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### **Soldier Gets His Smile Back**

[ABC News' "Second Tour"](#) series featured a June 19 story of U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Jason March who underwent surgeries through the UCLA Operation Mend program to restore his smile after he suffered vascular damage from a sniper's bullet in the back of his head while serving in Iraq. One of his surgeons, Dr. Christopher Crisera, associate clinical professor of plastic and reconstructive surgery and co-medical director of the UCLA Operation Mend program, was interviewed. Operation Mend provides free medical services to military personnel injured in Iraq and Afghanistan.

### **Falls Prevention Clinical Trial Garneres Headlines**

An announcement that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) have launched clinical trial that includes UCLA to test individually tailored interventions to prevent fall-related injuries among older adults garnered wide media coverage, including June 6 in [Rehab Management](#); June 5 in the [Kaiser Health News](#), [Advance for LPNs](#), [AHA News](#), [FierceHealthcare](#), [KAUZ-TV](#) (Wichita Falls, Texas), [KFJX-TV](#) (Pittsburg, Kan.); June 4 in the [Atlanta Business Chronicle](#), [Bloomberg Businessweek](#), [All Things Palliative](#), [Freshnews.com](#), and many other outlets across the country. Dr. David Reuben, chief of the UCLA Division of Geriatrics, is one of the trial's three leaders.

### **Tisch Donates \$10 Million to UCLA BrainSPORT Program**

The [Chronicle of Philanthropy](#) (subscription required) June 16, [Healio](#) June 13 and [San Diego Jewish World](#) June 9 reported on Steve Tisch's \$10 million donation to UCLA's Department of Neurosurgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine to expand the UCLA Steve Tisch BrainSPORT Program to research, prevent and treat sports concussions, especially in young athletes.

### **David Geffen Honored with UCLA Medal**

The presentation of the UCLA Medal, the university's highest honor, to entertainment mogul and philanthropist David Geffen at last month's David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA commencement ceremony was reported June 13 by the [Beverly Hills Courier](#). (Page 10).

### **Former Foster-Kid Chosen as David Geffen Medical Scholar**

[KABC-Channel 7](#) aired a May 30 profile of Festus Ohan, who grew up in foster care and recently graduated from UC Riverside. He will enter the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA this fall with all expenses paid, thanks to his selection as a David Geffen Medical Scholar. [The Root](#) and [Chicago Defender](#) covered the story on June 17.

### **Psychological Healing Central to Operation Mend Care**

The June edition of the [American Psychological Association](#) featured an article about how psychological healing is central to care at UCLA's Operation Mend program that provides medical and mental health services for wounded military service members. Operation Mend's psychological health care component includes prevention, intervention and treatment services for patients and their families. A team led by Dr. Patricia Lester, associate professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, medical director of the UCLA Child and Family Trauma Clinic and director of Project FOCUS, worked with Jo Sornborger, director of UCLA's Operation Mend Psychological Health Programs, to adapt a successful family resilience program,

[Families OverComing Under Stress \(FOCUS\)](#), for Operation Mend patients and their families. Lester and Sornborger were quoted.

### **Forbes Features UCLA Community Health Center Innovations**

Venice Family Clinic, part of UCLA Health System, was featured in May 23 [Forbes](#) article about its innovative design for a new children's health and wellness center, scheduled to open in 2015. The clinic partnered with design-thinking firm Innovationship and a team led by Roy Doumani at UCLA's Business of Science Center to address health care delivery challenges, increase efficiency and improve patient experience. The clinic's Chief Operations Officer Anita Zamora and Chief Development Officer Laney Kagan were cited in the coverage.

### **Redesigning the Well-Child Checkup**

[Infectious Diseases in Children](#), [Health Canal](#), [Science Daily](#), [Examiner.com](#), [redOrbit](#), [News-Medical.net](#), [Med India News](#), [MedicalXpress](#) and others reported June 16 that researchers developed a new design for preventive health care for children up to age 3 from low-income communities. The team partnered with two community pediatric practices and a multi-site community health center in greater Los Angeles. The findings were published in *Pediatrics*. The study's lead author, Dr. Tumaini Coker, an assistant professor of pediatrics at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA and a researcher with the hospital's UCLA Children's Discovery and Innovation Institute, was quoted.

### **Brain Reboot Study Highlighted**

[Science Blog](#), [Science Codex](#), [Examiner.com](#), [Scrubs Report](#), [Health News Digest](#) and [Science Daily](#) June 18, and [News-Medical.net](#), [Med India](#) and [Medical News Today](#) June 19 reported on a study by Dr. Andrew Hudson, an assistant professor of anesthesiology, that found the brain reboots itself back to consciousness after anesthesia.

