



UCLA HEALTH SCIENCES MEDIA REPORT **For the week of May 22 - 28, 2009**

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NBC Nightly News on May 22 and CBS News Sunday on May 24 broadcast stories about a UCLA-based program called “Operation Mend” that provides reconstructive facial surgery to wounded soldiers. Dr. Timothy Miller, chief of plastic and reconstructive surgery, and Ronald Katz, a member of UCLA’s board of advisors, were interviewed. CNN’s “Lou Dobbs Tonight” also cited Miller and the program on May 25. “Healing the Most Deeply Scarred”

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/05/22/sunday/main5033650.shtml>

“Reconstructing Scars of War”

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3032619/vp/30893796#30893796>

“Lou Dobbs Tonight”

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0905/25/ldt.01.html>

Women’s Memory Loss Draws Broad Coverage

A UCLA study that found that women’s ability to remember and learn is diminished during perimenopause was covered May 26 by ABCNews.com, Asian News International, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Telegraph (U.K.) and Daily Mail (U.K.) and May 25 by Reuters and HealthDay News. Dr. Gail Greendale, professor of medicine and geriatrics, was quoted in the stories; Dr. Arun Karlamangla, assistant professor of geriatrics, was quoted by HealthDay.

“Menopause Hormone Can Help Memory and Lift Brain Fog”

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/MindMoodNews/Story?id=7672141&page=1>

“Memory Takes a Hit during Menopause”

<http://www.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=627359>

“Menopause Transition May Cause Temporary Memory Loss, Learning Trouble”

<http://www.newstrackindia.com/newsdetails/101679>

“Early Menopause May Affect Women’s Learning, Study Says”

<http://www.jsonline.com/features/health/46080682.html>

Local Media Spotlights Glamour Photo Shoot for Sick Kids

May 27 stories ran on KCBS-Channel 2, KCAL-Channel 9, KTTV-Channel 11 and in the Los Angeles Times on pediatric patients and their family members who were treated to a day of hair styling, make-up and a professional photo shoot. The event was coordinated with the Child Life/Child Development department at Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA and sponsored by the non-profit Flashes of Hope.

“Young Hospital Patients Get Day of Beauty”

<http://www.cbs2.com/video/?id=104097@kcbs.dayport.com>

“Flashes of Hope”

www.latimes.com/flashesofhope

“Flashes of Hope Bringing Joy to Children”

http://www.myfoxla.com/dpp/news/local/Flashes_of_Hope_Bringing_Joy_to_Children_20090527

Media Examines Risks of Dowager’s Hump

Reuters Health reported May 19 and the Los Angeles Times reported May 21 on new research led by Dr. Deborah Kado, assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery, linking hyperkyphosis, or “dowager’s hump,” in elderly white women with to a higher risk of earlier death. Published May 19 in the Annals of Internal Medicine, the study was also covered May 19 on The Doctor’s Channel and May 20 in the American College of Physicians’ “Hospitalist,” among others.

‘Dowager’s Hump’ May Bode Early Death”

http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2009/05/dowagers-hump-may-bode-early-death.html

“Spinal ‘Hump’ May Signal Mortality Risk”

<http://www.reutershealth.com/en/index.html>

“Hyperkyphosis Predicts Mortality in Women with Vertebral Fractures”

<http://www.thedoctorschannel.com/video/1918.html?specialty=17>

“Kyphosis, Fractures May Link to Increased Mortality in Older Women”

<http://www.acphospitalist.org/weekly/archives/2009/05/20/index.html>

New Stroke Guidelines Garner Wide Interest

The Associated Press, HealthDay News, Chicago Tribune and MedPage Today reported May 28 on new guidelines to expand the window of time that stroke patients can be treated with a clot-busting drug. Dr. Jeffrey Saver, director of the UCLA Stroke Center, and a member of the American Heart Association Stroke Council that wrote the guidelines, was quoted.

“Window for Stroke Treatment Opens Wider”

<http://health.usnews.com/articles/health/healthday/2009/05/28/window-for-stroke-treatment-opens-wider.html>

"Stroke Treatment Expanded to 4.5 Hours"

<http://newsblogs.chicagotribune.com/triage/2009/05/stroke-treatment-expanded-to-45-hours.html>

"Stroke Group Expands Time for Clot-Busting Drugs"

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5grPU3mRrbtPn_dmqMkxWSCeBj5AAD98FG2F00

"Post-Stroke Thrombolysis Window Expanded to 4.5 Hours"

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/Cardiology/Strokes/14414>

TIME Calculates Cost of Cutting Medical Residents' Hours

The May 22 edition of TIME magazine reported on a UCLA/RAND Corp. study that estimated the costs U.S. teaching hospitals would incur if they adopted recent Institute of Medicine recommendations to reduce medical residents' work hours. Dr. Teryl Nuckols, assistant professor of general internal medicine and health services research and a researcher at RAND, was quoted.

"Are Medical Residents Worked Too Hard?"

<http://www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,1900374,00.html>

California Papers Explore Heading to Mexico for Healthcare

A study by Steven Wallace, associate director of the Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, about the large number of Californians who cross the border to Mexico because they cannot afford rising U.S. healthcare costs, was covered May 27 in the Sacramento Bee, San Diego Union and Los Angeles Times health blog.

"Health Costs Send Many to Mexico, Study Finds"

<http://www.sacbee.com/topstories/story/1894013.html>

"Heading to Mexico for Healthcare"

http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2009/05/heading-to-mexico-for-healthcare-.html

Daily Breeze, Network Affiliates Explore Why Autism Strikes More Boys than Girls

A new UCLA study that identified a genetic variant linked to an increased risk for autism in boys was covered May 22 by the Daily Breeze. Lead author Dr. Stan Nelson, professor of human genetics at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, commented in the story. The finding was also covered May 19 - 22 by TV news affiliates of ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC in 23 markets, including San Diego, San Francisco, Chicago and Washington, D.C.

