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Pancreatic Cancer Cells' Fructose Diet Draws Wide Headlines

Research by Dr. Anthony Heaney finding that pancreatic cancer cells feed on fructose to grow rapidly was reported in stories that ran Aug. 3 or Aug. 4 by CNN, Reuters, CBS News, AOL News, Seattle Times, Cleveland Plain Dealer, San Francisco Chronicle, nine TV markets and many others. Heaney is a member of the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and an associate professor of medicine and neurosurgery. The Aug. 1 edition of Cancer Research published the findings.

"Cancer Cells Feed on Fructose, Study Finds"

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/38528161/ns/health-cancer/>

"Fructose: The Sugar of Choice for Cancer Cells"

<http://www.aolnews.com/surge-desk/article/study-finds-high-fructose-corn-syrup-is-sugar-of-choice-for-cancer-cells/19579248>

"The Deadliest Type of Cancer and Fructose: Here Comes the Research"

<http://ricksanchez.blogs.cnn.com/2010/08/04/the-deadliest-type-of-cancer-fructose-here-comes-the-research/?iref=storysearch>

"Cancer Cells Use Fructose to Grow: Don't Blame Us, Says Corn Lobby"

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-504763_162-20012601-10391704.html

New Hand-transplant Program Attracts More Coverage

The launch of the UCLA Hand Transplantation Program was covered July 30 by National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" and Orthopaedic & Prosthetic Business News; July 31 by the Los Angeles Times; Aug. 5 by the San Bernardino Sun; and July 29 by KBLA 1230AM (Korea). Surgical director Dr. Kodi Azari, associate professor of orthopaedic surgery and plastic and reconstructive surgery, and Dr. Sue McDiarmid, professor of pediatrics and surgery and medical director of the pediatric liver transplantation and hand transplantation programs, were quoted.

"The Delicate Balance of Hand Transplants"

<http://www.latimes.com/news/health/la-sci-hand-transplant-20100731.0.561189.story>

UCLA Offers First West Coast Human Hand Transplant Program

http://www.sbsun.com/living/ci_15678983

"UCLA Launches Hand Transplantation Program"

<http://www.scpr.org/news/2010/07/29/ucla-launches-hand-transplantation-program/>

"UCLA's New Hand Transplantation Program Helps Patients Regain Function"

<http://www.oandpbusinessnews.com/view.aspx?rid=67029>

Pregnancy Weight Gain's Link to Pediatric Obesity Sparks Headlines

A commentary written by Dr. Neal Halfon, director of the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities, and Dr. Michael Lu, associate director of the center's child and family health training program, about an Aug. 4 study in *The Lancet* emphasizing the need for research to help women maintain a healthy weight before and during pregnancy was covered Aug. 4 by the Associated Press, HealthDay News, Daily Telegraph (U.K.), CBC News (Canada), WebMD and DocGuide News; and Aug. 5 by La Van Guardia (Spain).

"Heavy Mothers, Heavy Children"

<http://www.latimes.com/news/health/sns-health-heavy moms-heavy kids,0,1310141.story>

"More Weight Gain in Pregnancy May Mean Heavier Baby: Study"

<http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/641808.html>

"Putting On Too Much Weight in Pregnancy 'Risk Baby's Health'"

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/healthnews/7926233/Putting-on-too-much-weight-in-pregnancy-risk-babys-health.html>

"Kids' Obesity Risk Partly Set in Womb"

<http://www.cbc.ca/health/story/2010/08/04/pregnancy-weight-gain-obesity.html>

Californians' Mental Health Gets Media Attention

David Grant, director of the California Health Interview Survey at the School of Public Health, was featured July 29 by United Press International. His research found that nearly 20 percent of Californians say they need help for an emotional or mental health problem yet only a small portion get professional treatment. The study was also cited Aug. 3 by the Los Angeles Daily News; Aug. 5 by the San Francisco Examiner; July 30 by the (San Jose) Mercury News; July 29 on KTLA-Channel 5, KTXL-Channel 40 (Sacramento) and a Los Angeles Times blog; and July 28 on the ABC show, "Jimmy Kimmel Live."