### **Trades Report on Hospital Readmission Rate Study**

[Medscape](#) (subscription required), [Reuters Health](#) and [Medical Research.com](#) reported June 17 on a study showing that a tool to track hospital readmission rates developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services relies on administrative databases that often fail to indicate the real cause for readmission. The study suggests modifications to the tool and questions whether this data should be used to compare hospital performance and penalize hospitals. First author Dr. Greg Sacks, a resident in the division of general surgery in the department of surgery was quoted in the coverage. The study appeared this week in *JAMA Surgery*.

### **Linking Stem Cell Regulation to Lung Cancer Development**

[Bio-Medicine](#), [MedicalXpress](#), [Examiner.com](#) and [Medical News Today](#) June 19 reported on a study from UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and Broad Stem Cell Research Center in which scientists found a link between the way adult lung stem cells are regulated and the development of lung cancer. Dr. Brigitte Gomperts, associate professor of pediatric hematology-oncology and member of the cancer and stem cell centers, was quoted in the coverage.

### **Daily Breeze Father's Day Story Spotlights Santa Monica ED Director and Family**

Dr. Wally Ghurabi, medical director of the Nethercutt Emergency Center at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, was featured June 15 in the [Daily Breeze](#). The front-page article featured tributes from his wife and four children, three of whom followed their father's footsteps into the health-care field. Ghurabi was quoted as well.

### **Parkinson's Study Draws International Coverage**

[Desde La Plaza](#), [Muy Interesante](#), [Diario Panorama](#), [Genetica Medica](#), [La Red](#), [El Hospital](#), [Medi Magazine](#), [Med Special](#), [Medi Nova](#), [Ciencia](#), [News di Psicologia Sperimentale](#) and [Baidu](#) June 18 reported on a study by Dr. Ming Guo that discovered a new gene involved in Parkinson's disease. Guo is an associate professor of neurology and pharmacology.

### **Social Networking Study Grabs Headlines**

[Scrubs Report](#) and [Bayou Buzz](#) June 16, [MedicalXpress](#) and [Science Codex](#) June 17, and [Science Blog](#) and [redOrbit](#) June 18 reported on a study by Dr. Jim Hu that found that anonymous peer review through social networking helped residents improve their robotic surgery skills. Hu is UCLA's Henry E. Singleton Professor of Urology and director of robotic and minimally invasive surgery in the urology department at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

#### **Linda Sarna Appointed Acting Nursing School Dean**

The June 13 issue of [nurse.com](#) featured an article on the appointment of Linda Sarna, Lulu Wolf Hassenplug Endowed Chair at the UCLA School of Nursing, as acting dean.

#### **Nurse.com Highlights Nursing School Professor**

Deborah Koniak-Griffin, professor at the UCLA School of Nursing, was featured in a June 9 [Nurse.com](#) article profiling the finalists for the 2014 GEM (Giving Excellence Meaning) Awards. Koniak-Griffin was nominated for her exceptional role-modeling and enthusiasm for advancing the nursing profession.

#### **Huffington Post Highlights Social Media and HIV Prevention**

A June 12 [Huffington Post](#) story about a study suggesting a possible link between dating apps and risk for acquiring sexually transmitted infections also highlighted research led by Dr. Sean Young, assistant professor of family medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and co-director for the Center for Digital Behavior at UCLA, finding that Facebook and other social media could be useful tools in AIDS and STD prevention. Young was quoted.

#### **Smartphone App and STI Risk Study Featured on Cleveland Website**

A study conducted by researchers at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health was featured June 13 in [Cleveland.com](#). The study found that gay men who used smartphone applications to find a sexual partner were at higher risk of getting sexually transmitted infections than gay men who visited dating sites online or in clubs and bars.

#### **Local Paper Covers ICON Award Event**

[The Toluca Times](#) June 11 covered the UCLA Center for Longevity's ICON Award event held June 5 that honored UCLA Chancellor Emeritus and Professor Albert Carnesale and his wife Robin Carnesale; singer, songwriter and composer Randy Newman; Lockton Insurance Brokers President and CEO Timothy Noonan and film, stage and television actress Eva Marie Saint. Actor, comedian, author and musician Paul Reiser hosted the event and award-winning jazz guitarist Kenny Burrell performed. Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging and a professor of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences at the Semel Institute is the center's director and Louise Horvitz and Patricia Dunn Grey co-chaired the event.

#### **Chronicle of Philanthropy Highlights Venice Family Clinic Impact**

The [Chronicle of Philanthropy](#) June 17 highlighted fundraising best practices at UCLA-affiliated Venice Family Clinic, which used its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Venice Art Walk & Auctions event to help supporters understand the impact of their gifts. Guests raised nearly \$700,000 to fund health care for low-income, underserved families across Los Angeles.

