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[Science Codex](#), [KNX 1070AM](#), [Examiner.com](#), [Science 2.0](#), [Science Daily](#) and [MedicalXpress](#) Aug. 20; [News-Medical](#) Aug. 21; [Dot Med](#), [MedPage Today](#) and [HealthDay News](#) Aug. 22; [Insurance News Net](#) Aug. 25; [WBUR](#) public radio's Common Health Show, [KPCC 89.3FM's "Impatient"](#) blog, [Health Pro News](#), [Sierra Sun Times](#) and [Health Canal](#) Aug. 26; and [KPCC 89.3FM's "Airtalk with Larry Mantle"](#), [Fierce Healthcare](#) and [California Healthline](#) Aug. 27 featured a story on a UCLA study that found that providing futile care in the ICU denies other patients care that would help them. Dr. Neil Wenger, professor of medicine in the division of general internal medicine and health services research, director of the UCLA Health Ethics Center and a RAND Health scientist; and Dr. Thanh Huynh, an assistant professor of medicine in the division of pulmonary and critical care medicine, were quoted.

U.S. News Watches UCLA's DNA Detectives in Action

[U.S. News & World Report's](#) 2014 "Best Hospitals" edition showcased the UCLA Clinical Genomics Center's cutting-edge work led by genetic researchers, clinicians and counselors to diagnose patients with rare medical disorders and discover life-saving treatments for cancer. The eight-page photo essay and article quoted the David Geffen School of Medicine's Dr. Stan Nelson, professor of human genetics; Dr. Wayne Grody, professor of pathology, human genetics and pediatrics; Dr. Eileen Fowler, adjunct professor of orthopaedic surgery and director of the Kameron Gait and Motion Analysis Laboratory; Dr. Carrie Miceli, professor of microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics; and Dr. Jonathan Goldman, assistant professor of medicine in the division of hematology-oncology and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center; and cited cancer center researchers Dr. Antoni Ribas, professor of medicine in the division of hematology-oncology; and Dr. Roger Lo, associate professor of medicine in the division of dermatology. The print edition featured photos of Dr. Katrina Dipple, professor of pediatric genetics at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA; genetic counselor Nagmeh Dorrani, and technician Traci Toy.

Science Magazine Chronicles Development of Revolutionary Breast Cancer Drug

The Aug. 22 [Science Magazine](#) profiled Dr. Dennis Slamon, professor of medicine in the division of hematology/oncology; and Dr. Richard Finn, associate professor of medicine in the division of hematology/oncology; and their 10-year journey to bring to market the revolutionary drug palbociclib, shown to double progression-free survival in women with advanced breast cancer. Slamon and Finn, both members of UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, were quoted.

Protein Prevents Active TB in Infected Patients

[Science Daily](#) and [Infection Control Today](#) Aug. 20, and [News-Medical](#), [Medical Daily](#), [Science 2.0](#), [Vitamin Council](#) and [Counsel and Heal](#) Aug. 21 covered a new study that identified a protein that appears to play a key role in protecting people infected with the tuberculosis bacteria from developing the active form of the disease. The findings could help doctors identify people who are at the greatest risk for developing disease as well as target new treatment strategies. Senior author Dr. Robert Modlin, the Klein Professor of Dermatology and chief of dermatology; and first author Dennis Montoya, a postdoctoral scholar in the division of dermatology; were quoted in the coverage.

O.C. Register Examines Diabetic Amputations

A UCLA study finding that poor people with diabetes were up to 10 times likelier to lose a limb than diabetics living in richer neighborhoods was covered Aug. 22 by the [Orange County Register](#). Dr. David Schriger, professor of emergency medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted.

Water Conservation Should Consider Health, Cost and Community Concerns

Dr. Brian Cole, an adjunct assistant professor of environmental sciences at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was interviewed Aug. 22 on [KPCC 89.3FM's "Take Two"](#) show and on [KCBS 740AM](#) (San Francisco) about a health impact assessment report he wrote that offered short- and long-term recommendations for urban water conservation to protect and promote public health. His research was also highlighted in an Aug. 21 [Phys.org](#) article.

Media Interest in Promising TB/Leprosy Vaccine Continues

[Vaccine News Daily](#) Aug. 27; [Imperial Valley News](#) Aug. 24; [Bioresearch Online](#) Aug. 22; [PakTribune](#) Aug. 21; and [Business Standard](#), [Drug Discovery & Development](#), [Economic Times](#), [First Post](#), [Scicasts](#) and [Jagran Post](#) Aug. 20, spotlighted research led by Dr. Marcus Horwitz, professor of medicine in the division of infectious diseases and of microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics, on a vaccine that shows promise as a stronger weapon against tuberculosis and leprosy than the current vaccine.

Take Me to Your Mother

The Aug. 8 edition of [Nick Mom TV's "Take Me to Your Mother"](#) featured Dr. Valencia Walker, an assistant clinical professor of neonatology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA. The segment also included interviews with Dr. Jennifer Sucre, a fellow in neonatology at UCLA; and Melinda Segrest, a per diem clerk in the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center cafeteria.

Advancements in Plastic Surgery

Dr. Reza Jarrahy, associate clinical professor of plastic surgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was a guest Aug. 26 on Sirius XM's "Doctor Radio" to discuss the latest advancements in plastic and reconstructive surgery.

Ventura County Star Meets Reunited Brother and Sister

The Aug. 23 [Ventura County Star](#) (*subscription required*) covered the story of Guadalupe Villanueva and Frank Ybarra, two Oxnard residents who discovered in October 2013 that they are biological brother and sister. Frank was on dialysis and needed a kidney transplant; on June 24 Guadalupe donated a kidney to her newfound brother at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center.

