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U.S. News Counts Ronald Reagan UCLA Med Center among Top Five U.S. Hospitals

Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center ranks as one of the nation's top five hospitals, according to the 2010 guide to "America's best hospitals" reported in U.S. News & World Report's August issue. For the past 21 years, UCLA has been the only Los Angeles-area and Southern California hospital to earn a spot on the magazine's honor roll, which recognizes hospitals that demonstrate excellence across many specialties. UCLA ranked among the nation's top 20 in 15 of the 16 ranked specialty areas. For the first time, Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital also ranked in two of the 16 specialty categories.

"U.S. News Best Hospitals 2010-11"

<http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals/rankings>

Teaching Couples to Reduce HIV Risk Draws Wide Headlines

The Los Angeles Times reported July 14 on a new multi-site study finding that an intervention program based on a traditional African concept called "Eban" significantly reduced risky behavior among heterosexual African-American couples in which one partner is HIV positive. The findings were also reported July 12 by Medscape and MedPage Today and July 13 by HealthDay News.

"To Combat HIV/AIDS, Perhaps We Should Look to Africa"

<http://www.latimes.com/news/health/la-heb-aids-couples-20100714,0,2573164.story>

"Black Couples Benefit from Program to Curb Spread of HIV"

<http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/640996.html>

"Program Modifies Behavior in Some HIV-Mixed Couples"

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/clinical-context/HIVAIDS/21111>

"Couples Therapy Reduces Risk in HIV-Serodiscordant Couples"

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/724967>

USA Today Spotlights Tea's Effects on Dementia

USA Today reported July 13 on a study by Lenore Arab, professor of medicine, finding that regular tea drinkers experienced lower rates of dementia than non-tea drinkers. She was quoted. Several TV stations also reported the findings on July 12-13.

"Exercise, Drink Tea to Prevent Dementia"

http://www.usatoday.com/printedition/life/20100712/alzheimerslifestyle12_st.art.htm

UPI, HealthDay Note 1 in 4 Calif. Kids' Lack of Dental Care

United Press International, HealthDay News and Health Affairs blog reported July 8 on a study by Nadereh Pourat, director of research and planning at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. Her team found that 1 in 4 California children have never seen a dentist and that racial, ethnic and socioeconomic disparities exist in the utilization of dental care. She was quoted in the coverage.

"1 in 4 Calif. Children Never See Dentist"

http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2010/07/08/1-in-4-Calif-children-never-see-dentist/UPI-66621278625423/

"Low-income Children Not Getting Adequate Dental Care"

<http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/640864.html>

ABC News Covers Research on Extreme Morning Sickness

ABCNews.com reported June 30 on findings by Marlene Fejzo, a researcher in hematology and oncology, in a story on hyperemesis gravidarum, an extreme form of pregnancy morning sickness that can endanger both the mother and unborn child. She was quoted.

"Abortion: Last Resort for Hellish Morning Sickness"

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/Wellness/women-hellish-morning-sickness-elect-abortion/story?id=11043146>

KPCC, KTLA Spotlight Melanoma Study

KTLA-Channel 5 and KPCC 89.3FM's Patt Morrison show reported July 12 on a UCLA study the by Jonsson Cancer Center. Researchers created an army of tumor-fighting immune cells to seek out and kill melanoma and imaged the process in real time using PET scan technology. JCCC researcher Dr. Antoni Ribas, associate professor of hematology/oncology, was interviewed by Morrison. Dr. Richard Koya, adjunct assistant professor of surgical oncology, was interviewed live by KTLA. The findings were also reported July 13 by CancerNetwork.com.

"Cancer Fighting Immune Cells"

<http://www.ktla.com/videobeta/e6050486-4afb-47b5-9612-675a9d527ab2/News/KTLA-Dr-Richard-Koya-On-New-Cancer-Fighting-Immune-Cells>

"The Impossible Might be Possible: UCLA Scientists Create Anti-Tumor, Cancer-Fighting Immune Cells"

<http://www.scpr.org/programs/patt-morrison/2010/07/12/the-impossible-might-be-possible-ucla-scientists-cl/>

"UCLA Creates Lymphocytes that Stalk Melanoma"

<http://www.cancernetwork.com/melanoma-skin-cancer/content/article/10165/1607458>

HealthDay Examines New Shield for Eye during Radiation

HealthDay News reported July 15 on a new study finding that silicon oil shields the eye and appears to protect vision in patients undergoing radiation therapy for eye cancer. Vitreoretinal surgeon Dr. Tara McCannel, assistant professor of ophthalmology and director of the UCLA Ophthalmic Oncology Center at the Jules Stein Eye Institute, was quoted. The report also appeared on the online editions for Bloomberg BusinessWeek and MSN Health. The July issue of the Archives of Ophthalmology published the findings.

