



UCLA HEALTH SCIENCES MEDIA REPORT For the week of Sept. 24 - 30, 2010

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L.A Times Showcases Combat Casualty Care Education Program

The Los Angeles Times reported Sept. 27 on a new educational program that trains military medical personnel to treat combat casualties in war zones. The computer-based program was created by a collaboration of UCLA educators, military care providers and Pelagique, a spinout business of the UCLA Center for Advanced Surgical and Interventional Technology. Dr. Eric Savitsky, the project's editor-in-chief and professor of emergency medicine, was quoted.

"UCLA Develops Training Video for Military Doctors"

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-trauma-video-20100927,0,4739255.story>

KTTV, La Opinión Explore Health Care Reform

Gerald Kominski, professor at the School of Public Health and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, was interviewed Sept. 23 on KTTV-Channel 11 about newly effective health care reform provisions. He was quoted Sept. 23 in La Opinión about the same topic.

“Health Care Reform Changes Take Effect”

<http://www.myfoxla.com/dpp/health/health-care-reform-changes-20100923>

Reuters Compares Home-based and Clinic Dialysis

Reuters reported Sept. 28 on a study led by Dr. Rajnish Mehrotra, professor of nephrology, that found that kidney-failure patients requiring dialysis do equally well whether they receive the treatment at home or at a dialysis center. Mehrotra was cited.

“Less Costly Home Dialysis Just as Effective”

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE68R5TV20100928>

Daily Breeze Notes Many Calif. Kids Never See Dentist

The Los Angeles Daily Breeze ran a Sept. 23 article about a new dental clinic opening in Lawndale for low-income children. The story cited research by Nadereh Pourat, director of research and planning at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, which found that 25 percent of California children have never seen a dentist.

“Dental Clinic for Low-Income Children Opens in Lawndale”

http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci_16157682

L.A. Times Reports on Monkeypox Spread

Anne Rimoin, assistant professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health, was featured in a Sept. 25 Los Angeles Times article about her research showing that monkeypox, a disease related to smallpox, has spread rapidly in tropical Africa. While not as serious as smallpox, monkeypox can scar, blind, and in rare cases, be fatal to its victims.

“Will Monkeypox be the Next Smallpox?”

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/commentary/la-oe-orent-pox-20100926.0,6800911.story>

Daily Newspapers Spotlight Fighting Mono

The Sept. 22 Daily News, Pasadena Star-News and San Bernardino Sun ran a syndicated column by Dr. Claire Panosian, professor of medicine, division of infectious diseases, about the prevalence and treatment of mononucleosis.

“Fighting a Tough Case of Mono”

http://www.dailynews.com/ci_16148271?source=email

L.A. Times, Examiner Explore Stress' Impact on Cancer

Research by Erica Sloan and Steve Cole that showed chronic stress significantly accelerates cancer progression in mice was featured Sept. 24 by the Los Angeles Times health blog and Sept. 29 by Examiner.com. Sloan is a scientist at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and a researcher with the Cousins Center for Psychoneuroimmunology. Cole is a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and an associate professor of hematology/oncology.

“Rodent of the Week: Mice Reveal How Stress Fuels the Spread of Breast Cancer”

<http://www.latimes.com/health/boostershots/la-heb-rodent-cancer-stress-20100924,0,3428630.story?track=rss>

“UCLA Study Reports Stress Accelerates Cancer Growth”

<http://www.examiner.com/women-s-health-in-los-angeles/stress-accelerates-cancer-growth-ucla-study-reports>

Entertainment Blog Cites Star's Support of Sick Kids

The entertainment blog, JustJaredJr., ran a Sept. 28 post on Dakota Fanning's support of the 2010 Holiday Card Collection benefitting Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA.

“Dakota Fanning: Buy UCLA Holiday Cards!”

<http://justjaredjr.buzznet.com/2010/09/28/dakota-fanning-buy-ucla-holiday-cards/>

Las Vegas Review-Journal Features Breast Cancer Researcher

Dr. Dennis Slamon's work to develop the breast cancer drug Herceptin was cited in a Sept. 29 article in the Las Vegas Review-Journal about Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He is director of clinical/translational research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"BREAST CANCER: The Women Who Fight for their Lives & the Doctors Who are Trying to Help Them"
<http://www.lvrj.com/news/the-women-who-fight-for-their-lives---the-doctors-who-are-trying-to-help-them-104066559.html?ref=559>

Surgical Trade Ranks Coleman in Top 30 Eye Docs

Dr. Anne Coleman, professor of ophthalmology at the Jules Stein Eye Institute at UCLA, was named Sept. 30 by Becker's Review, a professional publication for ambulatory surgery centers, as one of the top 30 ophthalmologists in the nation.

"30 of the Best Ophthalmologists in America"

<http://www.beckersasc.com/asc-industry-leaders/30-of-the-best-ophthalmologists.html>

Health Website Highlights Pancreatic Cancer Research

TheLionsDen.com reported Sept. 28 on a study led by Dr. Anthony Heaney, an associate professor of endocrinology and a Jonsson Cancer Center researcher, showing that pancreatic cancers use fructose, a naturally occurring sugar found in honey and many fruits, to fuel their growth.

"Cancer Cells Feed on Fructose, Study Finds"

<http://www.lionsdenu.com/cancer-cells-feed-on-fructose-study-finds/>

L.A. Times Supplement Features Cardiologist

A Sept. 30 Los Angeles Times supplement on heart care featured Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, who answered readers' questions about cholesterol, high blood pressure and the latest advances in cardiology.