#### **New Laser for Tattoo Removal Captures More Media Attention**

[KABC-Channel 7](#) June 16 featured a segment on the UCLA Dermatological Surgery and Laser Center's new laser, which removes tattoos more quickly and efficiently than traditional systems. Dr. Gary Lask, director of the center and clinical professor of medical dermatology, and one of his patients were interviewed for the story. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch's [website](#) also published a June 13 story about this laser. Lask and Dr. H. Ray Jalian, clinical instructor of medicine in the division of dermatology, were quoted.

#### **Geriatrician's Column Offers Sound Advice for Hearing Loss**

The June 13 [Santa Monica Mirror](#) published a guest column by Dr. Grace Chen, staff geriatrician at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica and assistant clinical professor of medicine, addressing hearing loss in older adults.

### **Whooping Cough Vaccine Recommended for Pregnant Women**

[KPCC 98.3FM](#) reported June 18 that pertussis, or whooping cough, is at an epidemic level in California and state health officials are urging pregnant women to be vaccinated in their third trimester as a way to help protect newborn infants who are most vulnerable to the disease. Dr. Daniel Kahn, an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and Dr. James Cherry, distinguished research professor of pediatrics and attending physician in pediatric infectious diseases at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, were interviewed. Cherry was also interviewed June 13 by [KCAL-Channel 9](#).

### **Summer Camp for Kids with Heart Disease**

The June 16 issue of [Working Nurse](#) magazine spotlighted the efforts of Lisa Knight, a nurse in the electrophysiology labs and interventional cardiology department at UCLA, and Dr. Kevin Shannon, a clinical professor of pediatric cardiology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, who founded a summer camp for children with heart disease called Camp del Corazon. Located on Catalina Island, the camp hosts about 400 campers each year and is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Kathy McCloy, a nurse in the UCLA Pulmonary Hypertension Program, who has worked with the camp since its inception, was also interviewed.

### **Bed or Chair? Does Spiritual Care Look the Same?**

Michael Esulan, a chaplain for the Simms/Mann-UCLA Center for Integrative Oncology, authored a column June 18 in [Plain Views](#) (subscription required), an online chaplaincy journal, about providing spiritual care to patients in different types of settings.

### **UCLA Medical Group Earns Highest Rating in Industry Survey**

[Examiner.com](#) reported June 12 that UCLA Medical Group has received a four-star "elite" ranking, the highest possible designation, in the eighth annual CAPG Standards of Excellence survey that measures how well-equipped health care systems are to deliver a better patient experience, better population health and better overall affordability. Dr. Samuel Skootsky, chief medical officer of the UCLA Faculty Practice and Medical Group, was quoted.

### **UCLA Surgeons Use Google Glass to Teach Surgery Abroad**

[Domain-b](#) June 17, [MDLinx](#) and [Newsline](#) June 13, and [Topix](#) June 12 covered an educational project that is using Google Glass to help bring the latest hernia surgical techniques to surgeons in resource-poor countries. Dr. David Chen, assistant clinical professor of general surgery, and surgical resident Dr. Justin Wagner are leading the project with the non-profit organization Hernia Repair for the Underserved. Both were quoted.

## **QUOTABLES**

Dr. Patrick Allard, an assistant professor of environmental health sciences at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was quoted in the June 17 [Deseret News](#) (Utah) about the need to ban chemical flame retardants that have been linked to cancer and brain damage in children, among other ailments.

Dr. Ronald Busuttill, executive chair of the surgery department and chief of liver and pancreas transplantation, was quoted June 14 in a [New York Times](#) story on an increase in fatty liver disease due to obesity.

Dr. Molly Coye was quoted May 7 in [Healthcare IT News](#) on a healthcare innovation summit being held in Boston.

Dr. Ravi Dave, director of Interventional Cardiology at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica and clinical professor of medicine, was quoted in a June 16 [HealthDay](#) story about new research on stroke-prevention strategies for women.

Dr. Robert Lee, a UCLA podiatrist and clinical instructor of medicine, commented in a June 18 [Lifescrript](#) article about plantar fasciitis, a painful foot problem that President Obama is experiencing where the tissue connecting the heel bone to the toes becomes inflamed. The treatable condition is often caused by standing too much or from over-activity.

Dr. Christopher Saigal, professor and vice chair of the UCLA Department of Urology, talked about bladder cancer treatments on [What is Cancer](#).

Dr. Kevin Shannon, clinical professor of pediatric cardiology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, commented June 16 in an [NBC Today.com](#) article about the dangers of kids consuming caffeine.

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