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**National Geographic Reports on Americans' Drug Addiction**

Edythe London, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was featured in a July 11 National Geographic program that examined illegal drug abuse in America. London's segment focused on her research into understanding the biological basis of methamphetamine addiction.

"Drugs Inc."

<http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/series/drugs-inc/all/Overview>

### **Washington Post Investigates PTSD in Military**

An article in the July 18 Washington Post about mild traumatic brain injury (concussions) and post-traumatic stress disorder among military personnel referenced the work and research of David Hovda, professor of neurosurgery and director of the UCLA Brain Injury Research Center, who is serving as an adviser to the Pentagon on traumatic brain injury and the effect on soldiers of repeated concussions. Hovda was quoted.

“Military Reckons with the Mental Wounds of War”

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/special/nation/mental-wounds/TBI-1.html>

### **Ivanhoe News, NBC Affiliates Cover Brain Cancer Research**

Research by Dr. Paul Mischel that fights cancer by targeting fatty acid metabolism mechanisms was featured July 22 by Ivanhoe News and on four NBC affiliates. He is a professor of pathology and laboratory medicine and a researcher at UCLA’s Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

“New Way to Kill Brain Cancer Starves Cells”

<http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/health&id=7566967>

“Starving Brain Cancer”

[http://www.ivanhoe.com/channels/p\\_channelstory.cfm?storyid=24634](http://www.ivanhoe.com/channels/p_channelstory.cfm?storyid=24634)

### **Huffington Post Spotlights Hospital Task Force**

A July 20 column in the Huffington Post spotlighted a Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center task force that seeks ways to improve performance and communication among hospital staff in order to improve patient outcomes. Dr. J. Thomas Rosenthal, chief medical officer for the UCLA Hospital System and associate vice chancellor of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and Dr. Barbara Kadell, clinical professor and vice chair of radiological sciences at the Geffen School, were cited. The column was written by writer, producer and director Seth Freeman, who is also a hospital board member.

“The Challenge of Hospital Safety: A Success Story”

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/seth-freeman/the-challenge-of-hospital\\_b\\_651375.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/seth-freeman/the-challenge-of-hospital_b_651375.html)

### **Doctor’s Channel, Reuters Health Explore Botox for Overactive Bladders**

The Doctor’s Channel reported May 11 on Botox’s impact on overactive bladder. Dr. Jennifer Anger, assistant professor of urology, was quoted. Published in the Journal of Urology, the findings were also covered by Reuters Health.

“Intravesical Botulinum Toxin Improves Overactive Bladder: Meta-analysis”

<http://www.thedoctorschannel.com/video/3222.html>

### **KTTV Ponders Tissue Banking for Brain Cancer**

Dr. Linda Liau, professor of neurosurgery and a member of the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, appeared in a KTTV-Channel11 report about her development of a potential vaccine for brain cancer.

The segment also explored “tissue banking,” the idea that brain cancer patients should retain their excised tumor for possible future vaccine use. The segment aired July 19 and July 20.

“Custom Cancer Vaccines”

<http://www.myfoxtv.com/dpp/health/custom-cancer-vaccine-20100719>

### **UPI Examines How Brain Tracks Time**

United Press International reported July 20 on research led by Dean Buonomano, professor of neurobiology and a member of the UCLA Brain Research Institute, in which researchers found that networks of brain cells in petri dishes could be “trained” to keep time by generating simple timed intervals.

“Brain Cells ‘Trained’ to Tell Time”

[http://www.upi.com/Science\\_News/2010/07/20/Brain-cells-trained-to-tell-time/UPI-84411279668616/](http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2010/07/20/Brain-cells-trained-to-tell-time/UPI-84411279668616/)

### **Tumor-fighting Immune Cells Draw Spanish, Trade Headlines**

EFE Spanish-language news service, Diagnostic Imaging magazine and 5 Magazine reported July 19 on a Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center study that created and imaged in real time an army of tumor-fighting immune cells that seek out and kill melanoma. JCCC member Dr. Antoni Ribas, associate professor of hematology/oncology, and Dr. Richard Koya, adjunct assistant professor of surgical

oncology, were quoted. The EFE story was picked up by La Prensa (Los Angeles), Hoy, Buenos Noticias and many more.

“PET Scans Reveal Cell-to-Cell Combat”

<http://www.diagnosticimaging.com/molecular-imaging/content/article/113619/1607801>

“Un Médico Español Lidera las Investigaciones Contra el Cáncer en UCLA”

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/epa/article/ALeqM5j7IZy-EzHK8ZjMV7udASvXFdUpPw>

“Genetically Engineered Immune Cells Kill Cancer in Real Time”

<http://5magazine.wordpress.com/2010/07/21/genetically-engineered-immune-cells-kill-cancer-in-real-time/>

### **KTTV Reports on Botox, Depression**

Dr. Jamie Feusner, assistant professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was interviewed July 15 on a KTTV-Channel 11 segment about a possible link between the use of Botox and depression.

