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Acne-fighting Virus Grabs Global Headlines

A study by UCLA researchers and colleagues showing that a virus found on human skin is naturally programmed to seek out and kill bacteria that cause acne was highlighted Sept. 24 by [WebMD](#), [BBC News](#), [Live Science](#), [Time](#), [CBS News.com](#), [ABC News.com](#), a [Los Angeles Times](#) blog, [HealthDay News](#), an [Examiner](#) blog, [Red Orbit](#), the [Canadian Broadcast Corp.](#), a [Yahoo!](#) blog, [Medical Daily](#), Canada's [QMI](#) news agency, Britain's [Press Association](#), [Health Express](#), the [Irish Independent](#), Britain's [Belfast Telegraph](#), the [Scottish Daily Record](#), Iran's [Press TV](#), [Counsel & Heal](#), [KCAL-Channel 9](#), [KCBS-Channel 2](#) and 70 other CBS affiliates across the country; Sept. 25 by a [Smithsonian Magazine](#) blog, [Discovery News](#), [Scientific American](#), [BBC Mundo](#), [HealthDay News](#), [Physician's Briefing](#), [The Atlantic Wire](#), Ireland's [Herald](#), [Irish Health](#), the U.K.'s [Evening Standard](#), [Australian Broadcasting Corporation](#), India's edition of the [Daily Mail](#), [eMax Health](#), [Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology News](#), [International Science Times](#), [Decoded Science](#), [Press Trust of India](#), [Asian News International](#) and UK's [MSN News](#); Sept. 26 by an [LA Weekly](#) blog, Italy's [La Stampa](#), the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#), [KPCC-89.3 FM](#), [Health India](#), Scotland's [Herald](#) and [Indo-Asian News Service](#); and Sept. 27 by [LiveScience](#), Canada's [Global News](#), [The Week](#), [io9](#), [Headline News](#), [R&D Magazine](#) and dozens of other outlets around the world. Dr. Robert Modlin, chief of dermatology and a professor of microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA; Laura Marinelli, a UCLA postdoctoral researcher in Modlin's laboratory; and coauthor Dr. Jenny Kim, director of the UCLA Clinic for Acne, Rosacea and Aesthetics; were quoted.

PBS Documentary Explores Cost of Care

UCLA Health System was prominently featured Sept. 25 in "[Money and Medicine](#)," a PBS documentary examining cost issues in America's health care system. Interviewees included Dr. David Feinberg, president of the UCLA Health System and associate vice chancellor for health sciences; Dr. Jerome Hoffman, professor emeritus of emergency medicine; Dr. Ravi Aysola, assistant professor of pulmonary and critical care medicine; Dr. David Reuben, chief of geriatrics; Dr. Neil Wenger, director of the UCLA Health System Ethics Center; Dr. Edward Zaragoza, clinical director of radiological sciences; Dr. David Cutler, assistant clinical professor of family medicine; Dr. Mark Litwin, chair of urology and a professor at the Fielding School of Public Health; and Dr. Robert Reiter, director of the UCLA Prostate Cancer Program and a professor of urology. The documentary was highlighted Sept. 25 by [Bloomberg](#), Sept. 24 by PBS's [NewsHour](#) and Sept. 23 by the [Salt Lake Tribune](#).

A.P. Covers Prep for Weekend 405 Closure

UCLA Health System's preparations in advance of the coming weekend closure of the 405 freeway dubbed Carmageddon II was covered Sept. 23 by Associated Press and picked up by the [Huffington Post](#) and [Fox News](#), among others. Shannon O'Kelly, chief operating officer for UCLA Health System was quoted. William Dunne, director of UCLA Health System's emergency preparedness, safety and security services, was interviewed Sept. 27 by KNX AM1070, Sept. 26 by [KTLA-Channel 5](#) and Sept. 24 by [Annenberg TV News](#).

