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Hundreds of news outlets around the world covered Michael Jackson's death and arrived for an evening press conference at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. Throngs of fans converged on the hospital, blocking streets as they paid tribute to the singer.

"Michael Jackson's Death: Jermaine Jackson Speaks"

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2009/06/michael-jackson-jermaine-jackson.html>

"In Los Angeles, a Gathering of Jackson Fans and the Curious"

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/26/arts/music/26scene.html?_r=2

"Jackson's Mourning Fans Gather"

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-jacksonscene26-2009jun26,0,5146428.story>

"Throngs of Fans Pay Tribute to Jackson"

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/06/25/entertainment/main5114829.shtml?tag=cbsnewsTwoColUpperPromoArea>

CBS, A.P. Showcase Operation Mend

Operation Mend, a UCLA partnership with Brooke Army Medical Center that provides reconstructive facial surgery for wounded soldiers, was highlighted June 19 on CBS' "The Early Show," and June 20 by Associated Press. Operation Mend's lead surgeon, Dr. Timothy Miller, chief of plastic surgery, and Dr. Chris Crisera, assistant professor of plastic surgery, were cited, as well as program creator Ronald Katz, a member of the UCLA Medical Center board of advisors.

"Mission to Mend Disfigured Soldiers"

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/06/19/earlyshow/series/main5097196.shtml>

"How a Wounded Soldier Got a New Face, New Confidence — and What He Wanted Most: Anonymity"

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/nation/ap/48683517.html>

BBC Radio Explores How Brain Regulates Hearing

Yvonne Sininger, professor of head and neck surgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was featured on BBC Radio-Channel 4's "The World Tonight" program in a June 24 segment about how the left and right sides of the brain influence hearing. She commented on a new study that found people in a noisy setting respond best when speech is directed to their right ear.

Kidney Transplant Chain Draws Local, Canadian Headlines

Whittier Daily News and Grand Rapids Press reported June 20 on local residents who donated kidneys as part of two transplant chains launched at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. Dr. Jeffrey Veale, assistant professor of urology and director of the kidney donor exchange program, was quoted. He also was interviewed June 23 on Talk 1410 AM (Vancouver, B.C), and on the CBC radio (Canada) show, "The Current."

"Pico Rivera Kindergarten Teacher Pays it Forward in Kidney 'Transplant Chain'"

http://www.whittierdailynews.com/rds_search/ci_12654971?IADID=Search-www.whittierdailynews.com-www.whittierdailynews.com

"To Honor Son, Dad Donates Kidney, Kicking Off Life-saving Transplant Chain"

http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2009/06/to_honor_son_dad_donates_kidne.html

"Kidney Transplant"

<http://www.cbc.ca/thecurrent/2009/200906/20090623.html>

L.A. Times Spotlights Air Pollution Research

The Los Angeles Times on June 23 highlighted research by Dr. Jesus Araujo, assistant professor of medicine and director of environmental cardiology, that examined the harmful health effects of ultrafine particles from automobile exhaust. Araujo was quoted.

"Inhaling a Heart Attack"

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-oe-critser23-2009jun23.0,508253.story?track=rss>

ABC 7 Explores Cancer Patients' Desire for Genetic Testing

KABC-Channel 7 aired a June 24 report on a new study by Dr. Tara McCannel, director of the Ophthalmic Oncology Center at UCLA's Jules Stein Eye Institute and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. She found that, even with no treatment available, 99 percent of eye-cancer patients want genetic testing that predicts their metastasis risk. McCannel and two of her patients with ocular melanoma were interviewed.

"Predictive Cancer Tests: To Tell or Not?"

<http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/health&id=6883225>

KPBS, Glendale Paper Cover Cost of Long-term Senior Care

The online edition of San Diego's NPR-affiliate, KPBS, and the Glendale News Press reported June 18 on research by the Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health finding that the annual cost of long-term in-home healthcare exceeds the median income of many California seniors living alone. Steven Wallace, associate director of the center and a professor of community health sciences at the school, was quoted.

