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**ANI, Other Media Explore Extreme Morning Sickness**

[Asian News International](#), the [Toronto Sun](#), [Examiner.com](#), [Medindia](#), [RedOrbit](#), and other outlets reported Aug. 24 on research by Marlena Fejzo, assistant professor of hematology-oncology, suggesting that children of women who suffered from an extreme form of morning sickness called hyperemesis gravidarum during pregnancy were at increased risk for depression, anxiety and behavioral problems in adulthood.

#### **New Defense Mechanism Garners Coverage**

[Reuters](#), [BBC](#), [Medical News Today](#), [Examiner](#), [Red Orbit](#), [Infection Control Today](#) and [Science Daily](#) reported Aug. 22 and [HealthDay](#) reported Aug. 25 that researchers discovered a molecular process by which the body can defend against the effects of *Clostridium difficile*, an intestinal disease that impacts several million people in the U.S. each year and is a commonly acquired hospital infection. The study appeared in *Nature Medicine* and included study author Dr. Charalabos Pothoulakis, director of UCLA's Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center and a professor of medicine in the division of digestive diseases. The Reuters story was picked up by multiple outlets including MSNBC, CNBC and ThirdAge.com

#### **Web News Sites Feature Smoking Cessation Study**

Research by Dr. Michael Ong, assistant professor of general internal medicine and health services research, that showed smokers with comorbid conditions need help from physicians to kick the habit was featured August 22 by [Health News Digest](#), [e Science News](#), [Medical News Today](#) and [HealthCanal.com](#). Ong is also a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

#### **Fox News Spotlights Operation Mend Patient's Remarkable Transformation**

[KSWB-Channel 5](#) (San Diego) reported Aug. 24 on UCLA's Operation Mend program and highlighted the story of one of the patients who has undergone several facial reconstructive surgeries. Operation Mend provides reconstructive surgery and other medical services to military members wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. Dr. Timothy Miller, professor of plastic surgery and executive director of Operation Mend, was interviewed.

#### **Daily News Highlights Private Donation to UCLA Blood Center**

The business section of the [Los Angeles Daily News](#) reported Aug. 19 on a \$30,000 donation made by two San Fernando Valley businessmen to the UCLA Blood & Platelet Center to help purchase a new truck for the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center's mobile blood donation program. The print edition published a photo of the two men donating blood after the Aug. 16 check-presentation ceremony.

#### **Media Report on Smoke-Free Rental Properties.**

[The North County Times](#) (San Diego) reported Aug. 18, [Examiner.com](#) reported Aug. 19 and [Medical News Today](#) reported Aug. 23 on research led by Dr. Michael Ong, assistant professor of general internal medicine and health services research, finding that California's multi-unit residential housing owners could save an aggregate \$18 million a year in cleaning costs by instituting smoke-free policies at their properties.

#### **Media Explore Brain Injury and Parkinson's Disease Connection**

Marie Françoise Chesselet, professor of neurology and chair of the department of neurobiology, and David Hovda, professor of neurosurgery and director of the UCLA Brain Injury Research Center, were featured Aug. 21 in an [Examiner](#) blog, August 22 in a [Softpedia.com](#) report, and August 23 in a [Science Daily](#) article about their finding that suffering a traumatic brain injury can lead to people being exposed to an increased risk of Parkinson's disease.

#### **Examiner Covers Donation to Help Fund Research for Neurological Disorder**

The [Examiner](#) reported Aug. 24 on a donation made to UCLA researchers to help find a cure for a neurological disease called Rasmussen Encephalitis. The \$111,000 gift was made to Dr. Gary Mathern, professor of pediatric neurosurgery and director of the UCLA Pediatric Epilepsy Program at Mattel Children's Hospital, Carol Kruse, professor of neurosurgery and Dr. Harry Vinters, professor of neuropathology.

### **Geriatrician Pens Column on Vaccines for Seniors**

Dr. Sonja Rosen, staff geriatrician at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital and assistant clinical professor of medicine, authored an Aug. 18 column in the [Santa Monica Mirror](#) about the essential vaccines for seniors.

### **Physician Offers Back-to-School Tips in West Side Today**

[West Side Today](#) published an Aug. 18 article written by Dr. Nina Shapiro, director of pediatric otolaryngology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, offering tips for parents as their children head back to school.

### **HealthDay, Medscape Report on Heart Failure Study**

[Medscape](#) and [HealthDay](#) reported Aug. 23 on a study showing that women with heart failure generally receive the same level of care as men with a few exceptions such as women were less likely to receive a measurement of how well the heart pumps blood, implantable defibrillators or blood thinners. The study appeared in the journal *Circulation: Heart Failure*. Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, was a study author.

