



**UCLA HEALTH SCIENCES MEDIA REPORT**  
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A new UCLA study that used E. coli to help genetically engineered mice convert fat into carbon dioxide was covered in the June issue of Popular Science, June 8 by MIT's Technology Review and United Press International, June 2 by Asian News International, and June 9 by Miller-McCune.com. Dr. Katrina Dipple, associate professor of human genetics, was quoted.

"Genetically Engineered Mice Can't Get Fat"

<http://www.popsci.com/scitech/article/2009-06/genetically-engineering-mouse-cant-get-fat>

"Scientists Create New Way to Treat Obesity"

[http://www.upi.com/Science\\_News/2009/06/08/UPI-NewsTrack-Health-and-Science-News/UPI-40911244497440/](http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2009/06/08/UPI-NewsTrack-Health-and-Science-News/UPI-40911244497440/)

"Burning Fat with E Coli's Help"

<http://www.miller-mccune.com/mice/burning-fat-with-e-coli-s-help-1299>

### **Canadian Press Profiles Kidney Exchange Program**

The June 5 Calgary Herald profiled Dr. Jeffrey Veale, assistant professor of urology and director of UCLA's donor exchange program, who helped establish one of the first living-donor kidney-exchange programs. The Canadian Broadcasting Corp. and Canadian Press reported June 4 on Veale and UCLA's organ exchange program. Veale, who was awarded the University of Calgary's 2009 Graduate of the Last Decade Award, was quoted in the coverage.

"Transplant Doctor Named Top U of C Grad"

<http://www.calgaryherald.com/Health/Transplant+doctor+named+grad/1665409/story.html>

"Kidney Chain that Pays It Forward Could Help Thousands: Doctor"

<http://www.cbc.ca/health/story/2009/06/04/calgary-kidney-chain-transplants-veale-registry.html>

"Canada and U.S. Should Share Kidney List to Help Donations: Doctor"

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5ipikjRywul5Oy90Na-g3nrzPtWTg>

### **KTTV, Daily News, Examine Extent of Freeway Air Pollution**

KTTV-Channel 11 and the Santa Monica Daily Press reported June 11, and the Los Angeles Daily Breeze reported June 10 on a study led by Arthur Winer, professor of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health, that found harmful air pollutants from Interstate 10 in Santa Monica as far as 1.5 miles downwind, some 10 times further than previously measured.

"Study Claims L.A. Pollution Worst in Morning"

[http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci\\_12563226](http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci_12563226)

"Pollution Linger Near I10 Freeway"

[http://www.smdp.com/Articles-c-2009-06-10-59982.113116\\_Pollution\\_lingers\\_near\\_I10\\_Freeway.html#print](http://www.smdp.com/Articles-c-2009-06-10-59982.113116_Pollution_lingers_near_I10_Freeway.html#print)

### **HealthDay, MedPage Today Explore Quality of Life Study**

A study by UCLA urologist Dr. John Gore and Dr. Mark Litwin, a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, about quality of life in former prostate-cancer patients was featured June 11 by Modern Medicine and June 10 by HealthDay News, BreastCancer.net, CancerFacts.com, PhysOrg.com, Science Centric and MedPage Today. The HealthDay report appeared on the Web editions of U.S. News & World Report, MSN Health & Fitness, Forbes, the Austin American-Statesman and Atlanta Journal Constitution.

"Quality of Life Might Help Decide Between Prostate Cancer Therapies"

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/HematologyOncology/ProstateCancer/14625>

"Cancer Diagnosis May Tax Physical, Mental Health"

<http://healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=627862>

"Two Studies Find Patients have Lower Health-related Quality of Life after Cancer"

<http://www.physorg.com/news163823206.html>

### **CBS Early Show Spotlights Memory Expert**

Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging and a professor with the Semel Institute, appeared June 8 in a CBS Early Morning Show segment about brain fitness. He described his research showing that Internet searches trigger key centers in the brain. The story aired on more than 30 CBS affiliates nationwide.

