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Is Sex Addiction the Real Deal?

Nicole Prause, a researcher in the department of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was featured widely in news reports about her study that examined brain responses to sex-related stimuli in individuals who self-identified as suffering from a sexual "addiction." Her results suggest that these individuals' brain response was tied to a high level of sexual desire and unrelated to addiction. Coverage included: July 18 on [KCAL-Channel 9](#) and [KCBS-Channel 2](#); July 19 on [KTTV-Channel 11](#), the [Huffington Post](#), [LAist.com](#), [NBCLosAngeles.com](#), [MedicalDaily.com](#) and the New York [Daily News](#); July 20 on [Asian News International](#) and [NewsmedicalNet.com](#); July 21 on [GMANetwork.com](#); July 22 in the [LA Weekly](#); July 23 on [HealthCentral.com](#), [HealthDayNews.com](#), [International Business Times](#), [LiveScience.com](#), [MSN.com](#) (New Zealand), [WebMD.com](#), [US News & World Report](#), and [Deutsche Presse-Agentur](#) (Germany); July 24 on [Agence France-Presse](#), [Boston.com](#), [CBSNews.com](#), [DailyBeast.com](#), [KABC-790 AM](#), New York [Post](#), [ScienceBlog.com](#), [Slate.com](#), the [Washington Post](#), and [YahooNews.com](#); and July 25 on [UPI.com](#). July 23 articles in [Time.com](#) and [EveryDayHealth.com](#) also quoted Rory Reid, a UCLA assistant professor of psychiatry.

TV News Treats Expectant Mom Like Royalty

[KCBS-Channel 2](#) and [NBC's Today Show](#) aired July 23 interviews with an expectant mother at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, who was following news of the royal baby's arrival while preparing to give birth to her first child.

N.Y. Times Praises Nurse Practitioners

[The New York Times](#) reported July 19 on research by Dr. David Reuben, chief of geriatrics, finding that management of chronic geriatric conditions improved when a primary care physician co-managed the treatment with a nurse practitioner. Reuben was quoted.

CBS Explores New Way to Open Carotid Arteries

[KCBS-Channel 2](#) | [KCAL-Channel 9](#) reported July 24 on a new, minimally invasive procedure offered at UCLA that allows doctors to clear plaques blocking a patient's carotid artery by inserting a stent directly through the neck, rather than using a catheter inserted through the groin. Dr. Wesley Moore, professor emeritus of vascular surgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was interviewed.

KPCC Examines Funds for Mental Illness

Dr. Joel Braslow, associate professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was interviewed July 22 on [KPCC-89.3 FM](#) about California's Proposition 63, a ballot initiative passed in 2004 that raised taxes on wealthy residents with the aim of revamping the state's mental health system.

ESPN Interviews Concussion Expert

Dr. Christopher Giza, associate professor of neurosurgery and pediatric neurology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was interviewed July 21 on ESPN Radio's "[New York Sports and Beyond](#)" about new guidelines he helped develop for the handling of sports-related concussions.

Media Weigh Actress's Involuntary Hospitalization

Dr. Timothy Fong, associate professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Impulse Control Disorders Clinic, was featured July 23 in a [KTTV-Channel 11](#) segment about actress Amanda Bynes being hospitalized for an involuntary psychiatric hold. Fong commented on what options parents have in seeking treatment for their adult children. Separately, Dr. Mark DeAntonio, clinical professor of psychiatry and director of adolescent inpatient services at the Semel Institute, commented July 23 in a [Lifescript.com](#) article on how difficult it can be when someone needs help but won't acknowledge it.

A Constitutional Right to Health Care

Dr. Jody Heymann, dean of the Fielding School of Public Health, was featured July 19 in [MedicalDaily.com](#) and July 21 by the [Imperial Valley News](#) regarding her study finding that more than half of the world's countries have some degree of a guaranteed right to public health and medical care for their citizens written into their national constitutions.

Huffington Post Spotlights New Facility for Children

[Huffington Post](#) reported July 23 on a fundraising campaign to build a new and larger Stuart House on UCLA Health's Santa Monica campus. Stuart House, an adjunct facility to the Rape Treatment Center at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, provides treatment and services to sexually abused children.

Doctors Fall Short With Advice on Supplements

[HealthDay News](#) reported July 23 on a study led by Dr. Derjung Tarn, assistant professor of family medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, finding that physicians are not particularly successful at conveying important information about the risks of dietary supplements to their patients. Tarn was quoted.

MedPage Today Inspects Obesity and IVF

[Medpage Today](#) reported July 18 on research by Dr. Daniel DeUgarte, assistant professor of pediatric surgery and surgical director of the UCLA Fit for Healthy Weight program, indicating that obesity does not seem to affect women's chances of getting pregnant using donor eggs.