“Botox Zombies”

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

### **Newswire Investigates How Genetic Disease Sabotages Memory**

Asian News International reported July 17 on a study by Dr. Alcino Silva, professor of neurobiology and psychiatry, that uncovered how neurofibromatosis affects working memory in the prefrontal cortex.

Researchers found that genetic mutations alter the communication between brain cells. Carrie Shilyansky, a graduate researcher in neurobiology, and Dr. Carrie Bearden, associate professor-in-residence of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences, were quoted. The Times of India published the report.

“How Memory is Disrupted in People with Disease Linked to Learning Disabilities”

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Home/Science/How-memory-is-disrupted-in-people-with-disease-linked-to-learning-disabilities-/articleshow/6181477.cms>

### **Daily News Highlights Rise in Gut-loving Bacteria**

The July 21 Daily News ran a syndicated column by Dr. Claire Panosian, professor of medicine, division of infectious diseases, on the rise, diagnosis and treatment of gut-loving bacteria called *Clostridium difficile*. Dr. David Pegues, hospital epidemiologist and professor of clinical medicine, division of infectious diseases, commented in the story.

“Fighting Back: New Weapons in the War against *Clostridium Difficile*”

[http://www.dailynews.com/ci\\_15572212?source=email](http://www.dailynews.com/ci_15572212?source=email)

### **Valley Papers Explore Stem Cell Research for College Students**

The San Fernando Valley Sun and San Fernando Business Journal reported July 22 on a program that pairs Cal State University Northridge students with researchers from the UCLA Broad Stem Cell Research Center.

“Building ‘Bridges’ to Regenerative Medicine: CSUN, UCLA Pair up to Prepare Stem Cell Researchers”

[http://www.sanfernandosun.com/sanfernsun/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=5518&Itemid=2](http://www.sanfernandosun.com/sanfernsun/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=5518&Itemid=2)

“Universities Launch Stem Cell Research Internship Program”

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

### **Syracuse Paper Looks into Building Healthy Cities**

The Syracuse Post-Standard reported July 29 on the work of Dr. Richard Jackson, chair of the department of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health, who will be featured in a five-part public television series about improving living conditions in major metropolitan areas.

“Part of PBS Series to be Filmed in Syracuse Next Week”

[http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2010/07/part\\_of\\_pbs\\_series\\_to\\_be\\_filme.html](http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2010/07/part_of_pbs_series_to_be_filme.html)

### **S.M. Physician Addresses Travel Health**

The Santa Monica Mirror published a July 16 column by Dr. Peter Galier, internal medicine specialist at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, who wrote a column about staying healthy during summer travel.

“A Prescription for Safe Summer Travel”

<http://www.smmirror.com/?ajax#mode=single&view=30776>

### **Trades Explore New Shield for Vision during Radiation Therapy**

The professional publications Oncology Times, EyeWorld Weekly News, EyeWire Today and the journal Portal de Oncologia Portugues reported July 25 on a new method that uses silicon oil to protect vision during radiation for eye cancer. Dr. Tara McCannel, a vitreoretinal surgeon who directs the UCLA Ophthalmic Oncology Center at the Jules Stein Eye Institute, was quoted.

“Ocular Melanoma: New Technique Found to Shield Vision during Radiation Therapy”

["http://journals.lww.com/oncology-](http://journals.lww.com/oncology-)

[times/Fulltext/2010/07250/Ocular\\_Melanoma\\_New\\_Technique\\_Found\\_to\\_Shield.9.aspx](http://journals.lww.com/oncology-times/Fulltext/2010/07250/Ocular_Melanoma_New_Technique_Found_to_Shield.9.aspx)

“Silicone Oil May Protect Vision during Ocular Cancer Radiation”

<http://www.eyeworld.org/ewweek.php?id=589#6>

“Study Shows Silicon Oil Reduces Radiation during Ocular Melanoma Treatment”

<http://eyewiretoday.com/view.asp?r=crstoday&a=20100716->

[study\\_shows\\_silicon\\_oil\\_reduces\\_radiation\\_during\\_ocular\\_melanoma\\_treatment](http://eyewiretoday.com/view.asp?r=crstoday&a=20100716-study_shows_silicon_oil_reduces_radiation_during_ocular_melanoma_treatment)

“Óleo de Silicone Pode Proteger a Visão da Radiação ao Cancro do Olho”

<http://www.pop.eu.com/news/2862/26/oleo-de-silicone-pode-proteger-a-visao-da-radiacao-ao-cancro-do-olho.html>

### **BRIEFS**

UCLA’s Operation Mend program which provides reconstructive surgery for wounded military personnel was mentioned in a July 16 CBS News article announcing that a “CBS Sunday Morning” story about the program received an Emmy nomination for outstanding feature in a regularly scheduled newscast.