"Brain Boot Camp Helps Keep Memory in Shape"

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/06/08/earlyshow/health/main5073256.shtml>

### **Magazine Lauds UCLA Health System, Latino Health Efforts**

The June 8 Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education showcased the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and profiled 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. Hayes-Bautista and Dr. Gerald S. Levey, UCLA vice chancellor for medical sciences and dean of the David Geffen School of Medicine, were quoted. Dr. Patrick Dowling, chair of family medicine and co-founder of UCLA's International Medical Graduate program, was cited.

"UCLA: A Top-notch Medical School with Heart"

[www.uclahealth.org/workfiles/documents/media/Hispanic-Outlook-in-Higher-Ed-6-09.pdf](http://www.uclahealth.org/workfiles/documents/media/Hispanic-Outlook-in-Higher-Ed-6-09.pdf)

### **Sentencing of Body-part Thief Draws Headlines**

The sentencing of Ernest Nelson, who was convicted for selling body parts stolen from the UCLA Donated Body Program for profit, was reported June 11 by Associated Press, KNBC-Channel 4 and many other news outlets nationwide.

"Human Body Parts Supplier Gets 10 Years"

<http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Cadaver-Body-Parts-Supplier-Gets-10-Years.html>

"10-year Sentence in LA Body Parts Trafficking"

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5h2IOmMzSRIEdPMBAqJchtd8JbngD98OPH7O4>

### **Business Journal Notes UCLA Stem Cell Grants**

The Long Beach Business Journal reported June 9 that the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine has awarded UCLA 25 grants worth \$62.5 million for stem cell research since 2005. Dr. Gerald S. Levey, UCLA vice chancellor for medical sciences and dean of the David Geffen School of Medicine, was quoted.

"California Institute of Regenerative Medicine Funds Stem Cell Research"

<http://www.lbbj.com/story.php?id=12>

### **KPCC Explores Latest Advances in Traumatic Brain Injury**

A June 8 news segment by NPR-affiliate KPCC 89.3 FM highlighted a UCLA Brain Injury Research Center symposium that presented an overview of traumatic brain injury (TBI). Dr. Neil Martin, chair of neurosurgery, was interviewed in a follow-up June 9 story about the latest TBI research.

### **WebMD Scrutinizes How Children Suffer in Bad Marriages**

WebMD reported May 5 on a study by the California Center for Population Research, which is affiliated with the School of Public Health. The research found that children from homes where parents bicker frequently were more likely to binge drink, smoke and perform poorly in school than children from low-conflict families.

"Bad Marriages Take a Toll on Kids"

<http://www.webmd.com/parenting/news/20090605/bad-marriages-take-a-toll-on-kids>

### **JAMA Reports on Heart-failure Care**

The Journal of the American Medical Association ran a June 10 article about improving outcomes for heart-failure treatment. Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, was quoted, and the piece cited his research about variations in U.S. hospital heart-failure treatment.

"Researchers Say Efforts Still Fall Short in Improving Heart Failure Outcomes"

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/301/22/2317>

### **Valley Paper Highlights Neurosurgeon/Patient Reunion**

The San Gabriel Valley Tribune reported June 8 on a reunion between Dr. Gary Mathern, professor of neurosurgery at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, and his former pediatric patients who underwent hemispherectomy, an operation in which half the brain is removed to treat severe epilepsy.

"Hemispherectomy Patients Gather for Fun and Support"

[http://www.sgvtribune.com/news/ci\\_12549505](http://www.sgvtribune.com/news/ci_12549505)

### **Online Trades Spotlight Genetic Testing for Cancer Patients**

Ocular Surgery News and Genome Web reported June 5 and June 2, respectively, on a new study by Dr. Tara McCannel, co-director of the ophthalmic oncology center at the Jules Stein Eye Institute, showing

that cancer patients want to know their metastasis risk, even without available treatments. The Journal of Genetic Counseling published the findings.