Geneticist Explains Supreme Court Ruling

Dr. Wayne Grody, professor of human genetics, pediatrics, and pathology and laboratory medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and director of the UCLA Diagnostic Molecular Pathology Laboratory, was interviewed July 22 on Florida's [Bay News-Channel 9](#) about a recent Supreme Court ruling against a private company's patenting of human genes.

Media Weigh Religiosity and Obesity

[Asian News International](#) on July 19; and [BrightSurf.com](#) and [Science Codex](#) on July 18 reported on research by Dr. Nazleen Bharmal, assistant professor of medicine in the division of general internal medicine and health services research, examining the relationship between religious practices and obesity among Indian immigrants. The study suggests that religiosity in Hindus and Sikhs — but not Muslims — appears to be an independent factor associated with being overweight or obese.

Prescribing Medical Marijuana

A July 19 column in [Internal Medicine News](#) about prescribing medical marijuana cited research by Dr. Donald Tashkin, professor of pulmonary and critical care medicine, finding that light to moderate marijuana use does not increase individuals' risk of lung cancer.

Football Star Dedicated to Sick Kids

The Green Bay Packer Report's August issue featured an interview with Hilary Gan, child life specialist with the Chase Child Life program at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA. Gan spoke about former Bruin football player Jonathan Franklin's volunteer work with the hospital's pediatric program when he was a UCLA student. Franklin, a running back, was recently drafted to play for the NFL's Green Bay Packers.

Helping the Nation's Wounded Warriors

WGAU 1340AM (Augusta, GA) aired July 22 a report on UCLA's Operation Mend Program, which provides reconstructive surgery and other medical services to military members wounded in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Richard Azar, director of Operation Mend, was interviewed.

Public Health and the Built Environment

Oklahoma's public radio station [KGOU-106.3](#) aired July 22 a video lecture by Dr. Richard Jackson, chair of environmental health sciences at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, about the relationship between community health and the built environment.

Racial Disparities in Thyroid Cancer

[IMNG Medical Media](#) reported July 23 on a study led by Dr. Avital Harari, assistant professor of general surgery, finding that non-white patients with thyroid cancer are more likely to be diagnosed with metastatic disease than white patients. Harari was quoted.

BRIEFS

The July 18 Palisadian Post ran a captioned photo of UCLA People-Animal Connection teams marching in the Pacific Palisades July 4th parade, an event cosponsored by UCLA Health.

QUOTABLES

Dr. Robert Ashley, internal medicine specialist at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, was quoted July 24 by the [Santa Monica Daily Press](#) about advance funeral preparations and end-of-life issues.

Dr. Jeff Bronstein, professor of neurology and director of the Movement Disorders Program, was quoted July 19 in a [Scientific American](#) article about his study linking exposure to the pesticide benomyl to an increased risk of Parkinson's disease. His research proposes a new chemical pathway in the body as a target for future Parkinson's therapies.

Dr. Rowan Chlebowski, professor of hematology–oncology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted July 23 in a [Medpage Today](#) op-ed about women and estrogen therapy.

Dr. Molly Coye, chief innovation officer for UCLA's Institute for Innovation in Health, was quoted July 23 in a [San Francisco Chronicle](#) article about an electronic referral system that has helped streamline care for patients at San Francisco General Hospital.

Dr. Greg Fonarow, professor of cardiology at UCLA, was quoted July 23 in a [HealthDay](#) story about a study linking kidney stones with increased risk of heart disease in women. He was also quoted July 22 in a [WebMD](#) article about a study on the use of echocardiograms.

Dr. James Hu, associate professor of urology and director of minimally invasive urologic surgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted July 24 in a [Wall Street Journal](#) article about a company that makes robotic-surgery systems.

Dr. Ray Jalian, clinical instructor of dermatology at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, commented July 25 in an [ABC Nightline](#) story about the usefulness of lasers for weight loss.

Shana Alex Lavarrada, director of health insurance studies at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, was quoted July 24 in a [Los Angeles Times](#) article about complaints by unions, cities and other big employers over Kaiser Permanente's latest health-insurance rate hikes.

Dr. Mark Morocco, professor of medicine and associate residency director of emergency medicine at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, was quoted July 19 in an article in New Hampshire's [Foster's Daily Democrat](#) about the dangers of intense summer heat.

Dr. Gary Small, the Parlow–Solomon Professor on Aging at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at UCLA and director of the UCLA Longevity Center, was quoted July 19 in a [Fitness](#) magazine article offering various health tips from top doctors.

Gregory Victorienne, research and administrative coordinator for the UCLA Department of Family Medicine, was quoted July 22 in a [Los Angeles Times](#) article about an ad campaign seeking to encourage gay black men to get tested for HIV.

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