N.Y. Times Warns about Whooping Cough

A New York Times' blog reported Sept. 24 about whooping cough and featured expert commentary by Dr. James Cherry, professor of pediatric infectious diseases at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA.

SciAm Spotlights Technology to Combat Obesity

Steven Cole, associate professor of medicine and a member of the Cousins Center for Psychoneuroimmunology, was featured in a Sept. 25 [Scientific American](#) blog about his use of an accelerometer device to monitor movement and combat obesity in his patients.

Kidney-Transplant Chain Research Draws Press

The Sept. 21 [La Opinion](#), [Hola Ciudad](#) and [Yahoo Noticias](#); the Sept. 22 [Daily Rx](#) and [BioMedME](#); and the Sept. 24 [Organ and Tissue Donation](#) and [Health Canal](#) reported on a study by Dr. Jeffrey Veale that

showed nearly half of kidney recipients in living donor transplant chains are minorities. Veale is a UCLA transplant surgeon and director of the UCLA Kidney Exchange Program.

Walking with Heart-Lung Device Helps Patient Get Stronger

The [Los Angeles Daily News](#) ran a Sept. 20 article about a cystic fibrosis patient who was able to walk while a life-support machine called extra-corporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) assumed control for her breathing as she awaited a double lung transplant. Typically ECMO patients are sedated and immobile, but this approach enables the patient to gain strength and muscle mass before surgery. Dr. David Ross, professor of pulmonology and medical director of the UCLA Lung Transplant program, was quoted. Her surgeon, Dr. Abbas Ardehali, professor of cardiothoracic surgery and surgical director of the UCLA Lung Transplant Program, was cited. The story was syndicated by the Daily Breeze, Long Beach Press Telegram, Pasadena Star-News, Whittier Daily News and San Gabriel Valley Tribune.

Science Now Highlights Progeria

A Sept. 24 [Science Now](#) story covered the latest research on Hutchinson-Gilford progeria syndrome, a pediatric disease that leads to premature aging, including hair loss and heart attacks. The article cites research by Dr. Stephen Young, professor of medicine, who has studied the role of farnesylated prelamin A in causing the disease.

Channel 5 Investigates Brain Injury in Athletes

Dr. Christopher Giza, associate professor of neurosurgery and pediatric neurology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was interviewed Sept. 26 on [KTLA-Channel 5](#) about concussions and traumatic brain injuries among school-age athletes.

LA Times Reviews Anthem Health Plan

The [Los Angeles Times](#) reported Sept. 21 that physicians from UCLA and Cedars-Sinai have been eliminated from an Anthem Blue Cross health plan for Los Angeles city workers as part of a cost-cutting effort. Santiago Munoz, chief strategy officer for the UCLA Health System, was quoted.

Huff Post Looks at Health Care Costs

[The Huffington Post](#) ran a Sept. 20 op-ed on health care costs co-written by Dr. Mark Litwin, chair of urology, and Dr. Jonathan Bergman, a urology resident.

PRI Studies Better Health through Urban Design

Dr. Richard Jackson, chair of environmental health sciences at the Fielding School of Public Health, was interviewed Sept. 23 on Public Radio International's "[Living on Earth](#)" about his research examining the links between public health and the design of cities.

L.A. Daily News Examines Medical Ethics

The [Los Angeles Daily News](#) featured a Sept. 21 column by Claire Panosian Dunavan, clinical professor of infectious diseases, about medical ethics. Dr. Stanley Korenman, professor of endocrinology and associate dean of ethics at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was featured.

Palisadian Post Commemorates Dr. Robert Fink

The Palisadian Post published a Sept. 27 obituary on Dr. Robert Fink, a founding faculty member at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, whose groundbreaking biochemistry research with his wife included developing a new technique in the late 1940s to study the thyroid.

Daily Mail Revisits Formerly Conjoined Twins

The U.K.'s [Daily Mail](#) offered a Sept. 19 update on Josie and Teresa Cajas, the formerly conjoined Guatemalan twins who were separated at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA in 2002.

