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Press Spotlights Faculty Volunteers at CareNow Clinic

Numerous news outlets interviewed UCLA faculty members about their volunteer work at the four-day CareNow/LA clinic, which provided free health care to nearly 5,000 uninsured and underinsured Los Angeles–area residents. Dr. Patrick Dowling, chair of family medicine, was interviewed Oct. 21 by KABC-Channel 7; Dr. Aisling Murphy, an obstetrics/gynecology physician at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, was interviewed Oct. 20 by [KABC-Channel 7](#); Dr. Lillian Gelberg, professor of family medicine, was quoted Oct. 21 by the [Associated Press](#); Jose Alexander Chavez, a scholar with UCLA's International Medical Graduate program, was quoted Oct. 21 in the [Los Angeles Times](#); and Dr. Michelle Bholat, vice chair of clinical operations for family medicine, was interviewed Oct. 20 on KNX 1070AM.

Fish-Oil Diet Draws International Coverage

The [Los Angeles Daily News](#), [Science Daily](#), [Annenberg TV News](#), [Press Association](#), [Medical Xpress](#), [Examiner.com](#), [HealthCanal.com](#), [Contra Costa Times](#) and [Beverly Hills Courier](#) on Oct. 25 and the [Daily Mail \(UK\)](#), [Daily News & Analysis](#), [Asian News International](#), [National Cancer Institute](#), [Khaleej Times](#), [ThirdAge.com](#), [Times of India](#), [eCancer.com](#), [MSN India](#), [MLive.com](#) reported Oct. 26 and [United Press International](#), [Zee News](#), and [MedIndia.com](#) reported Oct. 27 on a study by researchers at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center that found that a low-fat diet with fish oil supplements helped slow the growth of cancer cells in prostate tissue. Dr. William Aronson, clinical professor of urology and a Jonsson Cancer Center researcher, was quoted.

Media Investigates Autistic Boys' Slower Brain Development

Xue Hua, a postdoctoral researcher in neurology and a member of the Laboratory of Neuro Imaging, was featured in numerous reports about her research showing that the connections between brain regions that are important for language and social skills grow more slowly in boys with autism than in non-autistic children. Also cited was co-author Dr. Jennifer Levitt, a professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute. Oct. 20 coverage included [KNBC-Channel 4](#), [Science Daily](#) and [Psych Central](#); Oct. 21 in the [Daily Mail \(UK\)](#), [Indo-Asian News Service](#), [News Medical](#), [Asian News International](#), [TruthDive.com](#), [Examiner.com](#), [eMaxHealth.com](#), [Oct. 22 in a News Today](#) blog; and Oct. 23 in the [Imperial Valley News](#).

Nature, VOA Explore Vitamin D's Role in Fighting TB

[Nature News](#) reported Oct. 19 and [Voice of America](#) reported Oct. 14 on a study led by Dr. Robert Modlin, Klein Professor of Dermatology and chief of dermatology, that identified the essential role vitamin D plays in the body's fight against infections like tuberculosis. Modlin is quoted.

Reuters Examines Older Heart-failure Patients

[Reuters](#) reported Oct. 17 on a study by Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson–UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, finding that elderly heart failure patients respond better to angiotensin receptor blockers than ACE inhibitors. He was quoted.

Courier, AOL Patch Spotlight Philanthropist's Vision

The [Beverly Hills Courier](#) published an Oct. 21 front-page story and [AOL Patch's](#) Westwood-Century City edition reported Oct. 24 on the 20th anniversary of a UCLA program founded by philanthropist Gerald Oppenheimer to jumpstart young scientists' careers. Leonard Rome, senior associate dean for research at the David Geffen School of Medicine, and Dr. Maie St. John, assistant professor of head and neck surgery; and Thomas Otis, vice chair of neurobiology, were quoted.

Small Fire in Lab Attracts Headlines

The [Associated Press](#), [Los Angeles Daily News](#) and a [Los Angeles Times](#) blog reported Oct. 24 that a small laboratory fire at UCLA's Center for Health Sciences was extinguished by members of the Los Angeles Fire Department.

Compound-Screening System Garner Interest

Africa News on Oct. 21, [Canyon News](#) on Oct. 22 and [Chemical & Engineering News](#) and [Medical News.com](#) on Oct. 25 covered a new molecular screening system that finds compounds that kill brain-cancer stem cells. The system was developed by Dr. Harley Kornblum, a Jonsson Cancer Center scientist and professor of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences.

AOL's Patch, AAMC Highlight Operation Mend

The [Camp Pendleton Patch](#) reported Oct. 24 and the October edition of the [American Association of Medical Colleges](#) The Reporter highlighted UCLA's Operation Mend, a program established to provide surgery for U.S. military personnel severely wounded and disfigured in Iraq and Afghanistan. Dr. Timothy Miller, plastic and reconstructive surgeon and executive director of Operation Mend, and Ronald Katz, the program's founder and a member of the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center's board of directors, were quoted.

