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The Associated Press, Ventura County Star, Acorn and Isaude (Brazil) on July 28; La Opinion and KPCC 89.3FM on July 27; and KNBC-Channel 4, L.A. Weekly, KNX 1070AM, KFI 640AM, KABC 790AM and City News Service on July 26 covered the launch of the UCLA Hand Transplantation Program, the first of its kind on the west coast and the fourth center in the nation. Surgical director Dr. Kodi Azari, associate professor of orthopaedic surgery and plastic and reconstructive surgery; Dr. Sue McDiarmid, professor of pediatrics and surgery and medical director of the pediatric liver transplantation and hand transplantation programs; and Dr. Ronald Busuttill, executive chair of surgery and Dumont Professor of Transplantation Surgery, were quoted. The A.P. report was syndicated by some 100 news outlets, including MSNBC, CBS News and the Huffington Post.

“UCLA Launches Experimental Hand Transplant Program” (A.P.)

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gIrx8T1a1mu1_PHNIj3NPBe4-lhQD9H88UB00

“First Hand Transplant Program on West Coast”

<http://www.scp.org/blogs/hettie-lynn-hurtes/2010/07/26/first-hand-transplant-program-west-coast/>

“UCLA Site to Perform Hand Transplants”

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2010/jul/27/ucla-site-to-perform-hand-transplants/>

“UCLA Hará Transplantes de Manos”

<http://www.impre.com/laopinion/noticias/la-california/2010/7/27/ucla-hara-transplantes-de-mano-201339-1.html#commentsBlock>

Brain Alterations in IBS Patients Draw Headlines

The Los Angeles Times health blog and Asian News International on July 22; WebMD on July 23; and HealthDay News and AOL News on July 27 covered a UCLA/McGill University study linking irritable bowel syndrome to structural changes in the brain. Dr. Emeran Mayer, professor of medicine, psychiatry and physiology, was quoted. The July issue of Gastroenterology published the findings. The HealthDay story appeared on MSN.com; and the Times story was picked up by Canada.com. Other online coverage included Insider Medicine, EMax Health, About.com, Top News Network and RTT Financial News.

“Irritable Bowel Syndrome associated with Brain Changes”

<http://www.latimes.com/news/health/boostershots/la-heb-bowel-20100722,0,2369726.story>

“Brain Structure Changes Found in Irritable Bowel Patients”

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=641441>

“Irritable Bowel Syndrome in the Brain”

<http://www.webmd.com/ibs/news/20100723/irritable-bowel-syndrome-in-the-brain>

“IBS Not Psychological, Brains of Sufferers Go Through Physical Changes”

<http://www.aolhealth.com/2010/07/27/ibs-not-psychological-brains-of-sufferers-go-through-physical-c/>

USA Today Explores Improving Outpatient Heart Care

USA Today reported July 27 on a study by Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson–UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, finding that a new intervention program significantly improved outpatient clinics' adherence to therapies recommended by national guidelines for heart-failure patients. Fonarow was quoted.

“Study Finds Gaps in Heart Failure Care Given to Thousands”

http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2010-07-27-IMPROVEHF27_ST_N.htm

Expert Addresses Alzheimer's with the L.A. Times, Dr. Oz Show

A brain-imaging study by Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Center on Aging, was cited July 26 by the Los Angeles Times. His team found that a high number of amyloid plaques and tau tangles in healthy people's brains was linked to a greater risk for cognitive decline over a two-year period. Small was quoted. He also appeared July 27 on the “Dr. Oz Show” to address the difference between forgetful “senior moments” and the onset of Alzheimer's disease.

“Studies Target Amyloid Plaques and Tau Tangles”

<http://www.latimes.com/news/health/la-he-0726-closer-alzheimers-research20100726,0,7399908.story>

“Dr. Oz Show”

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=130719&key=vWHEdxsGkiY7CvwJjOCcUJO4qxgpj6sM&email=RChampeau@mednet.ucla.edu>

Forbes Examines Mystery of Autism's Origin

Forbes.com reported July 28 on a Nature study by an international group of research centers, including UCLA, finding that the DNA of children with autism spectrum disorders shows a higher rate of genetic variations than in unaffected children. Principal investigator Dr. Daniel Geschwind, Gordon and Virginia MacDonald Distinguished Chair in Human Genetics, was quoted.

"Unlocking the Genetic Secrets of Autism"

<http://www.forbes.com/2010/07/28/autism-vaccine-science-opinions-columnists-henry-i-miller.html>

Daily Breeze Covers Dramatic Rescue of Boy at Beach

The Daily Breeze ran a July 26 article featuring Dr. David Austin, assistant clinical professor of medicine, who helped resuscitate a young boy buried deep under the sand after the beach tunnel he'd dug collapsed around him. Austin was quoted and also cited in a follow-up story on July 27.

