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**Off the Streets and Into the O.R.**

The [Los Angeles Times](#) published a June 13 profile of Dr. James Maciel, who overcame poverty, gang ties, a juvenile crime record and teen fatherhood in his quest to become a physician. He aims to treat the underprivileged and serve as a role model to young people trapped in gang life. Maciel graduated June 5 from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA with a dual M.D.-MPH degree and began his residency in general surgery this month at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

### **Media Note Immediate, Troublesome Effects of Sleep Deprivation**

Research by Dr. Judith Carroll into the deleterious effects of even a single night of sleep deprivation was featured in the June 11 [Huffington Post](#), June 13 [WTOP-DC](#) (Washington D.C.), June 13 [KYW-AM](#) (Philadelphia, Pa.) and 39 other media outlets across the country. Carroll is an assistant professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and a researcher at the Cousins Center for Psychoneuroimmunology.

### **LA Marathon Cardiac Arrest Survivor Reunites with Medical Team**

[The Patch](#), [KABC-Channel 7](#), [KTLA-Channel 5](#), [KTXL-TV](#) (Sacramento), [Health Canal](#), [Westside Today](#) and [City News Service](#) June 4 covered the reunion between a 61-year old L.A. Marathon runner who collapsed in cardiac arrest at mile 22 and members of the UCLA medical team and Los Angeles Fire Department medical personnel who cared for him. Dr. Olcay Aksoy, clinical instructor of medicine in the division of cardiology, and Dr. Mark Morocco, clinical professor of emergency medicine, both with the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, took part in the event.

### **Grant Will Provide Mental Health Services for Wounded Warriors**

UCLA Operation Mend was cited June 17 in a [Military Times](#) article about a new grant from Wounded Warrior Project that will create a multi-site network to offer mental health services for wounded warriors. UCLA Chancellor Gene Block was quoted.

### **OC Paper Notes Possible Link between Chronic Pain and Mood**

Research co-authored by Dr. Chris Evans, professor of psychiatry and director of the Brain Research Institute, regarding a mouse study showing a possible biological link between mental and physical pain, was featured in a June 15 [Orange County Register](#) article. The study found that chronic pain causes inflammation in regions of the brain that deal with reward and motivation, causing a greater susceptibility to mood disorders.

### **Cocaine Could Boost HIV Infection Risk**

[Examiner.com](#) and [MedicalXpress](#) reported June 18 on research led by Dr. Dimitrios Vatakis, assistant professor of medicine in the division of hematology/oncology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and director of the UCLA/CFAR Virology Core Laboratory offering further evidence that cocaine use disrupts the immune system, making people who use it more likely to become infected with HIV. The new study builds on previous research from Vatakis and others.

### **Internist Pens Op-ed on Tobacco Cessation**

Dr. Michael Ong, associate professor in residence of medicine in the division of general internal medicine and health services research, published a June 15 [JAMA Internal Medicine](#) commentary about a study in the same journal suggesting that almost half of 346,000 deaths from 12 cancers among U.S. adults in one year are attributed to cigarette smoking. Ong's piece suggested that more can be done to help people quit smoking. The op-ed was cited in a June 15 [CBC News](#) article about the study.

### **Paid Leave for New Fathers**

Dr. Jody Heymann, dean of the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, and the WORLD Policy Analysis Center contributed a June 15 opinion piece to the [Huffington Post](#) about the importance of paid paternity leave.

### **Huffington Post Hails UCLA-Produced Documentary on Autism and Romance**

Dr. Ira Heilveil, a clinical professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was highlighted in a June 11 [Huffington Post](#) article about the first annual Mammoth Lakes Film Festival, where a documentary that he produced received the jury award for the best documentary. Hailed as "a tremendous piece of work," "Autism in Love" follows four people on various points along the autism spectrum to observe how they manage intimate relationships.

### **Consumer Gap in Heart Failure Knowledge**

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, commented in a number of outlets about a national survey showing a large gap in Americans' knowledge about heart failure, even though six million have the condition. He was quoted June 16 in [HealthDay News](#), [Newsmax](#), [MedicalXpress](#), [Consumer Affairs](#), [MedPage Today](#), [Philly.com](#), [Doctor's Lounge](#), [U.S. News & World Report](#), [Health Canal](#) and many others.

### **UCLA Medical Group Once Again Earns Highest Rating**

[Examiner.com](#) June 15 noted that the [UCLA Medical Group](#) has once again earned the highest rating possible in an annual Standards of Excellence survey conducted by CAPG, which is an association representing physician organizations in 38 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. The UCLA Medical Group received a five star rating in the CAPG report. The ratings are based on a healthcare system's capability of delivering a better patient experience and better population health, as well as overall affordability. Dr. Samuel A. Skootsky, chief medical officer of the UCLA Faculty Practice and Medical Group, was quoted.

