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L.A. Times Showcases 'Beating Heart' Transplant

The [Los Angeles Times](#) reported Aug. 29 on a clinical study at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center testing an experimental organ-preservation system that allows donor hearts to continue beating during transport to a recipient. Dr. Abbas Ardehali, professor of cardiothoracic surgery and surgical director of UCLA's heart and lung transplantation program, was quoted. Nurse coordinator Chris Eisenring was also

cited. The report also ran in the [Chicago-Tribune](#) and [WSBT-TV \(IN\)](#), and the study was featured Aug. 30 by [Examiner](#), [Science Blog](#), and [Health Canal](#).

CNN Highlights Early-Onset Dementia

Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging and director of the UCLA Longevity Center, was interviewed Aug. 26 on CNN's "[Dr. Drew](#)" show about University of Tennessee women's basketball coach Pat Summitt being diagnosed with early-onset dementia.

Fox News Explores Diabetes

Dr. Andrew Drexler, professor of endocrinology and director of the Gonda Diabetes Center, appeared Aug. 28 on KTTV-Channel 11 to discuss the symptoms, prevalence and complications of diabetes. (Please click on below link)

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Toronto Sun Explains Why Studies May Mislead

The [Toronto Sun](#) and [Psych Central](#) report Aug. 29, and [Asian News International](#) reported Aug. 27, on research by Dr. Michael Hochman, a fellow in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, suggesting that studies about medications published in influential medical journals are frequently designed in a way that yields misleading or confusing results. She was quoted.

WSJ Highlights Brain Research Donation

The [Wall Street Journal](#) reported Sept. 1 on a donation to UCLA researchers to study a neurological disease called Rasmussen encephalitis. The \$111,000 grant was made to Dr. Gary Mathern, professor of pediatric neurosurgery and director of the UCLA Pediatric Epilepsy Program, Carol Kruse, professor of neurosurgery, and Dr. Harry Vinters, professor of neuropathology.

Canadian News Offers 'Prescription for Excellence'

Canada's [Metro News](#) ran an Aug. 30 review of "Prescription for Excellence," a new book highlighting the UCLA Health System's organizational strategies and unique patient-centered approach. Dr. David Feinberg, the system's CEO and associate vice chancellor for health sciences, was quoted.

Memory Fitness Study Attracts Headlines

[Asian News International](#), [McKnight's Long-Term Health Care News](#), [Examiner.com](#), [Science Daily](#) and [Psych Central](#) reported Aug. 30 and Iran's [FARS News Agency](#) reported Aug. 30 on a UCLA study finding that a memory fitness program offered to adults in senior living communities helped improve their ability to recognize and recall words, boosting their verbal learning and retention.

Local Column Looks at Newborn Virus

The [Los Angeles Daily News](#) ran an Aug. 29 column by Dr. Claire Panosian Dunavan, clinical professor, division of infectious diseases, department of medicine, about infants born with cytomegalovirus, a congenital infection that left untreated can lead to hearing loss, visual impairment and mental retardation.

Channel 7 Lauds Operation Mend Gift

[KABC-Channel 7](#) reported Aug. 29 on a \$300,000 donation by the Thaliens, an entertainment industry nonprofit, to Operation Mend. The UCLA program provides reconstructive plastic and orthopaedic surgery to U.S. military personnel who were severely wounded and disfigured in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Study on Kicking the Habit Draws Interest

[Examiner.com](#) and [Century City-Westwood Patch](#) reported on Aug. 26 and Iran's [Press TV](#) reported Aug. 29 on research led by Dr. Michael Ong, assistant professor of general internal medicine and health services research and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, suggesting that smokers with drug, alcohol or mental disorders would be five times more successful at quitting if they received smoking-cessation counseling from their primary care physician.

Blogs Cover Heart Award

The [Century City-Westwood Patch](#) and [Examiner](#) ran Aug. 31 articles about Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center being one of 167 hospitals nationwide to receive the American College of Cardiology Foundation's national cardiovascular data ACTION registry-GWTG (Get with the Guidelines) Gold Performance Achievement Award for 2011. The quality-improvement program recognizes UCLA's commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart-attack patients.