"Doug McIntyre: Angelenos don't have to be Nuts, but it Helps"

http://www.dailynews.com/opinions/ci_15670670

"Mercury News Editorial: California should better Carefor the Mentally Ill"

http://www.mercurynews.com/opinion/ci_15633712?nclick_check=1

"Stigma Keeps Many from Mental Health Help"

http://www.upi.com/Health_news/2010/07/29/Stigma-keeps-many-from-mental-health-help/UPI-99481280383156/

Prostate Cancer's Cell-of-Origin Garners Global Interest

A study from the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and Broad Stem Cell Research Center that uncovered the cell of origin for human prostate cancer was covered July 30 by MSNBC, Science News, KPCC 89.3 FM, the Scotsman, Belfast Telegraph, London Evening Standard, Ambiente Brasil, Science News and more than 35 other news outlets. Senior author Dr. Owen Witte, director of the UCLA Broad Stem Cell Research Center and a JCCC member, and first author Andrew Goldstein, a graduate student in Witte's lab, were quoted

"UCLA Scientists Discover Breakthrough in Prostate Cancer Research"

<http://www.scpr.org/news/2010/07/29/ucla-scientists-uncover-breakthrough-prostate-cane/>

"Hopes Raised of a Better Test for Prostate Cancer"

<http://news.scotsman.com/health/Hope-raised-of-a-better.6448134.jp>

"Prostate Cancer Cell Identified"

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/prostate-cancer-cell-identified-14893548.html?r=RSS>

"Possible Prostate Cancer Culprit"

http://www.sciencenews.org/view/generic/id/56488/title/Possible_prostate_cancer_culprit

Australia's "60 Minutes" Covers Girl's Brain Surgery for Epilepsy

The Australian edition of "60 Minutes" aired an Aug. 1 segment about a 6-year-old girl who underwent a cerebral hemispherectomy surgery at UCLA to treat her epileptic seizures. Surgeon Dr. Gary Mathern, professor of pediatric neurosurgery and neurosurgical director of the Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery Program at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was featured.

"The Deepest Cut"

<http://sixtyminutes.ninemsn.com.au/stories/7936979/the-deepest-cut>

NBC's "Extra" Targets Custom Brain-Cancer Vaccine

Dr. Linda Liau, professor of neurosurgery and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, appeared July 29 on an NBC "Extra" segment about her brain-cancer vaccine research. She explained the concept of "tissue banking," -- reserving tumor tissue after surgery for use in a personalized vaccine.

"3 'Extra' Lifechangers, 3 Amazing Medical Breakthroughs!"

http://extratv.warnerbros.com/2010/07/3_extra_lifechangers_3_amazing.php

Science News Examines Autism, Emotion and Music Therapy

Istvan Molnar-Szakacs, a researcher at the Tennenbaum Center for the Biology of Creativity at the Semel Institute, was featured August 14 in Science News about music's effect on emotions and the brain. He found autistic children are as adept as other children at identifying emotion in music and show the same level of brain activation when listening to music.

"More than a Feeling"

http://www.sciencenews.org/view/feature/id/61575/title/More_than_a_feeling

S.F. Examiner Explores M.S. Patients' Depression

A study by Dr. Nancy Sicotte, associate professor of neurology, and postdoctoral fellow Stefan Gold was featured July 29 in a San Francisco Examiner blog about their finding linking depression in persons with multiple sclerosis to atrophy in specific brain regions involved in mood and memory.

"Multiple Sclerosis Depression Physical not Psychological with Lifetime Risk as High as 50 Percent"

<http://www.examiner.com/examiner/x-32750-Lima-Multiple-Sclerosis-Examiner~y2010m7d30-Multiple-Sclerosis-depression-physical-not-psychological-with-lifetime-risk-as-high-as-50-pecent>

WebMD, Med Page Today Investigate Rejection's Link to Disease

Research by George Slavich, a postdoctoral scholar at the Semel Institute, and Shelley Taylor, professor of psychology and sociology, was featured Aug. 2 by WebMD, Med Page Today and LiveScience.com. They found that social stress and rejection can trigger inflammation in the body that increases the risk of asthma, arthritis, cardiovascular disease and other maladies.