“Survey: Most Ocular Cancer Patients Want Prognosis for Metastasis Risk”

<http://www.osnsupersite.com/view.aspx?rid=40636>

“Study Suggests Eye Cancer Patients Favor Use of Prognostic Test”

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

### **Zoo Magazine Features UCLA Cardiologist**

The summer issue of “Zoo View,” a magazine published by the Los Angeles Zoo, profiled UCLA cardiologist Dr. Barbara Natterson-Horowitz and her work providing heart-imaging services and cardiac care to zoo animals. Dr. Aman Mahajan, professor of clinical anesthesiology, was also cited in the article as a member of the team who works with the animals.

“Heart to Heart”

<http://www.uclahealth.org/workfiles/documents/media/ZooView-Natterson.pdf>

### **Geriatrician Pens Column on ABCs of Vitamin-D Deficiency**

Dr. James Davis, staff geriatrician and clinical professor of medicine, authored a column for the June 11 Santa Monica Mirror about the continuing problem of vitamin-D deficiency, especially among the elderly.

“Are You Vitamin-D Deficient?”

<http://www.smmirror.com/MainPages/DisplayArticleDetails.asp?eid=10357>

### **USA Today Focuses on How Meditation Benefits Kids and Adults**

An article in the June 8 edition of USA Today about the growing popularity of meditation highlighted brain-imaging research led by Eileen Luders, a postdoctoral research fellow at the UCLA Laboratory of Neuro Imaging, suggesting that regular meditation may lead to a significant increase in the brain's gray matter. Luders was cited. The article also highlighted research by Susan Smalley, a UCLA professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and a member of the Center for Neurobehavioral Genetics, on meditation's effect on schoolchildren. Smalley was quoted.

“Mindfulness' Meditation Being Used in Hospitals and Schools”

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2009-06-07-meditate\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2009-06-07-meditate_N.htm)

## **BRIEFS**

The Associated Press reported June 10 that UCLA Health System was one of only five sites nationwide chosen to provide specialized orthopaedic spine services to retired National Football League players. ESPN.com posted the AP report.

“NFL Creates Spine Treatment for Retirees”

<http://sports.espn.go.com/nfl/news/story?id=4249202>

A June 7 article in The Signal (Santa Clarita Valley) profiled a woman with impaired vision due to retinitis pigmentosa who is participating in a clinical trial at the Jules Stein Eye Institute at UCLA.

“‘Seeing the Light’ through Visually Impaired Services”

<http://www.the-signal.com/news/article/14173/>

The Canyon News on June 6 featured a story about UCLA athletes who donate their time visiting children at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA.

“Keeping It Bruin: A Look into UCLA Athletics”

[http://www.canyon-news.com/artman2/publish/Sports\\_1138/Keeping\\_It\\_Bruin\\_A\\_Look\\_Into\\_UCLA\\_Athletics\\_June\\_7.php](http://www.canyon-news.com/artman2/publish/Sports_1138/Keeping_It_Bruin_A_Look_Into_UCLA_Athletics_June_7.php)

The Daily Breeze on June 6 cited the UCLA-Livestrong Survivorship Center of Excellence in a story about local services available for cancer survivors.

“A Time to Cheer Cancer Survivors”

[http://www.dailybreeze.com/opinions/ci\\_12537058](http://www.dailybreeze.com/opinions/ci_12537058)

## **QUOTABLES**

Suzette Cardin, assistant dean of student affairs at the UCLA School of Nursing, commented June 7 in a Los Angeles Daily News story about the 1986 murder of a Glendale nursing unit director.

