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Skin Laser Lawsuits Continue to Receive Coverage
The Chicago Tribune Oct. 16; the Daily Journal, Nurse.com, WDIO-TV (Duluth, Mich.), KIFI-TV (Idaho Falls, Ind.), KPSP-TV and KESQ-TV (Palm Springs, Calif.) Oct. 18; KEZO-TV (Eugene, Ore.) and KDFX-TV (Palm Springs, Calif.) Oct. 19; WDAY-TV (Fargo, Neb.) and WICD-TV (Champaign, Ill.) Oct. 21 reported on a study led by Dr. H. Ray Jalian, clinical instructor of medicine in the division of dermatology, showing that an increasing number of lawsuits stemming from skin-based laser treatments involve procedures performed by non-physicians. Jalian was quoted.

Media Reports that Soda Consumption is Up among Teens
A study led by Dr. Susan Babey, a project director at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, showing that while the daily consumption of sugary drinks among California youth is declining, it has increased 8 percent among teens, received widespread media attention. Coverage included Oct. 17 by the Bakersfield Californian, KTLA-Channel 5, and KPCC 89.3FM; Oct. 18 by the Contra Costa Times, KCBS-Channel 4, KERO-Channel 23 (Bakersfield, Calif.), KRNC-Channel 4, (Sacramento), and Newsday (Long Island); Oct. 20 by KTVU-Channel 2, (Oakland, Calif.), and Oct. 21 by San Francisco's KLIV 1590AM.

Websites Highlight Brain Imaging Database for Chronic Pain Conditions
EIScience News Oct. 16, Arthritis Research, Gutsfull and FibroDaily Oct. 17, and Fierce Medical Imaging Oct. 19 reported on a new database featuring hundreds of brain scans and other key clinical information that will help researchers tease out similarities and differences between chronic pain conditions such as irritable bowel syndrome and inflammatory bowel disease, helping to accelerate research and treatment development. Dr. Emeran Mayer, a professor of medicine in the divisions of digestive diseases, physiology and psychiatry; Dr. Bruce Naliboff, a professor in the departments of medicine and psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences, and Dr. Kirsten Tillisch, associate professor of medicine in the division of digestive diseases, were quoted. All faculty are part of the Gail and Gerald Oppenheimer Family Center for Neurobiology of Stress at UCLA.

LA Times Delves into Use of Propofol for Colonoscopies
Dr. Eric Esrailian, co-chief of the UCLA Division of Digestive Diseases, was interviewed for an Oct. 18 Los Angeles Times Business section column on the use of anesthesia, and the drug propofol, to sedate patients undergoing colonoscopies. Esrailian also commented that the goal for the healthcare community should be to increase the number of people undergoing colonoscopies to get a jump on potentially cancerous growths.

Media Cover High-Rise Apartment Fire
News media including LAist, KABC-Channel 10 (San Diego) and Highlight Hollywood Oct 18; KCBS-Channel 2 and KNBC-Channel 4 Oct. 19; KTLA-Channel 5 and KFWB 980AM Oct. 20, among others, reported that Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center received several victims from a high-rise apartment fire in Brentwood.

Washington Paper Notes UCLA Health System 'Recesses' to Help Employees Exercise
Bruin Break, an adaptation of the “instant recess” initiative developed by the late Dr. Antronette Yancey, of UCLA’s Fielding School of Public Health, to motivate employees and others to exercise, was featured in The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Wash.) Oct. 22. Yancey; Ellen Towles, a physical therapist with UCLA Rehabilitation Services and volunteer break leader; Sharon Batarina, a physical therapy assistant; Althea Nelson, an administrative assistant; Darren Jones, a lift team member; Jason Tanaka, a physical therapist, and Ragini Gill, benefits analyst and Wellness Program Manager for the UCLA Health System, were quoted or pictured. The article originally ran in the Los Angeles Times.

HIV Plus Magazine Explores Cocaine and HIV
HIV Plus Magazine Oct. 18 and Exami.net Oct. 23 reported on 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.

Study Looks at HIV and Non-Injection Drug Use Link
Phys.org, Oct. 21; and News-Medical, AEGIS and The Body Oct. 22 reported that UCLA has received a $7 million grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse to investigate the links between non-injection drug use and HIV among Latino and African American men who have sex with men.