Health Sites Track Slow HIV Progression

[Medical News](#) reported Sept. 23; [News Medical](#) and the [Open Daily](#) reported Sept. 21, and [Medical Xpress](#) reported Sept. 19, on a study by Catherine Brennan, an assistant research scientist in the department of medicine, and Beth Jamieson, professor of medicine, suggesting that a certain gene

variant's activity may explain why some HIV-positive people progress more slowly toward AIDS than others. Brennan and Jamieson were quoted.

Operation Mend Helps Wounded Soldiers

Oklahoma's [Tulsa News](#), [WFAA-Channel 8](#) (Dallas) and [KDFW-Channel 4](#) (Dallas) reported Sept. 20 and the [Riverside Press-Enterprise](#) reported Sept. 23 on UCLA's Operation Mend, a partnership between Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Brooke Army Medical Center and the Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System that offers free reconstructive surgery and medical care for soldiers disfigured during military service. Dr. Timothy Miller, professor of plastic and reconstructive surgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted in the Press-Enterprise.

How Fructose Disrupts Memory, Learning

Atlanta's [WSB-750 AM](#) reported Sept. 23 on research by Fernando Gomez-Pinilla, professor of neurosurgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, showing how a high-fructose diet can slow the brain and hamper memory and learning in rats.

Blog Cites Autism Center's Success

A Sept. 17 [Examiner.com](#) blog highlighted the UCLA Center for Autism Research and Treatment (CART) as the only NIH Autism Center of Excellence (ACE) in the nation to be awarded renewed funding for the next five years. The ACE grants will provide support for CART's ongoing research into the causes and treatments for autism, including how genes link to behavior, understanding why there are more boys than girls with autism, and new clinical interventions for those affected.

Trade Covers Brain Fitness Program

Open Minds, a behavioral health trade, reported Sept. 17 on a study demonstrating that use of a computerized brain fitness program boosts memory and language skills in seniors. Dr. Karen Miller, associate clinical professor at the Semel Institute, was quoted.

Trade Explores iPad Use in Patient Care

The tech trade [EWeek](#) reported Sept. 21 that patients, doctors and specialized nurses at UCLA are using Apple iPads to help track inflammatory bowel patients' symptoms and care and to communicate with each other in real-time about disease management. Dr. Daniel Hommes, professor of medicine and director of the UCLA Center for Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, was quoted.

QUOTABLES

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center commented Sept. 24 in a [Himalayan Times](#) article about how cooking with sesame oil and rice bran oil can lower blood pressure. He also commented Sept. 26 in [HealthDay](#) on research showing that obese children appear to develop heart-disease risks later in life. The story appeared in [U.S. News & World Report](#).

Dr. Neal Halfon, professor of pediatrics, health services and public policy and director of the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities, was quoted Sept. 26 in a [Huffington Post](#) article about signs of mental illness in children.

Dr. Carlos Lerner, assistant professor of pediatrics and medical director of the UCLA Children's Health Center, was quoted in October's [L. A. Parent](#) about how to make the most of a child's doctor visit.

Dr. Linda Rosenstock, professor of health policy management and dean emeritus at the Fielding School of Public Health, was quoted in the Sept. 15 [Lancet](#) about new preventive care services for women covered under the Affordable Care Act. She chaired an Institute of Medicine Panel that recommended the services, which are covered under insurance without copayment.

Dr. Gary Small, Parlow–Solomon Professor on Aging and director of the UCLA Longevity Center, commented Sept. 26 in a [Huffington Post](#) article about humans' psychological dependence on cell phones.

Dr. Dennis Woo, staff pediatrician at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica and associate professor of pediatrics, was quoted in a Sept. 25 [HealthDay News](#) story about research on the safety of steroid use in children undergoing tonsillectomies.

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