### **Bakersfield Californian Highlights the IMG Program**

The Aug. 21 [Bakersfield Californian](#) profiled two Hispanic doctors at Kern Medical Center trained through UCLA's International Medical Graduates Program, which assists doctors who have completed their medical education in Latin America to secure a residency in the United States. The program's goal is to have them work in underserved communities. Dr. Patrick Dowling, chairman of the department of family medicine, was quoted.

### **Media Notes that Boomers are Unprepared for Long-Term Health Care Costs**

A survey conducted by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health and the SCAN Foundation finding that a large number of California residents are unprepared for the cost of long-term healthcare, was featured August 23 in an [Examiner](#) blog and a [SignOn San Diego](#) op-ed, and in an August 24 [NBC-channel 7 \(San Diego\)](#) report.

### **The Atlantic explains how early Stress can Lead to Adult Depression**

George Slavich, an assistant professor of psychiatry and a member of the Cousins Center for Psychoneuroimmunology at the Semel Institute, was featured August 19 in an Atlantic online article about his findings that people who suffered a stressful event early in life are more likely later to develop depression in response to what seem like relatively minor misfortunes. Steven Cole, associate professor of medicine and a Cousins Center member, was also quoted.

### **Healthcare Trade Features Nursing Op-Ed**

An Aug. 23 [Hospital Impact](#) story featured an op-ed by Courtney Lyder, dean of the UCLA School of Nursing and executive director of the UCLA Health System Patient Safety Institute, on the importance of nurses implementing new evidence based-care into their daily practices.

### **LA Times Op-Ed Addresses if Chocolate Milk Should Be on School Menus**

The [Los Angeles Times](#) published an Aug. 21 op-ed authored by Frederick J. Zimmerman, chair and professor in health services at the UCLA School of Public Health that urged the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District to remove chocolate milk from its school menus.

### **Local Website Covers Mobile Playroom Donation to SM Emergency Center**

The [Studio City Patch](#) posted an Aug. 25 story and video about the recent donation of a mobile playroom to the Nethercutt Emergency Center at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital. The donation was made by the Adat Ari El Day School through the Oscar Litwak Foundation. Dr. Wally Ghurabi, medical director, and Elizabeth George, unit director, of the Nethercutt center were quoted in the video, as was Amy Bullock, director of the Chase Child Life Program at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA.

### **Website Discusses Treatment for Bipolar Disorder**

David Miklowitz, professor of psychiatry and director of the Child and Adolescent Mood Disorders Program at the Semel Institute, was featured Aug. 22 in a [Psychcentral.com](http://Psychcentral.com) article about helping a loved one with depression or bipolar disorder.

## QUOTABLES

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson–UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, commented Aug. 25 in a [HealthDay](http://HealthDay) story on the delivery of stroke care on the weekends. The HealthDay story also ran in U.S. News & World Report.

Dr. Jose Escarce, professor of general internal medicine and health services, was quoted Aug. 25 in a [Los Angeles Times](http://Los Angeles Times) article about the Santa Monica–Malibu Unified School District's decision to keep chocolate milk on its school menus.

Dr. Donald Kohn, researcher with the Broad Stem Cell Research Center and professor of microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics, commented Aug. 24 on [WebMD](http://WebMD), [MSNBC](http://MSNBC), [HealthDay.com](http://HealthDay.com), [Bloomberg](http://Bloomberg), [Nature](http://Nature), [CheckOrphan.org](http://CheckOrphan.org), [ImperfectParent.com](http://ImperfectParent.com) in stories about advances in the treatment of children with “Bubble Boy” disease.

Arleen Leibowitz, emeritus professor of public policy and a researcher with the UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services and the UCLA AIDS Institute, was quoted Aug. 22 in a [New York Times](http://New York Times) article about the growing controversy over infant circumcision.

Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Longevity Center, commented Aug. 24 in ABC's [Good Morning America](http://Good Morning America) and World News Tonight reports on University of Tennessee basketball coach Pat Summitt's recent diagnosis of early onset dementia.

Dr. Zev Wainberg, researcher with UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and assistant professor of hematology/oncology, commented Aug. 25 in [USA Today](http://USA Today), [ThirdAge.com](http://ThirdAge.com) and [Examiner.com](http://Examiner.com) regarding neuro endocrine pancreatic cancer tumors.

Jennifer Zanotti, clinical nurse specialist in the emergency department, commented in the August edition of ED Nursing in an article about using thrombolytics in treating elderly stroke patients.

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