Media Cover Study on HDL Protein to Treat Pulmonary Hypertension

The Aug. 27 [Sierra Sun Times](#), [MedicalXpress](#), [Pulmonary Hypertension News](#), and [Business Standard](#); and the Aug. 28 [News-Medical](#), [Counsel and Heal](#), and [Decan Herald](#) covered a study demonstrating that oxidized lipids, which play a role in atherosclerosis, may also contribute to pulmonary hypertension, a lung disease that narrows the lungs' blood vessels. Dr. Mansoureh Eghbali, the study's senior author and associate professor of anesthesiology, and first author Dr. Salil Sharma, postdoctoral researcher in anesthesiology, were quoted.

WebMD Explores Latest Advances in Fighting Alzheimer's

Dr. Dale Bredesen, professor of neurology and director of the Mary S. Easton Center for Alzheimer's Disease Research, was featured in an Aug. 20 [WebMD](#) Q&A about the latest treatment and prevention strategies for Alzheimer's disease.

Psychiatrist Points Out Widespread Discrimination

Dr. Lekeisha Sumner, assistant professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, published an Aug. 22 op-ed on [theconversation.com](#) about the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., and the widespread discrimination that remains in all walks of life, including healthcare.

Satellite Radio Program Explains ICE Bucket Challenge

Dr. Martina Wiedau-Pazos, associate professor of neurology and director of the amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) research laboratory, was interviewed Aug. 21 on the SiriusXM satellite radio program, Doctor Radio Reports, about the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge as a fundraising tool.

Biosensor Study Continues to Grab Headlines

[Health E Galaxy](#) reported Aug. 20 on a study of a new disposable biosensor that monitors gut sounds. The study was led by Dr. Brennan Spiegel, a professor in residence in the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health.

Prostate Cancer Study Highlighted

[Examiner.com](#) on Aug. 26, [Science Codex](#) and [MedicalXpress](#) on Aug. 27, and [News-Medical](#) and [Oncology Nursing Advisor](#) on Aug. 28 reported a study by Dr. Alan Kaplan that showed men left uneducated about their prostate cancer have more trouble making treatment decisions. Kaplan is a resident physician in the UCLA Department of Urology.

Media Tout Nanoparticle Drug Delivery System for Cancer, Possible HIV Cure

[Imperial Valley News](#) Aug. 24 and [Phys.Org](#) Aug. 22 reported on a study by a team of researchers from UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center that show how a naturally occurring nanoparticle called a vault can be used to create a drug delivery system and lead to advances in treatment for cancer and HIV. Dr. Leonard Rome, professor of biological chemistry; and Dr. Jerome Zack, professor of medicine in the division of hematology/oncology; were quoted.

Continued Coverage for UCLA's Teen and Young Adult Cancer Program

[Bing.com](#)'s Aug. 28 "Daily Update" ran a CBS Newspath story that previously aired on dozens of the network's affiliates nationwide about the Daltrey-Townshend Teen & Young Adult Cancer Program based at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica. Dr. Noah Federman, director of the UCLA Pediatric Sarcoma Program; and a patient were quoted.

Nutrition Expert Discusses Worm Therapy for Weight Loss

Dr. David Heber, founding director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition and professor emeritus of medicine, was featured Aug. 26 in a Dr. Drew On Call segment ([Pt. 1](#), [Pt. 2](#)) about the use of tape worms for weight loss.

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A JAMA Dermatology op-ed co-written by Dr. Raymond Barnhill, adjunct professor of pathology, was cited Aug. 27 by [Cancer Network](#) about a new study on melanoma.

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Dr. Alon Avidan, professor of neurology and director of the Sleep Disorders Program, was quoted in an Aug. 25 NBC [Today.com](#) article about "sleep drunkenness," or confused arousal, that leaves affected individuals confused and disoriented upon awakening.

Dr. Peter Butler, chief of the division of endocrinology and director of the Larry L. Hillblom Islet Research Center, was quoted in an Aug. 27 [Reuters Health](#) article about a study suggesting that people who work night shifts or who are on rotating shifts are more likely to develop type-2 diabetes than non-shift workers.

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, commented in an Aug. 26 [HealthDay News](#) article about the use of aspirin as a blood thinner. The story also ran on [Philly.com](#). He was quoted in another Aug. 26 [HealthDay News](#) article on a study showing that heart patients who participate in clinical trials are generally younger and healthier.

Dr. Jim Hu, director and Henry Singleton Chair in Robotic and Minimally Invasive Surgery, was quoted in the July issue of [Men's Health](#) magazine in an online story examining robotic surgery.

Dr. Peter Katona, clinical professor of medicine in the division of infectious diseases, was interviewed Aug. 18 on KALW 91.7FM (San Francisco) about the use of experimental drugs to combat Ebola.

Dr. Nader Pouratian, assistant professor of neurosurgery and director of the UCLA Neuromodulation for Movement Disorders and Pain Program, commented Aug. 26 in an [MS Discovery](#) story about the use of deep brain stimulation to control tremors in patients with multiple sclerosis.

Dr. Nicole Prause, an associate research scientist in the department of psychiatry and director of the Psychophysiology and Affective Neuroscience (SPAN) Laboratory at the Semel Institute, was quoted Aug. 25 by [Reuters](#) about a study showing that single lesbians report having orgasms more often than heterosexual women.

Dr. Mark Sklansky, professor and chief of pediatric cardiology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, commented Aug. 26 in a [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) article about the concept of banning the handshake in the medical setting as a way to help reduce the transmission of germs.

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