"Silicon Oil May Protect Vision from Radiation for Eye Cancer"

<http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/641077.html>

Channel 7 Explores Depression's Link to Brain Atrophy

KABC-Channel 7 reported July 9 on a study by Dr. Nancy Sicotte, associate professor of neurology, and Stefan Gold, a postdoctoral fellow in the UCLA Multiple Sclerosis Program, linking depression in multiple sclerosis patients to atrophy in areas of the hippocampus, a brain region involved in mood and memory. Sicotte was interviewed.

"Doctors Link Multiple Sclerosis to Depression"

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/health/your_health&id=7544555

L.A. Times Op-ed Spotlights Bilingualism, English Proficiency

The Los Angeles Times ran a July 11 op-ed about bilingual education that cites research by Andrew Fuligni, professor-in-residence of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, showing that immigrant students who retain tight bonds with their families are more strongly engaged in the classroom.

"The Spanish Road to English"

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/commentary/la-oe-fuller-english-20100711,0,5387888.story>

HealthDay Finds U.S. Cardiac Care Improving

HealthDay News reported July 12 on a study finding that heart-attack patients who undergo procedures to open blocked arteries in U.S. hospitals are receiving better care. Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, was quoted.

"Heart Attack Care is Getting Better, Report Finds"

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=641040>

LA Weekly, Ophthalmology Times Remember Eye Surgeon

LA Weekly published a July 12 obituary on Dr. Arthur Rosenbaum, a renowned pediatric surgeon and researcher who restored vision to thousands of children suffering from strabismus, or crossed eyes, at the Jules Stein Eye Institute. The trade publication, Ophthalmology Times, also published a July 9 article on his death.

"Arthur Rosenbaum, Harassed UCLA Eye Researcher who Helped 10,000 Children, has Died"

<http://blogs.laweekly.co/informer/science/arthur-rosenbaum-dies/>

"Dr. Rosenbaum, Pediatric Eye Surgeon, Dies"

<http://ophthalmologytimes.modernmedicine.com/ophthalmologytimes/ArticleStandard/Article/detail/678407>

Community Papers Spotlight Award-winning Pediatricians

The Acorn (Agoura Hills) reported July 15 and Westside Today reported July 12 on awards presented by the Today and Tomorrow's Children Fund to Dr. Christopher Giza, associate professor of pediatric neurology and neurosurgery; Dr. Robert Venick, assistant clinical professor of pediatric gastroenterology; and Dr. Gary Satou, associate professor of pediatric cardiology. Westside Today also ran a July 14 profile of Dr. Wendy Slusser, director of the UCLA Fit for Healthy Weight program, who received the 2010 Robert F. Allen Symbol of H.O.P.E Award from the American Journal of Health Promotion.

"Today's and Tomorrow's Children Fund Facilitates Research to Improve the Lives of Tykes"

<http://www.westsidetoday.com/n3025/today-and-tomorrow-s.html>

"Prize Money Will Help Bring Medicine to Remote Areas"

[http://www.theacorn.com/news/2010-07-](http://www.theacorn.com/news/2010-07-15/Health_(and)_Wellness/Prize_money_will_help_bring_medicine_to_remote_are.html)

[15/Health_\(and\)_Wellness/Prize_money_will_help_bring_medicine_to_remote_are.html](http://www.theacorn.com/news/2010-07-15/Health_(and)_Wellness/Prize_money_will_help_bring_medicine_to_remote_are.html)

"Wendy Slusser, MD Named a Symbol of H.O.P.E."

<http://www.westsidetoday.com/n3053/wendy-slusser-md-named.html>

ADA News Looks at 'Meth Mouth'

The American Dental Association's online news outlet reported July 13 on the National Institute on Drug Abuse awarding the School of Dentistry \$1.86 million to study the oral and dental consequences of methamphetamine use. Dr. Vivek Shetty, professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, and No-Hee Park, dean of dentistry, were quoted.