TV News Explores Stigma's Effect on Schooling

Research by Andrew Fuligni, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, showing that minority youths encounter and recognize stigmatization at an early age, potentially undermining their school performance, was reported Aug. 30 at WMC-TV (Memphis TN) and eight other stations across the country.

Idaho Paper Highlights Rare Brain Surgery

The Aug. 29 [Idaho Statesman](#) featured the stories of children who have undergone a hemispherectomy surgery at UCLA to treat uncontrollable seizures. Surgeon Dr. Gary Mathern, professor of pediatric neurosurgery and director of the UCLA Pediatric Epilepsy Program at Mattel Children's Hospital, was quoted.

AOL's Patch Profiles Cancer Survivor

The [Chatsworth Patch](#) reported Aug. 30 on Dimitri Dimitri, who was treated for esophageal cancer in a clinical trial at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr. Zev Wainberg, a cancer center scientist and an assistant professor, was quoted.

Medstar Covers New Treatment for Schizophrenics

Michael Green, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was interviewed by Medstar Television about a social cognition training program he developed to help schizophrenics assimilate better into society. The segment aired Aug. 15 and Aug. 16 on four subscriber stations across the country.

Pennsylvania TV Spotlights New Depression Treatment

Dr. Ian Cook, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, appeared in August 25 and Aug. 26 reports on WTAJ-TV (Johnstown-Altoona, PA) that discussed his use of trigeminal nerve stimulation, a non-pharmaceutical treatment for depression.

QUOTABLES

Dr. David Baron, family medicine physician and former chief of staff at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, commented Aug. 29 on KNX AM1070 about the potential health benefits from eating chocolate.

Dr. Richelle Cooper, associate professor of emergency medicine, was quoted Aug. 25 in a [KTLA-Channel 5](#) online article about the upcoming trial of Michael Jackson's personal physician.

Dr. John Fitzgerald, associate clinical professor of medicine, division of rheumatology, commented Aug. 31 in the [Los Angeles Times](#) and [Associated Press](#) about tennis player Venus Williams retiring due to Sjogren's syndrome, an autoimmune disease.

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, commented Aug. 28 in [HealthDay News](#) and [CBS News](#) articles about a new blood-thinner medication. He also was quoted Aug. 29 in a [HealthDay News](#) article about how chocolate may lower heart-disease risk.

Fernando Gomez-Pinilla, a professor of neurosurgery and physiological science, commented Aug. 26 in a [Huffington Post](#) article about how gut health may affect the brain and behavior.

Dr. Bevra Hahn, chief of rheumatology and professor of medicine, was interviewed Aug. 31 on [KCBS-Channel 2](#) about tennis player Venus Williams retiring due to Sjogren's syndrome, an autoimmune disease.

David Hovda, professor of neurosurgery and director of UCLA's Brain Injury Research Center, commented Aug. 29 in an [Associated Press](#) story that ran in the Dallas Morning News, Houston Chronicle, CNBC, MSN Money and a dozen other outlets about traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder in the military.

Dr. Timothy Miller, professor of plastic surgery and executive director/lead surgeon for UCLA's Operation Mend program, was quoted Aug. 29 in the [Los Angeles Times](#) about war veteran J.R. Martinez's participation in the upcoming season of "Dancing with the Stars."

Dr. Zev Wainberg, a researcher with UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and an assistant professor of hematology/oncology, commented Aug. 26 in the [Secaucus New Jersey News](#) about neuro-endocrine pancreatic cancer tumors.

Paul Thompson, professor of neurology and a member of the Laboratory of Neuro Imaging, was quoted in the Aug. 29 [Daily Mail](#) online (London), on how sex and orgasms affect the limbic region of the brain.

Dr. Antronette Yancey, professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was quoted Aug. 26 in a [CBS News](#) blog about a link between African-American women's beauty concerns and reluctance to exercise.

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