Education Site Explores Childhood Abuse's Link to Adult Health Problems
Education News reported Oct. 21 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. The study was published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Santa Clarita Paper Taps UCLA Physician to Discuss Expansion, Health-Care Reform
The October 18 Santa Clarita Valley Signal featured a Q & A with Dr. Matteo Dinolfo, medical director of the UCLA Department of Medicine community offices, about expansion plans for outlying communities and how the Affordable Care Act will affect health-care services and delivery.

Santa Monica Weekly Distributes Hospital's Halloween Safety Tips
The Oct. 20 Santa Monica Mirror published an article with tips from UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica to ensure Halloween trick-or-treat safety. Dr. Wally Ghurabi, medical director of the hospital's Nethercutt Emergency Center, was quoted.

KCRW Explains Concussions and High School Football
Dr. Christopher C. Giza, associate professor of neurosurgery and pediatric neurology, was interviewed Oct.21 on the KCRW 89.9FM program “Which Way L.A.?” about the growing concerns about traumatic brain injury from playing football and what is being done on the high school level to protect players. Giza was also featured in an October edition of Bay Area Parent on new guidelines he coauthored for the American Academy of Neurology about treating concussions in teens and children.

Dean Pens Article on the Right to Breastfeed at Work
Dr. Jody Heymann, dean of the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, wrote an article in the Oct. 22 Montreal Gazette about the lack of a guaranteed right for working mothers to take short breaks from work to breastfeed.

Glitches on Health Insurance Website
Gerald Kominski, director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and a professor at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was interviewed Oct. 17 on KPCC 89.3FM about technical problems with the Covered California health insurance website.

Hospital Receives Award for Heart Care
Century City Patch and Scrubs Report Oct. 22, and Examiner.com Oct. 23 reported that Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center received the Get With The Guidelines®–Heart Failure Gold Quality Achievement Award from the American Heart Association. The recognition signifies that the hospital has reached an exceptional goal of treating heart failure patients according to guidelines of care recommended by the American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology. Dr. Gregg Fonarow, UCLA's Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson–UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, was quoted.

MedPage Covers Study Comparing Stroke Programs
MedPage Today reported Oct. 18 on a national study that compared two programs designed to help hospitals adhere to nationally accepted standards and guideline recommendations for stroke treatment and found that hospitals participating in the Get With The Guidelines–Stroke program were more likely than primary stroke center–certified hospitals to provide all the guideline-based measures of care for patients. Lead author Dr. Gregg Fonarow, UCLA’s Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson–UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, was cited.

Miracle Baby Defies All the Odds
KRCA-Channel 62 Oct. 23 featured the story of a one-year-old boy who was born with a very rare heart defect and a condition called heterotaxy in which his heart and stomach are on the wrong side and he has no spleen. The boy has been followed by a team of specialists at Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA since his condition was diagnosed during the mother’s pregnancy.

Lifescript, Palisadian Post Report on BRA Day at UCLA
Lifescript reported Oct. 17 and the Palisadian Post reported Oct. 10 on Breast Reconstruction Awareness Day at UCLA which offered breast cancer survivors information about breast reconstruction following mastectomy. The event, organized by the UCLA Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, also featured presentations by former patients. Reconstructive breast surgeons from the UCLA Breast Center in Santa Monica also participated in the Oct. 16 event.

Spreading the Word about Operation Mend
Richard Azar, director of the UCLA Operation Mend program, was interviewed Oct. 21 on WBEV 1430AM (Milwaukee, Wis.) to discuss how the program provides free reconstructive surgery and other medical services to military personnel wounded in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Link Found between High-Fat, High-Calorie Diet and Pancreas Cancer
Virtual Strategy Magazine Oct. 22 featured a 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 than mice on normal diets. Eibl was quoted.

Docs ‘Vacuum’ Huge Clot from Patient's Heart
The Beverly Hills Courier reported Oct. 18 on a minimally invasive procedure performed at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in which doctors used a new device to ‘vacuum’ a 24-inch blood clot from a patient's heart, sparing him from open-heart surgery. Dr. John Moriarty, an interventional radiologist at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted.
External Review Examines Policies for Bias Reports
The Los Angeles Wave Oct. 24, the Los Angeles Times and the Associated Press Oct. 18, and the Chronicle of Higher Education and Inside Higher Ed Oct. 21 reported on an external review of how the campus handles faculty reports of racial bias. UCLA Chancellor Gene Block was quoted in the coverage. The report comes three months after a former surgeon at UCLA’s medical school received $4.5 million to settle a racial discrimination lawsuit against the UC Board of Regents.