"Boy Saved from Death on the Beach"

http://www.dailybreeze.com/ci_15606188

"Boy who was Trapped under Sand Tells Mom He Felt like He was going to Die"

http://www.dailybreeze.com/ci_15613230?IADID=Search-www.dailybreeze.com-www.dailybreeze.com

L.A. Times Delves into Prostate Cancer's Cellular Source

A UCLA study that uncovered the cell of origin for human prostate cancer was featured July 29 by the Los Angeles Times health blog, LiveScience.com and The Press Association. Dr. Owen Witte, director of the Broad Stem Cell Research Center and a researcher with the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center; and Andrew Goldstein, a graduate student in Witte's lab, were quoted. BiologyandMedicine.com also covered the story.

"UCLA Researchers Discover the Unexpected Cell that Causes Prostate Cancer"

<http://www.latimes.com/news/health/boostershots/la-heb-prostate-cell-20100729,0,5026874.story>

"Prostate Cancer Cell Identified"

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ukpress/article/ALeqM5guBhP69iY5SFii18zOqTGECsbEwA>

"Prostate Cancer 'Cell of Origin' Identified"

<http://www.livescience.com/health/prostate-cancer-origin-100729.html>

AOL News Features Psychiatrists who Analyze Comic Book Heroes

Dr. Eric Bender, a child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at the Semel Institute, and Dr. Praveen Kambam, a pending clinical psychiatry faculty member, were featured in a July 22 AOLNews.com article about their presentation at the San Diego Comic Convention. The two analyze comic book heroes from a psychiatric perspective in order to erase misinformation and stigmas about mental health and treatment.

"Super Shrinks Psychoanalyze Superheroes"

<http://www.aolnews.com/weird-news/article/super-shrinks-psychoanalyze-superheroes/19559596>

KCBS, KCAL Highlight 12-Year-Old's Brain Surgery

KCBS –Channel 2 and KCAL-Channel 9 aired July 23 reports on a 12-year-old patient who will undergo endoscopic surgery for the treatment of a pituitary tumor. His physician, Dr. Marvin Bergsneider, professor of neurosurgery, was interviewed.

"Boy, 12, to Undergo Groundbreaking Brain Surgery"

<http://cbs2.com/video/?cid=71>

Psychology Today Explores Religion, Human Behavior

Susan Smalley, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, wrote a July 24 Psychology Today blog about the changing nature of religious narratives.

"Look Around and Look Within"

<http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/look-around-and-look-within/201007/the-changing-face-religion>

L.A. Times Cites Study on Tea's Preventive Effect on Dementia

The July 26 Los Angeles Times cited a study led by Lenore Arab, professor of medicine, finding that non-tea drinkers' rates of cognitive decline were significantly higher than regular tea drinkers. She was quoted.

"Alzheimer's Disease: The Best Bets for Prevention, So Far"

<http://www.latimes.com/news/health/la-he-alzheimers-prevention-20100726.0,569270.story?page=2>

Local Paper Profiles Award-winning Pediatrician

The July 21 Argonaut profiled Dr. Wendy Slusser, associate clinical professor of pediatrics at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA and staff pediatrician at the Simms Mann Venice Family Clinic Pediatric Health and Wellness program. She was named the 2010 recipient of the Robert F. Allen Symbol of H.O.P.E (Helping Other People through Empowerment) Award.

"Venice Family Clinic Pediatrician Honored with Symbol of HOPE Award"

http://www.argonautnewspaper.com/articles/2010/07/22/news_-_features/venice/v1.txt

Daily News Highlights Column on HIV Testing

The July 28 Daily News ran a syndicated column by Dr. Claire Panosian, professor of medicine, division of infectious diseases, on the development and progression of HIV testing.

"HIV Testing has Progressed over the Years"

http://www.dailynews.com/ci_15626000?source=email

ER Physician Advises Residents How to Stay Cool in Heat

Dr. Wally Ghurabi, medical director of the Nethercutt Emergency Center at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, wrote a health column on heat precautions that ran in the July 23 Santa Monica Mirror.

"Cool Tips to Beat the Heat"

<http://www.smmirror.com/#mode=single&view=30795>

Nursing Trade Spotlights Qualities of Top Hospitals

The July 23 edition of NurseZone.com featured an interview with Heidi Crooks, senior associate director of operations and patient care services for Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, on what it takes to land a spot on *U.S. News'* coveted Honor Roll.