"Long Term Care Unaffordable for Many California Seniors"

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2009/jun/18/long-term-care-unaffordable-many-california-senior/>

"Seniors Search for Affordable Housing"

<http://www.glendalenewspress.com/articles/2009/06/19/politics/gnp-shared19.txt>

Story on Cancer Caregivers Attracts Wide Coverage

A media tour by Anne Coscarelli, director of the Simms/Mann-UCLA Center for Integrative Oncology at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, focused on men caring for their wives/partners who have cancer was covered June 18 and June 19 by television stations KHGI-TV (NE), KGWN-TV (WY), KWTX-TV (TX), WSAV-TV (GA), WFTX-TV (FL), KYMA-TV (AZ), WPTY-TV (TN), KAKE-TV (KS), WLOX-TV (MS) and KAZT-TV (AZ); and by radio stations KRES-FM (MO), KFAB-AM (NE), KSIS-AM (MO), WDIS-AM (MA), WYYZ-AM (GA) and WVES-FM (VA). Coscarelli was quoted.

S.M. Daily Press Offers Dental Advice

Dr. Francisco Ramos-Gomez, professor of pediatric dentistry at the UCLA School of Dentistry, supplied oral healthcare advice to parents of small children in a June 23 column in the Santa Monica Daily Press. "It's Never Too Early to See a Dentist"

http://www.smdp.com/Articles-c-2009-06-22-60198.113116_Its_never_too_early_to_see_a_dentist.html

Local Paper Cites National Rankings for Pediatric Hospitals

Westside Today reported June 20 that Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA ranks among the nation's top pediatric hospitals, according to the 2009 edition of "America's Best Children's Hospitals" by U.S. News & World Report.

"Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA Ranked Among the Best for Kids"

<http://www.westsidetoday.com/n1161/mattel-children-s-hospital.html>

Pediatric ENT Writes Columns for Web Site

Dr. Nina Shapiro, associate professor of pediatric otolaryngology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, published a June 19 article for MomLogic.com on the Food and Drug Administration's warning that cold remedy Zicam was associated with permanent loss of smell. She also wrote a June 22 article offering tips for avoiding swimmer's ear.

"Is Zicam Hazardous to Your Health?"

http://www.momlogic.com/2009/06/the_bottom_line_on_zicam.php

"Summer's Here! Swimmer's Ear"

http://www.momlogic.com/2009/06/summers_here_swimmers_ear.php

Online Outlets Cover Lung Cancer Stem Cell Study

A study on a new model to identify lung cancer stem cells was featured June 22 by worldhealth.net and HealthJockey.com. The research was led by Dr. Raj Batra, an associate professor of medicine and a Jonsson Cancer Center scientist.

"New Model to Investigate Cancer Stem Cells Developed by UCLA Researchers"

http://www.worldhealth.net/news/new_model_to_investigate_cancer_stem_cell/

"Newly Developed Model May Aid in Identifying Cancer Stem Cells"

<http://www.healthjockey.com/2009/06/22/newly-developed-model-may-aid-in-identifying-cancer-stem-cells/>

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The website for Westside Today on June 24 ran a calendar listing for an upcoming free lecture at UCLA about the latest in prostate cancer treatments, including active surveillance, robotic surgery and nutrition.

“Learning the Latest in Prostate Cancer Treatments – for Free”
<http://www.westsidetoday.com/n1175/learning-about-the-latest.html>

Westside Today on June 23 offered information about a current fundraising campaign at Ralphs Supermarkets that will benefit Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA, along with five other children’s hospitals in southern California.

“Spare Change Can Change a Life”
<http://www.westsidetoday.com/n1172/spare-change-can-change.html>

Dr. Ted Moore, associate professor of pediatric hematology/oncology at Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA, was cited in a June 11 Los Angeles Daily News column highlighting a community 10K run that would help benefit Moore’s research.

“Dash to Raise Cash for Cancer Research”
http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_12574396

QUOTABLES

Gail Abarbanel, director of the Rape Treatment Center at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, was quoted June 23 in several media outlets, including the Los Angeles Times, United Press International and Huffington Post, about the Sheriff Department’s decision to suspend DNA testing of rape kits due to budget cuts. Abarbanel also commented in a June 24 Fox News Channel report on the issue.