"NIH Invests \$1.86 Million in 'Meth Mouth' Research"

<http://www.ada.org/news/4432.aspx>

Sleep Expert Offers Tips for More Restful Sleep

Dr. Frisca Yan-Go, director of the UCLA Sleep Disorders Center in Santa Monica and clinical professor of neurology, wrote a July 9 column for the Santa Monica Mirror about sleep deprivation and tips for better sleep.

"How to Get Better Zzzs"

<http://www.smmirror.com/#mode=single&view=30729>

Diversity in Higher Ed Investigates School Fee Increases

Diverse Issues in Higher Education reported July 8 on the impact that increased fees at UC professional schools could have on underrepresented students. Dr. Bruce Sanders, assistant dean of outreach and diversity at the UCLA School of Dentistry, and Hector Godoy, a fourth-year dental student, were quoted.

"Medically Necessary"

<http://mydigimag.rrd.com/archive/?p2=2759&p1=6407&z=1&3&g=1>

S.M. Mirror Examines Safer Senior Driving

Dr. Grace Chen, staff geriatrician at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital and assistant clinical professor of medicine, wrote a column about safe senior driving for the July 9 Santa Monica Mirror.

"Lookout Points for Safe Senior Driving"

<http://www.smmirror.com/#mode=single&view=30737>

Surgical Trade Publishes Op-Ed on Eye Cancer Screening

Dr. Tara McCannel, assistant professor of ophthalmology and director of the UCLA Ophthalmic Oncology Center at the Jules Stein Eye Institute, wrote an opinion piece about routine screening for ocular melanoma that was published July 10 by the online edition of Ocular Surgery News.

"No Real Value in Wide-scale Screening"

<http://www.osnsupersite.com/view.aspx?rid=66012>

Community Papers Profile Lung-transplant Patients

Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center was mentioned July 15 by a Pasadena Weekly profile of a local 71-year-old man who suffers from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and is on the hospital's lung transplant waiting list. The lung transplant program was also cited in a July 12 San Bernardino Sun story about a 63-year-old man from Redlands who received a life-saving double lung transplant at UCLA.

"Every Breath Counts"

http://www.pasadenaweekly.com/cms/story/detail/every_breath_counts/8995/

"Lung Transplant Gives Redlands Man a New Chance at Life"

http://www.sbsun.com/ci_15501877?source=most_viewed

Seattle Paper Spotlights PAC Team

A July 12 blog on the Seattle Post-Intelligencer ran an item about Ellen Morrow and her dog, Charley, who volunteer with UCLA's animal-assisted therapy program, People-Animal Connection.

"Look-A-Likes Make the Rounds at LA Hospitals"

<http://blog.seattlepi.com/deltasociety/archives/213367.asp>

Spanish Newspaper Interviews Neurosurgeon

El Periodico (Barcelona, Spain) ran a July 11 profile of Dr. Fernando Gomez-Pinilla, professor of neurosurgery and integrative biology & physiology, and his research into how food and exercise can affect Alzheimer's, depression and cognition.

"Un Curri de Salmón da Vida al Cerebro"

Argonaut Details SM-UCLA Construction

The Argonaut reported July 15 on the 16th Street Outpatient Surgery and Oncology building, now under construction near Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital. Posie Carpenter, chief administrative officer, was quoted.

"Work to Begin on Santa Monica-UCLA Outpatient Surgery and Oncology Facility"

http://www.argonautnewspaper.com/articles/2010/07/15/news_-_features/santa_monica/s1.txt

Hospital Infections Move into Community Covered by L.A. Daily News

The July 14 Los Angeles Daily News featured a column by Dr. Claire Panosian Dunavan, clinical professor of infectious diseases at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, on the ways in which infections that were once found only in hospitals have spread into the general community.

"Friend's Illness Brings Home 'New' Clostridium Difficile Diarrhea"

http://www.dailynews.com/ci_15517675?source=most_emailed

Joint Stem Cell Internship Program Profiled by SFV Business Journal

The San Fernando Valley Business Journal reported July 14 on a joint internship program between California State University, Northridge, and UCLA's Broad Stem Cell Research Center to help train students for careers in stem cell research.

"Universities Launch Stem Cell Research Internship Program"

<http://www.sfvbj.com/news/2010/jul/14/universities-launch-stem-cell-research-internship/>

KTTV Notes that Botox May Be Injection of Depression

Dr. Jamie Feusner, assistant professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at UCLA, was interviewed July 14 on KTTV-Channel 11 about a possible link between the use of Botox and depression.

