



**UCLA HEALTH SCIENCES MEDIA REPORT
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Media Tackle Cocaine and HIV

Research led by Dr. Dimitrios Vatakis, assistant professor of medicine in the division of hematology/oncology, finding that cocaine might make otherwise resistant immune cells susceptible to HIV infection, garnered wide media coverage. Stories ran in [United Press International](#), [Counsel & Heal](#), [Infection Control Today](#), and [Science Daily](#) Sept. 30; [ANI News](#), [Nature World News](#), [Jagran Post](#) (India), [States Chronicles](#), and [News-Medical](#) Oct. 1; [Instinct](#), [e! Science News](#), [Medical Daily](#), [RYOT](#), [redOrbit](#) and [Biology News Net](#) Oct. 2; and the [Huffington Post](#), [Medscape](#), [Science World Report](#), [Parent Herald](#), [Bioscience Technology](#), [The New Indian Express](#), and [Health and Beauty News](#) Oct. 3. [TruthDive](#) carried the ANI story.

UPI Explores Childhood Abuse's Link to Adult Health Problems

[United Press International](#) reported Sept. 28 on a study led by Dr. Judith Carroll, a research scientist at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at UCLA, showing a correlation between abuse, lack of parental warmth in childhood and biological markers indicating elevated health risk in later life. Other coverage ran Sept. 24 in [Medical Xpress](#); Sept. 26 in [ANI News](#), [Phys.org](#), [Science Daily](#) and [Science Codex](#); Sept. 27 in [Innovations Report](#), [PsychCentral](#), [Big News Network](#), [BrightSurf.com](#), [Stone Hearst Newsletters](#) and [News-Medical](#); Sept. 29 in [EmaxHealth](#); Oct. 1 in [Medical News Today](#), [mediLexicon](#) and [Imperial Valley News](#); and Oct. 2 in [FARS News Service](#). The UPI story ran in [Individual.com](#). The ANI story was carried by [Times of India](#), [Business Standard](#), and [TruthDive](#). The study was published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Link Found between High-Fat, High-Calorie Diet and Pancreatic Cancer

[BioPortfolio](#), [Noodls](#) Sept. 30; [I4U News](#), [NatureWorldNews](#), [Science Daily](#) Oct. 1; and [redOrbit](#), [ScienceBlog](#), [Inagist](#), [Regator](#), [Jersey Tribune](#), [National Cancer Institute](#), [MDLinx](#), [Pancreatic Cancer Action](#), [e! Science News](#), [Newsday](#), [NewsFury](#), [U.S. News & World Report](#), [Health.com](#), [Summit Medical Group](#), [Topix](#), [Z News](#) and [Seton Healthcare Family](#) Oct. 2 featured a UCLA study led by Dr. Guido Eibl, member of UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and professor-in-residence of surgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, which found that mice given high-calorie diets became obese and developed pre-cancer pancreas lesions faster and more often. Dr. Eibl was quoted in the coverage.

Facebook as a Tool for HIV Prevention

[TechCrunch](#) Sept. 28 featured a column by Dr. Sean Young, assistant professor of family medicine and director of innovation at the Center for Behavior and Addiction Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, highlighting his research showing that Facebook discussion groups helped men at high risk of HIV infection increase healthy behaviors and get tested for HIV.

UCLA Research on City Heat a Hot Topic on Phoenix Radio

[KJZZ 91.5FM](#) (Phoenix) reported Sept. 27 on an ongoing study led by Dr. David Eisenman, associate professor of medicine in the division of general internal medicine and health services research, examining the best use of resources to reduce death and hospitalizations from heat waves. Eisenman and his team, which include researchers at Arizona State University, received a grant from the National Science Foundation for the research.

Oregon Website Says Be "Giving:" Your Genes May Thank You

Dr. Steven Cole, associate professor of medicine in the division of hematology-oncology and a member of the Cousins Center for Psychoneuroimmunology, was featured in a Sept. 25 [Oregon Live](#) blog about his research showing that individuals whose happiness stems from a deep sense of purpose and meaning in life show a favorable genetic expression while those whose happiness comes from self-gratification show an adverse expression.

KTLA Says it's Time to Start Shopping for Health Care

Dr. Gerald Kominski, director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and a professor at the Fielding School of Public Health, was interviewed Sunday on [KTLA-Channel 5](#) about the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in California. Additionally, Kominski was quoted in the Sept. 29 [Los Angeles Times](#) about the executive director of Covered California, the state's new health insurance exchange.

New Mexico Newspaper Explores Link between Parkinson's and Pesticides

An article in the Oct. 1 [Las Cruces Sun-News](#) (New Mexico) about a support group in that state for individuals with Parkinson's disease, highlighted studies by UCLA researchers from the Center for the Study of Parkinson's Disease in the department of neurology showing a link between exposure to certain pesticides and an increased risk of Parkinson's.

Telemundo Features the Venice Family Clinic in Report on California's New Health Insurance Exchange

[Telemundo](#) featured the Venice Family Clinic in a Sept. 25 report about the Affordable Care Act and Covered California that educates viewers on health insurance availability created by the Oct. 1 opening of the state's new health insurance exchange. Dr. Margarita Loeza, chief medical information officer of the clinic, and Ingrid Gochez, health insurance enrollment specialist, were interviewed for the piece.