"Rejection Affects Health"

<http://www.webmd.com/balance/stress-management/news/20100802/rejection-affects-health>

"Social Rejection Linked to Inflammation"

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/Psychiatry/AnxietyStress/21484>

HealthDay News, Examiner Look at Heart Disease Risk

HealthDay News and Examiner.com reported Aug. 4 and 2, respectively, on research by Dr. Arun Karlamangla, associate professor of geriatrics, suggesting that disparities in cardiovascular disease risk are due less to race or ethnicity than socioeconomic status, with the poorest individuals having the highest risk. The study was published in the August issue of the Annals of Epidemiology. The HealthDay report was carried on the websites of U.S. News & World Report, BusinessWeek, the Arizona Republic and others.

"Poorest People at Highest Heart Disease Risk: U.S. Data"

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=641775>

"UCLA Study Finds that Cardiovascular Risk Disparities Based More on Socioeconomic Status than Race"

<http://www.examiner.com/x-25863-LA-Womens-Health-Examiner~y2010m8d2-UCLA-study-finds-that-cardiovascular-risk-disparities-based-more-on-socioeconomic-status-than-ethnic>

Gender Gap in Medical Student Leadership Draws Press Interest

The Chicago Sun Times, Inside Higher Ed and MedIndia reported July 30 on an Academic Medicine study by Nancy Wayne, professor of physiology. She found that female medical students volunteer to lead their peers in the classroom significantly less than their male counterparts, but teachers' subtle encouragement can even out the gender gap. Additional online coverage included Medical News Today, Science Daily, Red Orbit, Science Centric, Ethiopian Review and others.

"Female Doc Students Not Leading"

<http://www.suntimes.com/lifestyles/health/2549856.CST-NWS-doc30.article>

"UCLA Study Says Teachers can Close Gender Gap in Classroom Leadership during Medical School"

<http://www.medindia.net/news/UCLA-Study-Says-Teachers-can-Close-Gender-Gap-in-Classroom-Leadership-During-Medical-School-72047-1.htm>

Gender, Leadership and the Med School Classroom

<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2010/07/30/qt>

Daily Breeze Features Emergency Physician

An Aug. 1 story in the Los Angeles Daily Breeze featured Dr. Marianne Gausche-Hill, clinical professor of emergency medicine at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. She was the first U.S. doctor to complete sub-specialty training in pediatric emergency medicine. She was quoted.

"Torrance's Harbor-UCLA Sets Standards for Kids' ER Care"

http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci_15653427

KFI AM 640 Reports on Tumor-Fighting Immune System

KFI News reported July 25 on a study by Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center researchers that created an army of tumor-fighting immune cells and used PET-scan technology to show them hunting and killing melanoma in real time. Dr. Richard Koya, adjunct assistant professor of surgical oncology, was interviewed.

SM Physicians Explain Whooping Cough's Second Act

Dr. Eric Curcio and Dr. Kellie Kruger, internal medicine and pediatric specialists at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, wrote a column on whooping cough published in the July 30 Santa Monica Mirror.

“Whooping Cough Makes a Comeback”

<http://www.smmirror.com/?ajax#mode=single&view=30829>

Jewish Journal Spotlights NBA Player’s Visit to Mattel

The Jewish Journal reported Aug. 4 on National Basketball Association player Jordan Farmar’s reunion with Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA patients who had participated in his “Making Dreams Come True” program. The former UCLA basketball star also made bedside visits to deliver goodie bags.