"LAPD Detective Arrested in '86 Slaying of Her Ex-boyfriend's Wife"

[http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci\\_12532996](http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_12532996)

Dr. Richard Frieder, clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology and a staff obstetrician-gynecologist at Santa Monica–UCLA Medical Center, was quoted Tuesday in a June 9 HealthDay News article about the use of acupuncture to relieve heartburn and indigestion in pregnant women.

"Acupuncture May Relieve Heartburn in Pregnancy"

<http://health.usnews.com/articles/health/healthday/2009/06/09/acupuncture-may-relieve-heartburn-in-pregnancy.html>

Dr. Randolph Hecht, director of the gastrointestinal oncology program and a member of the Jonsson Cancer Center, commented on a cancer medical website (this week) about the prevention and treatment of colon cancer.

"How to Prevent Colon Cancer"

<http://cancer.lfie.net/how-to-prevent-colon-cancer-2/>

Dr. Jenny Kim, associate professor of medicine, division of dermatology, commented in a June 1 Oprah.com article about skincare myths.

"Nine Skincare Myths"

[http://www.oprah.com/article/style/skinandbody/20080601\\_partners\\_webmd\\_skinmyths](http://www.oprah.com/article/style/skinandbody/20080601_partners_webmd_skinmyths)

Dr. Michael Lu, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, was quoted June 9 in Modern Medicine about new guidelines on gestational weight gain from the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council.

"Obesity Considered in New Gestational Weight Gain Guidelines"

<http://www.modernmedicine.com/modernmedicine/Modern+Medicine+Conference+News/ADA-2009-Obesity-considered-in-new-gestational-wei/ArticleStandard/Article/detail/602241?contextCategoryId=40137>

Emanuel Maidenberg, clinical coordinator for the Anxiety Disorders Program at the Semel Institute, was quoted in the June 7 Los Angeles Times about the reasons why some patients lie to their doctors.

"Body of Lies: Patients aren't 100% Honest with Doctors"

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-lying8-2009jun08,0,2605423.story>

Dr. William McBride, UCLA professor of radiation oncology, was quoted in a June 6 Los Angeles Times article about the benefits of using farm animals for biomedical research.

"This Little Piggie Went to the Science Lab"

<http://www.latimes.com/news/science/la-sci-farm-animals6-2009jun06,0,4389934.story>

Istvan Molnar-Szakacs, a researcher at the Tennenbaum Center for the Biology of Creativity at the Semel Institute, was quoted June 10 in an MSN.com article about little known brain facts.

"7 Weird-but-True Facts about the Human Brain"

<http://health.msn.com/health-topics/articlepage.aspx?cp-documentid=100239845>

Dr. Stanley Nelson, professor of human genetics, commented June 10 in the Baltimore Sun about a new study of pregnant women that will evaluate early genetic and environmental factors for autism.

"Md. Researchers Joining Major Study on Causes of Autism"

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/health/bal-md.autism10jun10,0,469078.story>

Dr. Marc Nuwer, professor of clinical neurology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, commented June 10 in a Newsday story about a provision in a federal healthcare bill that would allow children to remain on their parents' insurance until age 26.

"Federal Health Insurance Plan Targets Young Adults"

<http://www.newsday.com/news/printedition/nation/ny-usage1112866634jun10.0.7765537.story>

Thomas Rice, vice chancellor for academic personnel and professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was quoted June 5 in HealthDay News about senior citizens who find it difficult to select an appropriate Medicare drug-coverage plan.

"Data Overload May Complicate Insurance Choices"

<http://health.usnews.com/articles/health/healthday/2009/06/05/data-overload-may-complicate-insurance-choices.html>

Dr. Nina Shapiro, director of pediatric otolaryngology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was quoted June 8 in a CBS News story about sleep disorders in children.

"Study: Many Kids Not Getting their Zzzzs"

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/06/08/earlyshow/health/main5071356.shtml>

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.

"Dumbest Generation?' Professor Blames Technology"

[http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/2009-06-03-dumbest-generation\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/2009-06-03-dumbest-generation_N.htm)

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