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Daily Breeze Follows Links in Kidney Transplant Chain

The Daily Breeze featured a story July 8 on two kidney transplant chains at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center — each started by an altruistic donor who gave a kidney to a stranger — that have freed at least six patients from lives on dialysis.

"Links to National Chain of Kidney Donors"

http://www.dailybreeze.com/lifeandculture/ci_12787482

Science News Spotlights Pollution's Effect on Heart

Research by Dr. Jesus Araujo, assistant professor of cardiology at the David Geffen School of Medicine, linking ultrafine particles from automobile exhaust with an increased risk for cardiovascular disease, was spotlighted in the July 18 edition of Science News.

"Bad Breath"

http://www.sciencenews.org/view/feature/id/45186/title/Bad_Breath

Examiner Scrutinizes Conversation's Impact on Kids

The research of Frederick Zimmerman, associate professor of health services in the School of Public Health, was featured in the July 6 Examiner.com and the July 8 Commercial Appeal (Memphis, TN). His research showed that conversation between adults and children helps develop language skills more than reading alone.

“Bye Bye to Once Upon a Time?”

<http://www.examiner.com/x-9482-Charlotte-Public-Education-Examiner~y2009m7d6-Bye-bye-to-Once-upon-a-time-New-study-shows-talking-is-better-for-your-kids-than-bedtime-stories>

Valley Paper Profiles Cancer Researcher

The July issue of Valley Connection showcased the work of Dr. John Glaspy to raise awareness and money to fund translational cancer research. He is a professor of hematology/oncology and director of the Women’s Cancer Program Area at UCLA’s Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

“Dr. John Glaspy a Leader in Raising over \$100 Million for Transitional Cancer Research”

Medical Outlets Explore Drug’s Link to Pancreatic Ailments

MedWire News reported July 7 and Oncology Nursing News reported July 8 on research by Dr. Peter Butler, director of the Larry L. Hillblom Islet Research Center, linking the medication Januvia to risk factors for pancreatitis and pancreatic cancer.

“Sitagliptin and Metformin Combined Show Additive Endocrine Effects in Rat Model”

http://www.medwire-news.md/57/83387/Diabetes/Sitagliptin_and_metformin_combined_show_additive_endocrine_effects_in_rat_model.html

“Adverse Effects of Diabetes Drug Reversed When Used in Combination Therapy”

<http://www.oncologynursingnews.com/Adverse-Effects-of-Diabetes-Drug-Reversed-When-Used-in-Combination-Therapy/article/139324/>

Geriatrician Pens Column on Preventing Senior Falls

Dr. Jeffrey DeCastro Mariano, geriatrician at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, authored a column in the July 9 Santa Monica Mirror about preventing falls by older adults.

“Senior Falls: A Push for Prevention”

<http://www.smmirror.com/MainPages/DisplayArticleDetails.asp?eid=10552>

Local Paper Hails Hospital as Good Neighbor

The June 25 Palisadian Post ran a story about Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital’s sponsorship of the Pacific Palisades July 4th Parade. Posie Carpenter, chief administrative officer, was pictured and quoted in the article.

“Buerge Motors, SM Hospital Are Key Parade Co-sponsors”

Asian Newswire Spotlights Reprogrammed Skin Cells

Asian News International reported July 4 on UCLA research that identified molecular differences between reprogrammed skin cells and embryonic stem cells. Bill Lowry, assistant professor of molecular, cellular and developmental biology; Kathrin Plath, assistant professor of biochemistry; and first author Mark Chin, a postdoctoral fellow, were quoted. Lowry and Plath are researchers with the Broad Stem Cell Research Center at UCLA.

“Embryonic Stem Cells and Reprogrammed Skin Cells are Clearly Distinguishable”

<http://in.news.yahoo.com/139/20090704/1536/tls-embryonic-stem-cells-and-reprogramme.html>

St. Louis Paper Cites Work to Develop Herceptin

The St. Louis Post Dispatch ran a July 5 story that cited the research of Dr. Dennis Slamon that led to the development of the breast cancer drug Herceptin. He is director of clinical/translational research at UCLA’s Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. The story originally ran July 2 in the New York Times.

“Safe Funding Slows Cancer Research”

<http://www.stltoday.com/stltoday/news/stories.nsf/sciencemedicine/story/3FFC154496F52880862575E9000D8C58?OpenDocument>

PET Study Highlighted in Nature Reviews

The July Issue of Nature Reviews Clinical Oncology featured a study by Dr. Fritz Eilber, assistant professor of surgical oncology and director of the sarcoma program at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, in which researchers used a PET/CT scanner to determine whether a given course of chemotherapy was effective after a single treatment

"Imaging: FDG-PET/CT: Early Predictor of Treatment Response in Soft-tissue Sarcoma"

<http://www.nature.com/nrclinonc/journal/v6/n7/full/nrclinonc.2009.76.html>

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Research by Lenore Arab, professor of biological chemistry, general internal medicine and health services research, finding that three cups a day of green or black tea can reduce stroke risk by 21 percent, was cited in the June issue of Reader's Digest.

Research on an automated, wearable artificial kidney that avoids the complications of dialysis was cited in a Cleveland Plain Dealer article. Martin Roberts, assistant professor of clinical medicine and a VA Healthcare System dialysis consultant and Dr. David Lee, professor of medicine and a VA consulting nephrologist, led the research.

