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N.Y. Times Explores Menopause's Effect on Memory

The New York Times reported June 2 on a study led by Dr. Gail Greendale, professor of geriatrics, finding that women's ability to learn and remember is diminished during perimenopause. The study was also cited June 1 in the Dubuque (Iowa) Telegraph Herald.

"Aging: Menopause Slows the Brain, Temporarily"

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/02/health/research/02agin.html?ref=science>

"A Month of Studies"

<http://www.thonline.com/article.cfm?id=244945>

Human Trafficking Conference Draws Spanish Headlines

EFE News, Telemundo, KMEX-Channel 34, KCRA-Channel 52 and KWHY-Channel 22 reported May 29 on a conference, organized by the Iris Cantor-UCLA Women's Health Center, showing a link between the economic crisis and increase in reports of human trafficking. The EFE News story ran May 29 in Yahoo! News (Español) and May 30 in La Opinión.

"Aumenta Cifra de Inmigrantes Esclavos"

<http://www.impre.com/laopinion/noticias/la-california/2009/5/30/aumenta-cifra-de-inmigrantes-e-127453-1.html>

Reuters Reports on Childhood Brain Injuries

Reuters reported May 29 on research by Talin Babikian, a postdoctoral fellow in psychiatry, and Robert Asarnow, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, finding that children and adolescents who have suffered traumatic brain injury tend to fall behind their peers in general intellectual functioning and brain processing speed.

"Effects of Child Head Injuries Can Last for Years"

http://extratv.warnerbros.com/2009/06/vaccine_for_brain_cancer.php

NBC's Extra Features Brain Vaccine Expert

Dr. Linda Liao, professor of neurosurgery, was featured in a June 1 segment on NBC's "Extra" about her research into a possible vaccine for brain cancer.

"Vaccine for Brain Cancer?"

http://extratv.warnerbros.com/2009/06/vaccine_for_brain_cancer.php

Forbes Explores PTSD in Cancer Survivors

The June 1 issue of Forbes magazine featured research by Dr. Margaret Stuber, professor of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences, that found that survivors of childhood cancers suffer from post traumatic stress disorder years after treatment.

"Many Childhood Cancer Survivors Not Checking for Second Malignancies"

<http://www.forbes.com/feeds/hscout/2009/06/01/hscout627656.html>

Fox News Investigates Rise in Animal Activism

Fox News ran a June 3 story about the significant rise over the past 18 months of criminal actions undertaken in the name of animal rights, according to data compiled by the Foundation for Biomedical Research, an advocacy group for researchers. David Jentsch, professor of psychology, and Dario Ringach, professor of neurobiology and psychology, commented.

"Animal Rights Terrorism on the Rise in U.S."

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,525039,00.html>

Australian TV Examines How Flu Turns into Pneumonia

The Australian Broadcasting Corp. reported June 2 on research by Dr. Jane Deng, assistant professor of medicine, division of pulmonary and critical care medicine, finding that influenza patients develop pneumonia as a result of a secondary bacterial infection.

"Flu Causes Immune System Paradox"

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/06/02/2587325.htm>

AMA Addresses the Cost of Cutting Residents' Hours

American Medical News reported June 1 on a study led by Dr. Teryl Nuckols, assistant professor of general internal medicine and health services research, finding that limiting medical residents' work hours could cost the nation's teaching hospitals \$1.6 billion per year.

"More Cuts in Resident Hours Could be Costly"

<http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2009/06/01/prsb0601.htm>

Nature Publication Explores How the Body Limits Chronic Infection

The harnessing of the molecule interleukin-21, or IL-21, to boost the immune system's fight against cancer and viruses like HIV was profiled in the May 28 issue of SciBx, an online Nature publication for research and business. The article profiled a recent Science study by David Brooks, assistant professor

of microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics, that examined IL-21's role in helping the immune system keep chronic infection in check.

"IL-21 Goes Antiviral"

<http://www.nature.com/scibx/journal/v2/n21/full/scibx.2009.857.html>

Science Outlet Covers Genetic Testing for Eye Cancer

A UCLA study by Dr. Tara McCannel, co-director of the UCLA Jules Stein Eye Institute's Ophthalmic Oncology Center, and Annette Stanton, professor of psychology, psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences, finding that eye cancer patients want to know their genetic risk for metastasis, regardless of whether or not treatment is available to help them, was covered June 2 by the online news magazine, GenomeWeb. "Study Suggests Eye Cancer Patients Favor Use of Prognostic Test"

<http://www.genomeweb.com/dxpgx/study-suggests-eye-cancer-patients-favor-use-prognostic-test>

LABJ Looks at Acquisition of 100 Med Plaza Building

The June 1 Los Angeles Business Journal covered the acquisition of the 100 Medical Plaza building for \$42.3 million by the University of California, which agreed to buy the building from Held Properties Inc., and its partner, Jones & Jones. The deal is expected to close in early June.

"UCLA Medical Building Draws Healthy Price"

http://www.labusinessjournal.com/archive_article.asp?aID=62809753.1399652.1788306.5739208.426778.1.841&aID2=137553

Military Magazine Features Work to Develop Herceptin

The work of Dr. Dennis Slamon to develop the breast-cancer drug Herceptin was highlighted in a June 3 story on cancer research in Military Medical Technology magazine. He is director of clinical/translational research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"Putting the Risk Back into Research"

<http://www.military-medical-technology.com/mmt-archives/115-mmt-2009-volume-13-issue-2/1053-putting-the-risk-back-into-research.html>

Trade Publication Highlights Pomegranate Study

A study by Dr. Allan Pantuck, associate professor of urology and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Cancer Center researcher, showing that pomegranate juice slows prostate cancer progression was featured May 28 in Renal and Urology News.