Telemedicine at UCLA Health System

A Sept. 30 [Fierce Health IT](#) column highlighted a new e-book that features an interview with Peter Kung, director of strategic technologies for the UCLA Health System, about the system's advancements in telemedicine, including remote monitoring and remote consultations. Kung was quoted.

Glasses Improve Kids' School Performance

A column in the Oct. 2 [Los Angeles Times](#) highlighted a study by researchers from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and the Fielding School of Public Health that found that low-income students in Los Angeles who received free eyeglasses through the Vision to Learn program showed significant improvement in school performance and self-confidence.

Med Students Study in Bakersfield

A Sept. 30 [NerdScholar](#) article looked at the top jobs in demand across the United States and found that health practitioners were the most in-demand. Bakersfield, Calif., came in as a top place to practice and students at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA can study at Kern Medical Center in Bakersfield.

UC Consortium Fights Blood, Lung Disease

[KNBC-Channel 4](#) reported Sept. 27 that a consortium made up of UCLA and four other UC medical centers has received a \$12 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to translate leading-edge lab discoveries into innovative products that benefit patients with heart, lung and blood diseases.

Liver Transplant Survivor Gives Back

[KABC-Channel 7](#) reported Sept. 28 on a 14-year-old boy who received a life-saving liver transplant at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, then created his own foundation which donates backpacks full of toys to patients at the hospital.

Recognizing Heart Risks in Black Women

An article highlighting the research of Jo-Ann Eastwood, assistant professor of nursing, on recognizing the heart disease risks for black women appeared Sept. 17 in [Yahoo! Health](#).

Award Named After, Presented to UCLA Urologist

[Scrubs Report](#) Oct. 1 and [Phys.Org](#) Oct. 2 reported on an award named after Dr. Shlomo Raz, professor of urology and chief of the division of pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery, being presented to him at a Latin American urology association meeting for his work to help educate urologists in South America, Mexico and Spain.

When Critical Care is 'Futile'

[KCRW 89.9FM](#) reported Sept. 29 on a study by researchers from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and colleagues examining the cost and frequency of critical-care patients receiving treatments that doctors feel will not save or meaningfully improve their lives.

Medical School Gets Some TLC

The [Santa Clarita Valley News](#) reported Sept. 30 on a ground-breaking ceremony for a new six-story classroom facility at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. The Teaching and Learning Center for Health Sciences, or TLC, is expected to open in 2016.

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A column by Dr. Nina Shapiro, associate professor of head and neck surgery and director of pediatric otolaryngology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, about the growing popularity of the anti-vaccination movement in wealthier neighborhoods, was cited Sept. 30 in a [Time](#) article.

Hilary Gan, a child life specialist at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was mentioned Oct. 1 in [Variety's Women's Impact List](#). Gan was noted for her work in helping hospitalized children.

UCLA Health System was mentioned in a Sept. 30 [Fort Mills Times](#) (S.C) article on a High Value Healthcare Collaborative meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, involving 19 healthcare delivery systems and The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice, where CEOs and top leaders from the collaborating health systems share patient decision-making strategies and other methods to improve healthcare and lower costs.

QUOTABLES

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, UCLA's Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson–UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, commented in an Oct. 3 [HealthDay News](#) story on research about a new drug to lower cholesterol.

Dr. Charles Grob, professor of clinical psychiatry, was quoted in a Sept. 28 [Reuters](#) story about the growing popularity of the stimulant known as “Molly.”

Dr. Susan Love, UCLA clinical professor of surgery, was quoted in an Oct. 1 [Huffington Post](#) article about methods of reducing stress and maintaining health.

Dr. Ninez Ponce, associate professor of health services at the Fielding School of Public Health, and a senior research scientist at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, was quoted in a Sept. 27 [Reuters](#) story about a new study that found that children with same-sex parents are less likely to have private insurance than those with opposite-sex married parents.

Dr. Dylan Roby, director of the health economics and evaluation research program at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, and an assistant professor at the Fielding School of Public Health, was quoted in a Sept. 28 [Los Angeles Daily News](#) column about the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in California, and quoted in an Oct. 1 [Yahoo! News](#) article about how to select the right plan under the Affordable Care Act. Separately, Roby was quoted in the Oct.3 [Orlando Sentinel](#) on why some hospitals are adding facilities specializing in specific patient populations.

Dr. Lee Rosen, clinical professor of medicine in the division of hematology-oncology, was interviewed Sept. 27 for a [KNBC-Channel 4](#) segment about the use of cold cap technology to prevent or reduce chemotherapy-induced hair loss.

Dr. Linda Rosenstock, professor and dean emeritus at the Fielding School of Public Health, and chair of the Institute of Medicine's committee on preventive services for women, was quoted in the Sept. 30 [New York Times](#) about the failure of insurance companies to pay for services and counseling for new mothers to address breast-feeding problems.

Dr. Gary Small, the Parlow–Solomon Professor on Aging, a professor of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Longevity Center, was quoted Sept. 30 in a

[HealthDay News](#) story about a new study which found that the aging brain may have more trouble making rational financial decisions. In addition, he was quoted Oct. 1 in [Times of India](#) and [Mumbai Mirror](#) about tips to boost memory.

Dr. Gail Wyatt, professor of psychiatry and director of the UCLA Sexual Health Program, was quoted Sept. 21 in a [Dallas Morning News](#) story about black women and domestic violence.

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