"Cleveland Clinic Doctor Works to Perfect Implantable Dialysis Device"

http://www.cleveland.com/healthfit/index.ssf/2009/07/cleveland_clinic_doctor_works.html

QUOTABLES

Dr. Marvin Bergsneider, professor of neurosurgery, commented in the June issue of Reader's Digest about normal pressure hydrocephalus, a condition where excess spinal fluid builds up in the brain.

"Memory Problems: A Stay Sharp Guide"

<http://www.rd.com/living-healthy/memory-problems-a-staysharp-guide/article134553.html>

Dr. Ronald Busuttill, executive chairman of surgery and chief of liver and pancreas transplantation, was quoted in a July 7 USA Today article about recent Food and Drug Administration concerns regarding the drug acetaminophen.

"Q&A: What is the Bottom Line on Taking Acetaminophen?"

http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2009-07-07-acetaminophen-tylenol_N.htm

Suzette Cardin, assistant dean of student affairs at the UCLA School of Nursing, commented in a July 6 Los Angeles Daily News story about a nursing unit director who was allegedly slain by a police detective now under arraignment.

"LAPD Detective Accused in '86 Slaying Pleads"

http://www.dailynews.com/breakingnews/ci_12532996

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, commented July 8 in U.S. News & World Report on the importance of hospitals and doctors following evidence-based guidelines for treating heart disease.

"Treating Heart Failure: The Smartest Approach"

<http://health.usnews.com/articles/health/heart/2009/07/08/treating-heart-failure-the-smartest-approach.html>

Dr. John Glaspy, professor of medicine and director of the Women's Cancers Program Area at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, commented July 6 in the Los Angeles Times about progress in cancer vaccines.

"Therapeutic Cancer Vaccines Show Promise"

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-cancervaccines6-2009jul06,0,6487100.story>

David Hayes-Bautista, director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, was quoted July 7 in a Hispanic Business article about Hispanics in the United States living longer than blacks and whites despite their disproportionate rates of type 2 diabetes, obesity, poverty and lack of access to quality health and insurance coverage.

“The Hispanic Paradox: U.S. Hispanics Live Longer, Despite Socio-Economic Hurdles”
http://www.hispanicbusiness.com/editors_picks/2009/7/7/the_hispanic_paradox_us_hispanics_live.htm#

Dr. Jerome Hoffman, professor of medicine, commented in a July 3 Ivanhoe News story on industry-sponsored research studies that appear in medical journals. He also was interviewed for a July 13 Ivanhoe story about drug recalls. The stories were aired by KPTV-Channel 12 in Oregon.

“Medicine's Not-So-Silent Killer: Studies under Scrutiny”

http://ivanhoe.com/channels/p_channelstory.cfm?storyid=21773&channelid=CHAN-100021

“Medicine's Not-So-Silent Killer: Drugs Gone Bad”

http://ivanhoe.com/channels/p_channelstory.cfm?storyid=21803&channelid=CHAN-100021

David Jentsch, associate professor of psychiatry, was quoted July 9 in TheScientist about a court ruling requiring the U.S. Department of Agriculture to post annual reports from animal research facilities that document the levels of pain and distress experienced by animals in experimental procedures.

“Animal Use Details to Go Online”

http://www.the-scientist.com/templates/trackable/display/blog.jsp?type=blog&o_url=blog/display/55813&id=55813

Dr. Jenny Kim, associate professor of dermatology, was quoted in a July 6 Los Angeles Times article offering summer safety tips for parents.

“Don't Scrimp on Safety this Summer”

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-yourmoney6-2009jul06.0.7108004.story>

Dr. Lynne McCullough, medical director of the Ronald Reagan UCLA Emergency Department and UCLA associate professor of emergency medicine, was quoted in a July 6 Los Angeles Times article about spending on low-cost safety supplies for the summer.

“Don't Scrimp on Safety this Summer”

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-yourmoney6-2009jul06.0.7108004.story>

Dr. Radhika Rible, assistant clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology, was quoted July 9 in a Chicago Tribune blog story about side effects linked to use of the generic equivalent of a popular birth control pill.

“Generic vs. Brand Name Birth Control”

<http://newsblogs.chicagotribune.com/triage/2009/07/generic-vs-brand-name-birth-control.html>

Dr. Teresa Seeman, professor of geriatrics, was quoted July 5 in a Chicago Tribune article about how to age gracefully

“5 Ways to Age Gracefully”

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/features/lifestyle/chi-tc-health-age-well-0708-0705jul05.0.789814.story>

Dr. Donald Tashkin, professor of medicine in the division of pulmonary and critical care medicine, commented July 4 in the Associated Press about the debate surrounding marijuana's effect on health.

“California Regulators Warn of Pot's Cancer Risk”

<http://www.oregonlive.com/newsflash/index.ssf?/base/national-13/124670188140650.xml&storylist=national>

Arthur Toga, professor of neurology and director of the Laboratory of Neuro Imaging, was quoted July 3 in Science about proposed salary cuts and furloughs for all University of California faculty and staff.

“Proposal to Slash Salaries Riles California Researchers”

<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/sci;325/5936/19-a?maxtoshow=&HITS=10&hits=10&RESULTFORMAT=&fulltext=Greg+Miller&searchid=1&FIRSTINDEX=0&sortspec=date&resourcetype=HWCIT>

Dr. Mitchell Wong, associate professor of general internal medicine and health services research, was quoted July 7 by HealthDay News about two new studies exploring why black women are likelier than white women to die of breast cancer.

“New Clues to Race Gap in Breast Cancer Outcomes”
<http://www.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=628805>

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