"UCLA Study Identifies Genetic Factor in Autism"

http://www.dailybreeze.com/lifeandculture/ci_12433280

UPI Scrutinizes Bigger Brains through Meditation

United Press International reported May 25 on brain-imaging research by Eileen Luders, a postdoctoral research fellow at the UCLA Lab of Neuro Imaging, that links regular meditation to a significant increase in the brain's gray matter.

"Meditation May Lead to a Bigger Brain"

http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2009/05/25/Meditation-may-lead-to-a-bigger-brain/UPI-54561243288701/

Fresno Bee Explains Managing Mommy Stress

A May 25 Fresno Bee article featured tips from Dr. Judith Orloff, assistant clinical professor of psychiatry, on how mothers can manage stress.

"Feeling Stressed? Six Tips for Managing"

<http://www.fresnobee.com/625/story/1424605.html>

Jewish Journal Highlights Doctor's Blog

The May 26 edition of the Los Angeles Jewish Journal featured a blog by Dr. Albert Fuchs, assistant clinical professor of medicine, about fewer medical students choosing to become primary care physicians.

"Torpedoing Primary Care"

http://www.jewishjournal.com/nicejewishdoctor/item/torpedoing_primary_care_20090526/

Pediatric ENT Pens Online Parenting Column

Dr. Nina Shapiro, associate professor of pediatric otolaryngology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, wrote a May 25 column for MomLogic.com about taking antibiotics for ear infections.
"The Ear Infection Controversy"

http://www.momlogic.com/2009/05/ear_infection_antibiotics.php

Expert Addresses How Cancer Affects Mate

The North American Press Syndicate and HealthNewsDigest.com carried stories about coping with an ill mate. Anne Coscarelli, director of the Simms-Mann/UCLA Center for Integrative Oncology at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, talked about her experiences helping couples cope.

"A Couple's Journey with Breast Cancer: Tips for Co-Survival"

<http://www.napsnet.com/articles/61481.html>

"Breast Cancer: Tips for Co-Survival"

<http://www.dentalplans.com/articles/42421/breast-cancer-tips-for-co-survival.html>

Bakersfield Media Feature Cancer Trial

The Bakersfield Californian and the Bakersfield ABC-affiliate ran May 22 stories featuring a UCLA Jonsson Cancer Center study offered at an affiliated Bakersfield cancer clinic.

"Cancer Researchers in Bakersfield Seek Volunteers"

<http://www.turnto23.com/news/19543213/detail.html>

WSJ Investigates Conflict of Interest

The Wall Street Journal, Inside Higher Ed and United Press International reported May 28 that congressional investigators are examining a UCLA surgeon's external income records for disclosure of payments from medical-device companies.

"UCLA Surgeon Didn't Report Payments"

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124348007018961469.html>

"Quick Takes: Companies' Payments to UCLA Researcher under U.S. Scrutiny"

http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/05/28/qt/companies_payments_to_ucla_researcher_under_u_s_scrutiny

"Surgeon Accused of Not Reporting Payments"

http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2009/05/28/Surgeon-accused-of-not-reporting-payments/UPI-90041243530634/

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A May 21 Associated Press article about the "Lifechangers" medical segments on the NBC "Extra" program highlighted the recurring role of Dr. Neil Martin, chair of neurosurgery.

"Rx for 'Extra': Health Reports, Celebrity Scoops"

<http://www.sacbee.com/977/story/1883207.html>

Dr. Michael Mah, assistant clinical professor of pediatric neonatology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was cited in a May 22 Acorn News article about UCLA physicians overseeing the daily operations of Simi Valley Hospital's new Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

"UCLA Doctors Will Head Up Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Simi Hospital"

http://www.moorparkacorn.com/news/2009/0522/health_and_wellness/021.html

The May 21 Santa Monica Mirror published a story and photo about the opening of the new Renee and Meyer Luskin Children's Clinic across the street from Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital. The clinic will improve access to pediatric orthopaedic care in the Westside.

"Children's Orthopaedic Hospital Opens in Santa Monica"

<http://www.smmirror.com/MainPages/DisplayArticleDetails.asp?eid=10219>

Oncology Nursing News on May 26 cited a program for cancer survivors offered through the UCLA-LIVESTRONG Survivorship Center of Excellence at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"Survivorship Care Programs Are Blossoming Across the Country"

<http://www.oncologynursingnews.com/Survivorship-Care-Programs-Are-Blossoming-Across-the-Country/article/137363/>

QUOTABLES

Dr. Peter Butler, director of the Larry L. Hillblom Islet Research Center, was quoted May 28 in a Los Angeles Times article about Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor, who has Type 1 diabetes. "Diabetes Shouldn't Affect Sotomayor's Ability to Serve on Supreme Court"
<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-sci-sotomayor-diabetes28-2009may28.0.380666.story?track=rss>

Mary-Frances O'Connor, assistant professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was quoted in a May 25 Oklahoman article about how people use the Internet to express grief over the loss of a loved one. "Grieving Goes Digital"
<http://newsok.com/grieving-goes-digital/article/3371863>

Dr. David Reuben, chief of geriatrics, commented May 21 in a KQED radio "Health Dialogues" report on the shortage of geriatricians in the state
"Health Dialogues: Aging Well"
<http://www.kqed.org/epArchive/R905212000/>

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