### **What it's Like to Live with Half a Brain**

[Motherboard](#) featured June 12 an article about what it is like to live with part, or half, of a brain due to injury or surgery. Dr. Gary Mathern, a professor of pediatric neurosurgery, who has performed many hemispherectomy surgeries on children with untreatable epilepsy, was interviewed.

### **Movies Help Kids Get through Hospital Stay**

NBC's [Today Show](#) featured June 15 a story on a nonprofit organization called Kid Flicks that donates DVD movies to children's hospitals. Kellye Carroll, director of the Chase Child Life program at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was interviewed. The story also featured several young UCLA patients who spoke about how movies help them cope with having to be in the hospital.

### **Improving Transition of Care**

Dr. Alice Kuo, associate director of the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities, and an associate professor of internal medicine and pediatrics at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was interviewed in the June issue of [Infectious Diseases in Children](#) on the topic of transitioning from pediatric to adult care for patients with developmental disabilities.

### **Unearthing Growth Factor-Free Bone Regeneration**

The June issue of [Plastic Surgery News](#) profiled Dr. Justine Lee, assistant professor of plastic and reconstructive surgery, and described research she is conducting on the study of engineered human bone.

### **Paper Notes Professor's Retirement**

The upcoming retirement of Dr. Marjorie Kagawa-Singer, professor of community health sciences at the UCLA Fielding School and Asian American studies, was featured in a June 11 article on [The Rafu Shimpo](#), which cited her decades-long work with Asian American communities to reduce cancer health disparities by engaging them on both sides of education, training and research.

## **BRIEFS**

A UCLA Health program starting in the Conejo Valley was featured in [The Acorn](#) June 18. The program, "Walk with a Doc," promotes community wellness through monthly walks led by UCLA Health physicians.

Dr. Deanna Attai, UCLA breast surgeon based in Burbank and assistant clinical professor, was mentioned in a June 12 [OncoLive.com](#) article on a new study examining physicians' use of social media.

Several articles on a new San Francisco law requiring sugary drinks to display health warnings cite UCLA Center for Health Policy Research findings that about 32 percent of children and teens in the city are either overweight or obese. The stories ran June 12 on [Yahoo! Finance Australia](#), [Cairns Post](#), [Herald](#)

Sun, [The Australian](#), [News.com.au](#), and [The Daily Telegraph](#) (Australia); June 14 in [The Telegraph](#) (Nashua); and June 16 on [Big Think](#).

Dr. Fred Zimmerman, professor of health policy and management at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was cited in a June 14 [MLive](#) article as an upcoming guest speaker for a lecture series on medical ethics at Grand Valley State University this fall.

Dr. Richard Jackson, professor of environmental health sciences at the Fielding School of Public Health, was cited in a June 15 [Forward Florida](#) magazine article as the inspiration for Jim Sellen, a Florida state city planner, who says public health is a priority when it comes to city engineering.

## QUOTABLES

Dr. George Bartzokis, a professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was quoted in a June 21 [IndiaToday.com](#) about different ways to keep your brain fit.

Dr. Timothy Fong, an associate clinical professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and the co-director of the UCLA Gambling Studies Program, was quoted in a piece on gambling addiction that aired June 15 on the nationally-syndicated news magazine [America Now](#).

Dr. Jeffrey Klausner, professor of medicine in the division of infectious diseases at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and of public health at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was quoted in a June 17 [KQED Science](#) story about a Planned Parenthood app that allows California users to order confidential chlamydia and gonorrhea home test kits.

Dr. Mark Morocco, clinical professor of emergency medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, commented in a June 15 [Today.com](#) story about secondary or dry drowning, a rare occurrence when the lungs become unable to extract oxygen from the air after an initial drowning or other adverse event.

Dr. Nina Shapiro, a professor of head and neck surgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and director of pediatric otolaryngology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was quoted June 17 in a [Prevention Magazine](#) article describing exercises that may help reduce snoring.

Dr. Steven Wallace, chair of community health sciences at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was quoted in a June 15 [Los Angeles Times](#) article about the lack of incentive in California financial policies to provide healthcare to undocumented residents

Dr. Lorraine Young, clinical professor of medicine and co-chief of clinical services, division of dermatology, commented in a May 18 [Men's Health](#) online article on identifying, treating and preventing cold sores.

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