit at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, about the importance of taking medication to control high blood pressure.

Trade Reviews Robotic Surgery for Bladder Cancer

[Oncology Nurse Advisor](#) reported May 1 on a study finding that robotic surgery for bladder cancer resulted in fewer deaths and complications than traditional open surgery, but was more expensive. Dr. Jim Hu, director of minimally invasive surgery in urology, was quoted.

Online Outlets Feature Stem Cell Research

[Science Daily](#), [Stem Cell Research Project](#), [Stem Cell News](#), [Science Codex](#), [PsyPost](#) and [Medicina](#) on May 4, [Medical Xpress](#), [Human Health and Science](#), [Real N3ws](#) and [Health Canal](#) on May 5, and [Sci Guru](#), [Lab Manager Magazine](#), [Stem Cell Treatment](#) and [SciTechDaily](#) on May 7 reported on research by Bennett Novitch about a new system developed to measure the communication between stem cell-derived motor neurons and muscle cells in a petri dish. Novitch is an assistant professor of neurobiology and a scientist with the Eli and Edythe Broad Center of Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research at UCLA.

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Dr. Ronald Busuttil, chair of surgery, and Dr. Leonard Goldstein, assistant clinical professor of hepatology, were cited in a May 9 [Malibu Times](#) column about a local liver transplant patient.

The May 8 [Examiner](#) announced registration for UCLA Senior Scholars, a program offered by the UCLA Longevity Center that enables people age 50 and older to audit undergraduate classes at UCLA.

QUOTABLES

Linda Ercoli, director of geriatric psychology in the department of psychiatry, was quoted May 7 in a [Los Angeles Times](#) article about a proposed Hollywood-area care facility for patients with dementia.

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson–UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, was quoted May 8 in [HealthDay News](#) on research about older women with an irregular heartbeat having a higher risk of stroke than men.

Dr. Peter Galier, internal medicine specialist at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica and associate clinical professor of medicine, was quoted in a May 1 [KTTV-Channel 11](#) report about a proposed FDA plan that would allow additional medications to be sold without a prescription.

David Hayes-Bautista, professor of medicine and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, was quoted May 3 in a [Los Angeles Times](#) article about a new program offering health care to illegal immigrants in an effort to reduce costly emergency room visits.

Gerald Kominski, director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and a professor at the Fielding School of Public Health, was quoted in a May 4 [Los Angeles Times](#) article about ways pharmacies can help lower drug costs for customers.

Dr. Vernon Rosario, associate clinical professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was quoted in a May 9 [CBSNews.com](#) article about gender dysphoria, a condition in which children feel uncomfortable with their biological gender.

Dr. Thomas Rosenthal, chief medical officer for the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, was quoted in a May 9 [Kaiser Health News](#) article on new Medicare figures that show a wide variance among hospitals around the country involving cost of care, a first step toward using bonuses and penalties to encourage more efficient care.

Dr. Gary Small, Parlow–Solomon Professor on Aging, a professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Longevity Center, commented May 7 in a [CNN.com](#) article about how our dependence on technology can interfere with memory formation.

Dr. Karol Watson, associate professor of medicine, division of cardiology, commented May 8 in a [Time](#) article on research showing that drivers with long daily commutes are more likely to have high blood pressure and other health problems.

Frederick Zimmerman, professor and chair of health services at the Fielding School of Public Health, was quoted in a May 7 [HealthDay News](#) article about a correlation between kids' TV-watching habits and their diets.

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