“On the Mend”

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/05/22/sunday/main5033650.shtml>

### **QUOTABLES**

Dr. David Baron, chief of staff at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, commented July 22 on KNX 1070AM about the current teen craze of “i-Dosing” – listening to certain musical tracks via headphones to induce a state of ecstasy.

Dr. Michelle Bholat, executive director of the International Medical Graduates Program, commented in a July 20 American Medical News story about a warning issued by the Medical Board of California that doctors cannot let unlicensed physicians treat patients in their clinics and private practices.

“California Doctors Could Face Sanctions for Letting Unlicensed IMGs Treat Patients”

<http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2010/07/19/prsd0720.htm>

Dr. Arnold Chin, assistant professor of urology and a researcher at UCLA’s Jonsson Cancer Center, commented July 22 on Medscape about painters having a higher risk of bladder cancer.

“Painters have a Brush with Bladder Cancer”

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/725598>

Dr. Greg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson–UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, commented July 22 in HealthDay News about a study finding that some patients with low LDL cholesterol levels induced by statin medications may not need the protective effects of high HDL cholesterol.

“Some on Statins May Not Need Boost in ‘Good’ Cholesterol”

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=641349>

Dr. Heather Gillespie, assistant professor of family medicine, was quoted July 19 in the Los Angeles Times about the rise of knee arthritis in middle-aged people.

“No Easy Fix for Deteriorating Knees”

<http://www.latimes.com/news/custom/topofthetimes/features/la-he-in-the-works-knees-20100719,0,4176839.story>

Martin Iguchi, professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health, was quoted July 16 by the Daily Breeze about a three-pronged ordinance that increases criminal penalties for drug offenders. "Carson Declares Itself a Drug Free City"

[http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci\\_15527190?source=rss](http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci_15527190?source=rss)

David Jentsch, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was quoted July 20 in a Nature News story citing injunctions that were granted to UCLA that bar anti-animal research extremists from approaching researchers' homes.

"Animal Rights 'Terror' Law Challenged"

<http://www.nature.com/news/2010/100720/full/466424a.html>

Dr. Ronald Koretz, emeritus professor of clinical medicine at Olive-View UCLA Medical Center, commented in the July 21 New York Times about new drug treatments being developed for hepatitis C.

"Hope against Hep C"

[http://www.nytimes.com/2010/07/22/business/22hepatitis.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/07/22/business/22hepatitis.html?_r=1)

Dr. Joseph Lynch, professor of medicine, division of pulmonary and critical care medicine, was quoted in a KCBS-Channel 2 report that aired July 16 about a UCLA patient with pulmonary fibrosis who is waiting for a lung transplant.

"Man Fights Back against Rare, Deadly Disease"

<http://cbs2.com/video/?id=139545@kcbs.dayport.com>

Karron Maidment, program coordinator for the obsessive-compulsive clinic at the Semel Institute, was quoted in a July 16 Los Angeles Times article about hoarding.

"Hoarding: When Stuff Really Piles Up"

[http://m.latimes.com/inf/infomo?view=Hom%26GardenItem&feed:a=latimes\\_1min&feed:c=homel&feed:i=54979512&nopaging=1](http://m.latimes.com/inf/infomo?view=Hom%26GardenItem&feed:a=latimes_1min&feed:c=homel&feed:i=54979512&nopaging=1)

Dr. David McAllister, professor of orthopaedic surgery and director of the UCLA Sports Medicine Program, commented July 22 in the Los Angeles Times about surgery for ACL injuries. He also commented July 21 in The Signal (Santa Clarita) about advances in sports medicine.

"Two ACL Studies, Two Outcomes—Which One Wins?"

<http://www.latimes.com/news/health/boostershots/la-heb-0721-acl-20100721,0,5649792.story>

"Future of Sports in the SCV: Healing in a Hurry"

<http://www.the-signal.com/section/19/article/31314/>

Dr. Gary Small, professor of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Center on Aging, commented July 18 on a Columbia University brain imaging study that may have put its research subjects at risk. The story also appeared on Behavioral Health Central.com.

"Safety Violations at N.Y. Brain Lab May Have Bigger Fallout"

<http://www.latimes.com/news/health/la-sci-columbia-20100718,0,782909.story>

Gail Wyatt, professor of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences, commented July 20 in The Root about a new gel that could protect women against HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. She also commented July 21 in a BlogTalkRadio report on black women and HIV.

"Gel Might Help Arm Women against HIV and Herpes"

<http://www.theroot.com/views/gel-might-arm-women-against-hiv-and-herpes>

"Black Women and HIV: The Numbers Don't Show the Whole Picture, Part 2"

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/imperativeradio/2010/07/21/black-women-and-hiv-the-numbers-dont-show-the-whole-picture-part-2>

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