“L.A. County Sheriff’s Department Suspends DNA Testing in Sexual Assault Cases”
<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-dna23-2009jun23,0,279190.story>

“No Funds, Sheriff Halts Rape DNA Tests”
http://www.upi.com/Top_News/2009/06/23/No-funds-sheriff-halts-rape-DNA-tests/UPI-49381245733940/

Dr. Arthur Brody, associate professor of psychiatry in the Semel Institute, was featured in a June 17 MSN.com article about the health dangers to people who are part-time “social smokers.”

“Memo to Infrequent Puffers: It’s Still Smoking”
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/31332905/ns/health-addictions/?ns=health-addictions>

E. Richard Brown, director of the Center for Health Policy Research and a professor at the School of Public Health, was quoted June 18 in a Fontana Herald News article about a health fair in San Bernardino County and the percentage of children in the county who lack health insurance.

“Thousands Attend Health and Safety Fair in Fontana”
<http://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/articles/2009/06/18/news/doc4a3a64195703e672904825.txt>

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science, commented June 24 in a CNNHealth.com article about a new study that found more people are successfully lowering their “bad cholesterol” down to healthy levels. The story also ran on Examiner.com and Health.com.

“More Heart Patients Getting Cholesterol Levels under Control”
<http://www.cnn.com/2009/HEALTH/06/23/cholesterol.control.success/>

Dr. Maria Garcia-Lloret, assistant professor of pediatric allergy, immunology and rheumatology at Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA, appeared June 18 on PBS’s “A Place of Our Own” to discuss allergies in children. She also appeared June 17 on the Spanish language version of the program.

“Allergies”
http://www.aplaceofourown.org/watch_video2.php?type=field&id=677&pos=0&choose=1

Jeff Goldstein, director of the clinical dental center at the UCLA School of Dentistry, commented June 21 in the Los Angeles Times about discount oral care for patients without insurance.

“Surviving Recession: Resources for Those without Health Insurance”
<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-coverside21-2009jun21,0,3214888,full.story>

Dr. Clifford Ko, a professor of surgery and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, commented June 22 in a Los Angeles Times story about the rates of colorectal cancer increasing in younger people.

"Colorectal Cancer Rates are Rising in Younger People"

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-closer22-2009jun22,0,3729887.story>

Dr. Patricia Lester, an assistant professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was quoted in a June 25 USA Today about the high levels of fear and anxiety a child feels when a parent is sent to war.

"Troops' Kids Feel War Toll"

http://www.usatoday.com/news/military/2009-06-24-military-kids_N.htm

Dr. Hanna Mikkola, a scientist with the Broad Stem Cell Research Center at UCLA, was quoted June 22 by the Contra Costa Times about research using stem cells from human placentas.

Dr. Marshall Morgan, professor and director of emergency medicine, commented June 23 in a HealthDay News article about a new experimental urine test that may more efficiently diagnose appendicitis.

"Experimental Urine Test Spots Appendicitis"

<http://www.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=628286>

Dr. William Partridge, professor of endocrinology, was quoted June 22 in a Boston Globe article about efforts by scientists to find new methods of delivering drugs to the brain.

"Seeking a Pathway into the Brain"

http://www.boston.com/business/articles/2009/06/22/trying_to_breach_the_blood_brain_barrier/

Charlene Williams, clinical program coordinator for the Mind-Body Medicine Group for the UCLA Division of Head and Neck Surgery, was quoted in the July edition of Ladies Home Journal in a story about the use of hypnosis to counter headaches, irritable bowel syndrome and other ailments.

"The Hypnosis Cure"

<http://www.lhj.com/health/pain-management/headaches/the-hypnosis-cure/>

Dr. Lonnie Zeltzer, director of the Pediatric Pain Program at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, commented in the June 2009 edition of Pain Medicine News in an article about the challenges of assessing pain in children with autism spectrum disorders.

"Behavior Changes Key to Assessing Pain in Autism"

http://www.painmedicineneeds.com/index.asp?section_id=348&show=dept&issue_id=526&article_id=13246

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