"What It Takes to Make the Honor Roll of US News' Best Hospitals"

http://www.nursezone.com/Nursing-News-Events/more-news/What-It-Takes-to-Make-the-Honor-Roll-of-US-News-Best-Hospitals_34644.aspx

Jewish Journal Runs Q&A on Mediterranean Fever

The Los Angeles Jewish Journal website on July 25 featured Dr. Terri Getzug, associate clinical professor of medicine, division of digestive diseases, in a Q&A with Dr. Norman Lavin, clinical professor of pediatrics, about Familial Mediterranean Fever, a genetic disease characterized by recurrent fevers, rashes and painful inflammation of the abdomen, lungs and joints.

"Familial Mediterranean Fever: An Interview with Terri Getzug M.D."

http://www.jewishjournal.com/jewish_diseases/item/familial_mediterranean_fever_an_interview_with_terri_getzug_md_20100725/

Healthcare Trade Covers New Eye, Medical Facility

Healthcare Construction and Operations News reported July 26 on plans for the Edie and Lew Wasserman Building, a new research and patient-care facility on campus that will include the Edie and Lew Wasserman Eye Research Center, Jules Stein Eye Institute programs and the David Geffen School of Medicine's neurosurgery department and its Institute of Urologic Oncology. Dr. Neil Martin, professor and chair of the UCLA Department of Neurosurgery, was quoted.

"UCLA Research Facility"

<http://www.hconews.com/articles/2010/07/26/1156-million-eye-research-facility>

Los Angeles Times Reports on Californians and Mental Health Services

A Los Angeles Times blog reported July 28, and United Press International reported July 29, on a study by the Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health. The report found that nearly 20 percent of California adults say they need help for an emotional or mental health problem and that only a small portion get professional treatment. David Grant, director of the California Health Interview Survey, which is administered by the center, was cited in the L.A. Times.

"One in Five Californians say they Need Mental Health Care"

<http://articles.latimes.com/2010/jul/28/news/la-heb-mentalhealth-20100728>

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E. Richard Brown, director of the Center for Health Policy Research and professor of public health, commented July 28 in the Los Angeles Times about research showing that the average Los Angeles County resident lives longer than the average American.

“L.A. County Residents Living Longer, but Old Disparities Persist”

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-life-expectancy-20100728,0,7510251.story>

Dr. Greg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson–UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, commented July 29 in HealthDay News story about a new blood thinner on the market.

“Brilinta, which Got Nod from Agency Advisors Wednesday, Would be Welcome Option, Docs Say”

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=641616>

Dr. Michael Gottlieb, assistant clinical professor of infectious diseases, was quoted July 23 in a CNN.com article about changes in HIV/AIDS treatments over the past 30 years.

“30 Years with HIV: 3 Men Reflect”

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/HEALTH/07/23/30.years.hiv/?hpt=C1>

John Kacperski, computer resource manager in medical information technology services, commented July 26 in the Santa Monica Daily Press about dark fiber that Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital leases from the city to connect with the Westwood campus.

“What Lies Beneath”

http://www.smdp.com/Articles-c-2010-07-25-70024.113116_What_lies_beneath.html

Dr. Henry Kawamoto, clinical professor of plastic and reconstructive surgery, commented in a July 25 Pittsburgh Post Gazette article about people whose faces were disfigured in accidents.

“In An Instant, Their Faces Were Gone”

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10206/1075243-51.stm>

Dr. Linda Liau, professor of neurosurgery and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, was quoted in a July 29 Philadelphia Inquirer article about experimental cancer treatments in which patients' tumors are used to create vaccines.

“Patients, Hospitals Wrestle over Tumor Issue”

http://www.philly.com/inquirer/local/20100729_Patients_hospitals_wrestle_over_tumor_tissue.html

Dr. Jeffrey Saver, professor of neurology and director of the UCLA Stroke Center, commented July 25 in the Journal Sentinel (Milwaukee) about the low rates of stroke patients who receive a clot-dissolving agent called tissue plasminogen activator, or t-PA. The article also appeared on MedPageToday.com.

“Drug That Could Stop Stroke Isn't Always Used”

<http://www.jsonline.com/features/health/99181174.html>

“Do Certified Stroke Centers Deliver Speedy Treatment?”

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/Cardiology/Strokes/21368>

Dr. Gary Small, Parlow Solomon Professor on Aging, a professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Center on Aging, commented July 26 in the Canadian Press about how remembering passwords and PINs can tax an individual's memory.

“A Pox on Passwords and PINs! Multiple Security Systems Tax Overloaded Memory”

http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=cp_TL302.xml&show_article=1

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/Cardiology/Strokes/21368>

Dr. Lonnie Zeltzer, director of the pediatric pain program at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was quoted July 27 by ABC News.com about a boy who refused pain medications after falling from a tree to rescue a kitten.

"Boy Suffers Through Multiple Broken Bones to Rescue Kitten"

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/PainManagement/multiple-broken-bones-boy-rescues-kitten/story?id=11254213>

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