“Botox Zombies”

<http://www.myfoxla.com/dpp/news/investigative/botox-zombies-20100714>

Philly TV Reports on Senior Drinking

WPSG-TV and KYW-TV (both Philadelphia) reported July 10 on research by Andrew Barnes, a researcher in the School of Public Health's department of health services, suggesting that up to one-third of seniors are at-risk due to excessive drinking or doing so while taking medications or having certain health conditions. The study was published online in the Journal of General Internal Medicine.

“WPSG-TV”

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=130066&key=YSyVoqfldGTdu8zBBJHYBJPijOLtVHmB&email=ERivero@mednet.ucla.edu>

Korea Daily Documents Historic Research Agreement

Korea Daily reported July 12 on a UCLA agreement with the Korea Institute of Science and Technology in Seoul, South Korea, creating a partnership to promote education, training, research, technology transfers, and exchanges in teaching and scholarly activities in the areas of neuroscience and molecular imaging.

http://www.koreadaily.com/news/read.asp?art_id=1056235

Blog Examines Health Benefits for Same-Sex Spouses

A July 9 Health Affairs blog item about a judge's ruling on federal benefits for same-sex couples cited research by Ninez Ponce, associate professor of health services, that found men and women in same-sex relationships in California are far less likely than their married heterosexual counterparts to get employer-sponsored dependent health insurance.

“Court Voids Federal Rejection of Health Benefits for Same-Sex Spouses”

<http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2010/07/09/court-voids-federal-rejection-of-health-benefits-for-same-sex-spouses/>

QUOTABLES

Dr. David Baron, chief of staff at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, commented in a July 14 KNX 1070AM report about Food and Drug Administration hearings on the diabetes drug Avandia.

Dr. Greg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, was quoted July 8 by Investor's Business Daily about late Nobel Prize winner James Black.

“James Black Gave Imperiled Patients Heart”

<http://www.investors.com/NewsAndAnalysis/Article/539864/201007091648/He-Gave-Imperiled-Patients-Heart-.aspx>

Dr. Wayne Grody, professor of pathology, pediatrics and human genetics, was interviewed on KCRW 89.9FM's “To the Point” program to discuss how familial DNA was used in identifying the suspect in the recent “Grim Sleeper” case.

DNA: Can a Family Member's Genetic Code Help Catch a Killer?

http://www.kcrw.com/news/programs/tp/tp100713dna_can_a_family_mem

Dr. Robert Kaplan, chair of health services at the UCLA School of Public Health, was quoted July 7 by Associated Press about individuals who undergo gastric bypass surgery to curb their chronic diabetes.

“Diabetics Eye Obesity Surgery to Tame Blood Sugar”

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gE1yYudSjNx-NiQ5upC_gFmwah3gD9GQGUGG1

William McCarthy, adjunct professor public health, and Dr. Wendy Slusser, director of the UCLA Fit for Healthy Weight program, were interviewed July 15 by the Daily Breeze about why children tend to gain weight over the summer vacation.

"Learning Lessons to Overcome the Slump"

http://www.dailybreeze.com/lifeandculture/ci_15515148

Steven Nusinowitz, professor of ophthalmology at the Jules Stein Eye Institute, commented July 10 in a Tech Radar (U.K.) blog item about how 3-D entertainment affects your brain and vision. He also commented on the same topic in an in-depth special by WOWOW Japanese cable TV.

"3D TV Health Risks: Are They Real?"

<http://3dradar.techradar.com/3d-tech/3d-tv-health-risks-are-they-real-10-07-2010>

Dr. David Reuben, chief of geriatrics, commented July 10 on the Fox News Channel about the lack of geriatricians available nationwide to take care of aging baby boomers.

Dr. Richard Shemin, professor and chief of cardiothoracic surgery, commented in a July 15 Los Angeles Times article about former vice-president Richard Cheney's announcement that he had a left ventricular assist device implanted.

"Cheney Undecided on Heart Transplant"

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/wire/sc-dc-0716-cheney-20100715,0,1624548.story>

Dr. Steven Shoptaw, professor of family medicine and psychiatry and director of the UCLA Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, was quoted in a July 9 Bloomberg BusinessWeek article about a study examining how rats respond to cocaine.

"Rat Study Sheds Light on Cocaine Addiction"

<http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/640976.html>

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