BRIEFS

Becker’s Spine Review reported Oct. 23 that Dr. A. Nick Shamie was recently named chief of orthopedic spine surgery at UCLA.

The Chase Child Life program at Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA was cited Oct. 21 in a Daily Mail (U.K.) article about actress Dakota Fanning, whose volunteer work with the program was highlighted when she was honored at the National Arts Awards. The program was also noted Oct. 24 in the Friday Morning Quarterback, a trade publication for the music and radio industry, in an article that described Musicians on Call, a nonprofit organization that brings live and recorded music to patients at UCLA.

Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA was mentioned Oct. 24 in an Acorn story about a 10-year-old boy who suffers from a rare intestinal disease who is kicking-off his fourth annual holiday toy drive to benefit other hospitalized children at UCLA.

The UCLA Children’s Discovery and Innovation Institute at Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA was referenced Oct. 23 in a Globe and Mail (Canada) article about miniature designer dollhouses sold at charity.

QUOTABLES

Dr. Ulrich Batzdorf, professor of neurosurgery, was cited in an Oct. 15 Yahoo.com article about a brain disorder called Chiari Malformation that both a father and his daughter were diagnosed with.

Dr. Amander Clark, associate professor and vice chair of molecular, cell and developmental biology in the life sciences, was quoted Oct. 24 in Optometry Times in an article on the use of stem cells in ocular medicine.

Dr. Gregory Cole, professor of neurology and associate director of the UCLA Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center, was quoted in an Oct. 21 HealthDay News article about a study suggesting that older people who get less sleep are at greater risk for Alzheimer’s disease.

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, UCLA's Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson--UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, was quoted Oct. 21 in a Medscape article on how the Affordable Care Act could affect the treatment of patients with heart failure. In addition, he commented Oct. 24 in a HealthDay News article reporting on U.S. cholesterol levels. The HealthDay story also ran on WebMD, Newsday and Philly.com.

Dr. Soniya Gandhi, assistant clinical professor of medicine in the division of infectious diseases, was quoted in an Oct. 21 CBSNews.com article about the discovery in California of Aedes aegypti--a mosquito capable of carrying deadly yellow fever, dengue and other diseases.

Dr. Patricia Ganz, professor of medicine in the division of hematology/oncology and director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA’s Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, was quoted Oct. 17 in The Daily Herald in an article on memory loss among breast cancer patients.
Dr. Gerald Kominski, director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and a professor at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was quoted Oct. 22 in a Stockton Record article about recent problems with the online implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Dr. Edythe London, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and a professor of molecular and medical pharmacology, was quoted in the Oct. 18 The Inquistr and the Oct. 21 Washington Post about the addictiveness of Oreo cookies.

Courtney Lyder, dean of the UCLA School of Nursing, was quoted in an article in the fall 2013 issue of Minority Nurse magazine about the value of an advanced degree for minority nurses.

Tony Padilla, chief patient experience officer for the UCLA Health System, was quoted in an Oct. 23 California Report article about Affordable Care Act provisions linking hospital payments to patient satisfaction levels.

Dr. Dario Ringach, a professor of neurobiology and psychology, was quoted Oct 21 in a Wisconsin State Journal article about his upcoming speech in Madison on ethical issues surrounding animal research.

Dr. A Nick Shamie, chief of orthopaedic spine surgery, commented in an Oct. 21 segment on NBC’s “Today Show” about new ways of treating and preventing back pain.

Dr. Stephen Shew, associate clinical professor of surgery at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was quoted Oct. 21 in an article on NBC's “Today” website about research suggesting that bottle-fed babies are more likely to develop a certain type of stomach obstruction than breast-fed infants.

Dr. Gail Wyatt, professor of psychiatry and director of UCLA's Sexual Health Program, was quoted Oct. 23 in a CBSNews.com article about chronic health problems faced by victims of domestic abuse.

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