Science Sites Examine New Cell Signaling Pathway

Dr. Mike Teitell's discovery of a new cell signaling pathway that controls cancer and cell development was featured Sept. 26 by ScienceMag News and Sept. 28 by HealthJockey.com. He is a researcher with UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and a professor of pathology and laboratory medicine.

"Cell Development and Cancer May be Regulated by Identified Signaling Pathway"

<http://www.healthjockey.com/2010/09/28/cell-development-and-cancer-may-be-regulated-by-identified-signaling-pathway/>

"Cancer Researchers Discover New Signaling Pathway that Controls Cell Development and Cancer"

<http://www.sciencemagnews.com/cancer-researchers-discover-new-signaling-pathway-that-controls-cell-development-and-cancer.html>

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Prime Montgomery magazine's Sept. 28 edition cited research by Andrew Barnes, a researcher in the UCLA School of Public Health's health services department, suggesting that up to one-third of seniors are at-risk drinkers.

"News You Can Use: High Rate of At-Risk Drinking Among Older Adults"

<http://primemontgomery.com/?p=3906>

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Dr. Lawrence Bassett, Iris Cantor Professor of Breast Imaging at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, was quoted Sept. 26 in the Los Angeles Times about women experiencing delays in biopsies at some county-run hospitals.

"Women Experience Delays in Getting Biopsies in Some L.A. County-run Hospitals"

<http://articles.latimes.com/2010/sep/26/local/la-me-biopsies-20100926>

Dr. James Cherry, professor of pediatrics/infectious diseases at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was quoted Sept. 27 by the Washington Post on the increase in cases of whooping cough in California.
"Whooping Cough Makes a Comeback"

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/09/27/AR2010092702342.html>

Dr. Bartosz Chmielowski, a clinical instructor of hematology/oncology, was quoted Sept. 18 by the New York Times about how clinical trials are conducted.

"New Drugs Stir Debate on Rules of Clinical Trials"

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/09/19/health/research/19trial.html>

Dr. Eric Esrailian, assistant clinical professor of medicine, division of digestive diseases, commented Sept. 27 in the Los Angeles Times about research showing that individuals can develop celiac disease, later in life than previously thought. He also commented Sept. 27 in a Daily Breeze story about the lack of scientific evidence about why some do not have celiac disease feel better on a gluten-free diet.

"Celiac Disease Can Develop in Adults"

<http://articles.latimes.com/2010/sep/27/science/la-sci-celiac-disease-20100928>

"Manhattan Beach Friends Fill Void by Making their Own Gluten-Free Baked Goods"

http://www.dailybreeze.com/ci_16187787?IADID=Search-www.dailybreeze.com-www.dailybreeze.com

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, was quoted Sept. 27 in a HealthDay News article about two types of arterial stents. He was also quoted Sept. 28 in another HealthDay News article about cardiovascular disease risk among different races and ethnicities.

"In Test of Stents, Old Standby Wins Out"

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=643623>

"C-Reactive Protein Levels Vary By Race: Study"

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=643669>

Dr. Charles Flippen, associate professor of neurology, was quoted in a Sept. 24 Medscape Today article on a recent finding concerning the neurobiological mechanisms underlying migraines.

"Migraine May Be Explained by Hyperexcitability of Brain Networks"

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/729358>

Dr. Patricia Ganz, director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, commented Sept. 23 in a My Health News Daily story about breast cancer survivors experiencing sexual dysfunction. The story also appeared on MSNBC.com and Yahoo! News.

"Sex after Breast Cancer: Most Survivors Find It Difficult"

<http://myhealthnewsdaily.com/sex-after-breast-cancer-most-survivors-have-complaints-0426/>

"Most Breast Cancer Survivors Find Sex Difficult"

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/39330222/ns/health-cancer/>

David Jentsch, professor of psychology and psychiatry, was quoted in a Sept. 24 Science Magazine article that examined law enforcement's use of the federal Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act.

"A Tricky Balance Between Activists' and Researchers' Rights"

<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/sci.329/5999/1589?maxtoshow=&hits=10&RESULTFORMAT=&fulltext=Miller&searchid=1&FIRSTINDEX=0&sortspec=date&resourcetype=HWCIT>

Dr. James McGough, professor of clinical psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA ADHD Clinic, was interviewed Sept. 29 on KCAL-Channel 9 about a genetic connection to attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. The report appeared on dozens of CBS affiliates, including KPIX-Channel 5 (San Francisco), KIRO-Channel 7 (Seattle) and many more.

"Study Finds ADHD is Genetic"

<http://www.keyc.com/node/42339>

Dr. Anita Nelson, professor of clinical obstetrics and gynecology, was quoted Sept. 28 in a Time article about vitamin-supplemented birth control pills.

“Do We Need Vitamin-Supplemented Birth Control Pills?”

<http://healthland.time.com/2010/09/28/do-we-need-vitamin-supplemented-birth-control-pills/>

Kathrin Plath, assistant professor of biological chemistry and a researcher at UCLA's Broad Stem Cell Research Center, was quoted in a Sept. 30 Associated Press article about research focused on creating stem cells without using embryos.

“Study Shows Progress with Stem Cell Alternative”

http://www.salon.com/wires/techbiz/2010/09/30/D9IIB8AO0_us_sci_stem_cells/

Dr. Gail Wyatt, professor of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences and an associate director of the UCLA AIDS Institute, commented in a Sept. 29 Black AIDS Institute article about women who didn't use condoms during sexual encounters.

“Condomless Nation, Female Edition: Three Black Women Explain Why They Snubbed Love Gloves”

http://www.blackaids.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=626:condomless-nation-female-edition-three-black-women-explain-why-they-snubbed-love-gloves&catid=53:news-2010&Itemid=120

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