“Farmar to Keep Charities Local after Jersey Move”

http://www.jewishjournal.com/articles/item/farmar_to_keep_charities_local_after_jersey_move_20100804/

Brain Cancer Study Covered by TV Affiliates

An approach that fights deadly brain cancer by targeting the mechanisms behind fatty acid metabolism was featured Aug. 3 on KTVB-TV (Idaho) and WXXA-TV (NY). The research was led by Dr. Paul Mischel, a professor of pathology and laboratory medicine and a member of the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

“Doctors ‘Starving’ Brain Cancer Cells, Aug. 3”

<http://www.ktvb.com/news/health/Doctors-starving-brain-cancer-cells-99790199.html>

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Aug. 1 Inland Valley Daily Bulletin and July 29 Modesto Bee coverage on the number of California residents without health insurance cited a study from the Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health.

“25% Lack Health Insurance”

http://www.dailybulletin.com/news/ci_15653387?source=rss

“Feds, UCLA put Uninsured Figure at 17%-22% in Stanislaus County”

<http://www.modbee.com/2010/07/30/1272905/feds-ucla-put-uninsured-figure.html>

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Liana Apostolova, professor of neurology, was quoted Aug. 4 by MedPage News about a study finding that poor cardiac output may accelerate aging-related losses in brain volume.

“Failing Heart Linked to Failing Brain”

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/Neurology/Dementia/21492>

E. Richard Brown, director of the Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted Aug. 1 by the Los Angeles Times on the life expectancy of Los Angeles County residents.

“Social Will can Add Years to our Lives”

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-theweek-20100801,0,4472359.story>

Dr. Peter Galier, internal medicine specialist at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, was quoted Aug. 2 by WebMD about new research examining obesity’s increasing toll on quality and quantity of life.

“Health Burden of Obesity Rises”

http://www.webmd.com/diet/news/20100802/health-burden-of-obesity-rises?src=RSS_PUBLIC

Gerald Kominski, professor of public health and associate director of the Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted Aug. 5 by the Los Angeles Times about a major dip in Los Angeles County’s death rate.

“L.A. County Death Rate Drops 22%”

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-mortality-20100805,0,5784340.story>

Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies at the Center for Health Policy Research, was quoted July 30 by the San Francisco Chronicle and Los Angeles Times about the number of California residents without health insurance.

“Health Insurance Rates: California Plans to Crack Down, but how Hard?”

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-health-insurance-20100730,0,6361645.story>

"2007 Data Show State had 6.5 million Uninsured"

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/07/29/BAD41ELQ4R.DTL#ixzz0vIT6ly1P>

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

"Patients, Hospitals Wrestle over Tumor Tissue"

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

Edythe London, professor of psychiatry and molecular and medical pharmacology, was quoted July 30 in a National Public Radio online article about the link between impulsiveness and dopamine in the brain.

"Just Buy it: Impulsiveness Tied to Brain Chemical"

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=128854688>

Dr. Arya Nick Shamie, associate professor of orthopedic surgery at the UCLA Spine Center, was quoted Aug. 2 in a HealthDay News article about steroid treatments for patients suffering from sciatica.

"Sciatica Relief May Depend on How Steroid Shots are Delivered"

<http://www.wsfa.com/Global/story.asp?S=12911510>

Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging, a professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Center on Aging, was quoted Aug. 4 by USA Today about technology's effect on social behavior and mental acuity. He also commented Aug. 4 on Brand X Daily about how digital technology has changed how we read and write. Finally, he commented Aug. 4 on KABC-TV Channel 7 about women suffering from "pseudo-dementia" -- curable memory lapses caused by other ailments.

"Always-on Technology: Are We Adapting, or Losing Focus?"

http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/2010-08-04-netbrain04_cv_N.htm

"Cover Story: Open Up to the Reading and Writing Revolution"

<http://www.thisisbrandx.com/2010/08/cover-story-open-up-to-the-reading-and-writing-revolution.html>

"Curable Forms of Memory Loss"

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/health/your_health&id=7593088

Dr. Brad Spellberg, associate professor in residence at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, commented Aug. 5 in Bloomberg News about a new drug to treat antibiotic-resistant hospital-acquired infections.

"Glaxo Drug Looms as Deadly Hospital Infections Spread"

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2010-08-05/glaxo-drug-looms-as-deadly-hospital-infections-spread.html>

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