"Pomegranate Juice May Help Prostate Cancer Patients"

<http://www.renalurologynews.com/Pomegranate-Juice-May-Help-Prostate-Cancer-Patients/article/137622/>

HealthDay, Asian News Cover Mice Engineered With Resistance to Obesity

HealthDay News and Asian News International on June 3 reported on a study in which researchers at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and the UCLA Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science engineered a new metabolic pathway in mice that increased fatty acid metabolism and resulted in resistance to diet-induced obesity. Lead researchers James Liao, professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering, and Dr. Katrina Dipple, associate professor of human genetics and pediatrics, were quoted.

"Making Obese Mice Slim, Without Diet or Exercise"

<http://health.usnews.com/articles/health/healthday/2009/06/03/making-obese-mice-slim-without-diet-or-exercise.html>

"Mice Become Super Fat Burners Upon Inserting Molecular Shunt into their Livers"

http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/health/mice-become-super-fat-burners-upon-inserting-molecular-shunt-into-their-livers_100200183.html

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Dr. John Mazziotta, chair of neurology, was cited in a June 2 Los Angeles Times story about a movie special-effects expert who created a "flight" through the brain. Mazziotta was a project consultant.

"Edward Norton's Brain, Up Close and Personal"

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/herocomplex/2009/06/edward-nortons-brain-up-close-and-personal-.html>

The May 28 Argonaut cited a “Local Hero” award presented to Jean Kelly, a volunteer at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, for her work in protecting seniors from fraudulent scams. “Jean Kelly Honored for Her Work Helping Seniors Avoid Fraud”

http://www.argonautnewspaper.com/articles/2009/05/28/news_-_features/santa_monica/2sm.txt

A letter by Dr. Andrew Drexler, director of the Gonda Diabetes Center, was cited May 28 by the Huffington Post and May 29 by Slate and Scientific American on the health of Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor, who has Type 1 diabetes. Drexler is the jurist’s physician.

“Sotomayor’s Doctor Says Her Diabetes a Non-Issue”

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2009/05/28/sotomayors-doctor-says-he_n_208703.html

“What is Hemoglobin A1c?”

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=what-is-hemoglobin-a1c>

“Sweet Justice”

<http://www.slate.com/id/2219373/>

QUOTABLES

Dr. Lin Chang, professor of digestive diseases and co-director of the UCLA Center for Neurovisceral Sciences and Women’s Health, commented in the June edition of Good Housekeeping about irritable bowel syndrome.

“Treatments and Remedies to Ease Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS)”

<http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/health/diseases/ibs-natural-treatment>

Marco Iacoboni, professor-in-residence of psychiatry and director of the Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Lab at UCLA’s Ahmanson–Lovelace Brain Mapping Center, was quoted May 26 in the New Scientist about the role of “mirror neurons” in the brain.

“Role of Mirror Neurons May Need a Rethink”

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn17192-role-of-mirror-neurons-may-need-a-rethink.html>

Dr. Donald Kohn, professor of microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics and a researcher with the Jonsson Cancer Center and Broad Stem Cell Research Center, was quoted May 21 in Forbes about patients who go abroad to seek stem-cell medical treatments.

“Medical Tourism’s Most Distant Outposts”

<http://www.forbes.com/2009/05/21/stem-cell-parkinson-entrepreneurs-technology-tourism.html>

Dr. Alison Moore, associate professor of geriatrics, was quoted June 1 in the Mansfield (Ohio) News Journal about recent studies that explored the benefits and hazards of drinking alcohol.

“Well-being: Studies Distill New Health Info About Alcohol Use”

<http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/article/20090601/LIFESTYLE/906010302>

Steve Peckman, associate director of the Eli and Edythe Broad Center of Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research at UCLA, was quoted May 31 in the California Stem Cell Report on stem cell research progress. Dr. Meeyro Choe, 32, a pediatric fellow, and UCLA researcher Nick Orozco, also were quoted.

“Hope and Disillusion”

<http://californiastemcellreport.blogspot.com/2009/05/research-perspective-from-cirm-scholar.html>

Dr. Antoni Ribas, associate professor of hematology/oncology and a researcher at UCLA’s Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, was quoted June 1 in Forbes about a clinical trial for an experimental melanoma drug.

“Help for Deadly Melanoma?”

<http://www.forbes.com/2009/06/01/roche-plexxikon-cancer-plx4032-business-healthcare-melanoma.html?partner=moreover>

Dr. Gary Small, Parlow–Solomon Professor on Aging and a professor at the Semel Institute, commented June 2 in USA Today about the impact of technology on teenagers and in a London Times article about how an overabundance of news and entertainment can cause stress on the brain.

“Dumbest Generation?’ Professor Blames Technology”

http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/2009-06-03-dumbest-generation_N.htm

“Warning: Brain Overload”

http://women.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/women/the_way_we_live/article6409208.ece

Annette Stanton, professor of psychology and psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences and a researcher at UCLA’s Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, was quoted May 31 in the New Straits Times (Malaysia) about the lack of breast-cancer screening being linked to mortality.

Dr. Zev Wainberg, clinical assistant professor of hematology/oncology and a researcher at UCLA’s Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, was quoted May 22 on LifeScript.com about anal cancer.

“Anal Cancer: Top 10 Questions Answered”

http://www.lifescrypt.com/Health/Conditions/Cancer/Anal_Cancer_Top_10_Questions_Answered.aspx

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