"Inside Edition" Warns Against Drinking Visine

Dr. Mark Morocco, associate clinical professor and associate residency director of emergency medicine, appeared Oct. 21 on "[Inside Edition](#)" to describe how poisoning can occur from ingesting the eye wash Visine.

Ventura County Star Follows Human Trafficking

The [Ventura County Star](#) reported Oct. 20 on a forum organized by the Iris Cantor-UCLA Women's Health Center tracing the links between labor trafficking, organ trafficking and health. Dr. Gabriel Danovitch, medical director of the UCLA Kidney and Pancreas Transplant Program, was quoted.

Wire Looks at Diagnosing Asthma in Kids

[Health Behavior News Service](#) reported Oct. 27 on a study that found providing health insurance to more children could lead to the diagnosis of additional cases of mild or intermittent asthma. Dr. Tumaini Coker assistant professor of pediatrics, was quoted.

Uncovering the Truth Behind "Contagion"

The Oct. 21 [Whittier Daily News](#) ran a column by Dr. Claire Panosian Dunavan, clinical professor of medicine, division of infectious diseases, about how accurately the film "Contagion" portrayed the spread and containment of a deadly disease.

N.Y. Paper Profiles AIDS Expert

The Oct. 26 [Democrat and Chronicle](#) (Rochester, N.Y.) profiled Dr. Michael Gottlieb, associate clinical professor of medicine, and his role in identifying the first U.S. cases of AIDS.

Examiner Covers Donation to Foster/Adoption Program

The [Examiner](#) reported Oct. 27 on a \$5,000 donation made by the Disneyland Resort Cast Community Fund to the UCLA TIES (Training, Intervention, Education and Services) for Families program, which works to reduce the barriers to successful placement of foster children with special needs. Susan Edelstein, executive director of TIES for Families, was quoted.

Silence is Golden during Eye Injections

[Ocular Surgery News](#) reported Oct. 24 on research by Dr. Colin McCannel, associate professor of ophthalmology at the Jules Stein Eye Institute, linking post-injection eye infections to saliva inadvertently sprayed during speech by the surgeon or patient.

Pediatric Expert Offers Baby-Carrier Safety Tips

The October issue of [Pregnancy and Newborn Magazine](#) published an interview with Dr. Nina Shapiro, professor of head and neck surgery and director of pediatric otolaryngology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, about safety tips for parents and caregivers using infant carriers, such as slings and packs.

Entertainment Site Spotlights Celebs at Party on the Pier

The Oct. 20 entertainment blog [Fanlala](#) spotlighted the young celebrities who attended the 12th annual Mattel Party on the Pier, which raised more than \$620,000 for Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA.

New Hope for Eyes without Irises

[Ocular Surgery News](#) reported Oct. 25 on a study by Dr. Anthony Aldave, associate professor of ophthalmology at the Jules Stein Eye Institute, showing that a form of surgery may prove viable for people with aniridia: total or partial loss of the iris, the colored ring that expands and contracts like a camera's aperture to control light levels inside the eye.

Trade Spotlights New Tech for Transporting Hearts

The October issue of [Medical Products/Asia](#) ran an article on a new technology being tested at UCLA that keeps donor hearts warm and beating during transport. Dr. Abbas Ardehali, surgical director of the heart and lung transplant program, was quoted.

Examiner Highlights Mattel Holiday Cards

The [Examiner](#) ran an Oct. 23 article on the holiday card program at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA. Now on sale, the cards raise funds to benefit the hospital's child-life program.

Online Sites Cover Breast-Cancer Risk

A study linking new-onset breast tenderness in postmenopausal women taking combo hormone therapy to increased breast density was featured Oct. 21 by [HealthCanal.com](#) and Oct.24 by [Excitonic.com](#) and [Medical Express](#). Dr. Carolyn Crandall, professor of general internal medicine and a Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center member, led the research.

BRIEFS

Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA was cited Oct. 26 by blogs in the [Los Angeles Times](#) and [Fox Sports West](#) about how members of the Los Angeles Lakers organization are volunteering their time during the NBA lockout.

QUOTABLES

Dr. David Baron, family medicine physician and former chief of staff at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, commented Oct. 25 on KNX 1070AM about the new recommendation to routinely immunize young males with the HPV vaccine.

Julienne Bower, a researcher at the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and an associate professor at the Semel Institute's Cousins Center for Psychoneuroimmunology, was quoted Oct. 23 in a [USA Today](#) article about the post-treatment recovery process for breast cancer patients.

Dr. Molly Joel Coye, chief innovation officer at UCLA Health System, commented Oct. 26 in [Fierce Healthcare.com](#) about how accountable-care organization rules affect academic medical centers.

William Dunne, director of emergency preparedness for UCLA Health System, commented in a Sept. 29 article in [NurseConnect.com](#) about the use of social media as a powerful tool during crisis communications.

Dr. Timothy Fong, associate professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and co-director of the UCLA Gambling Studies Program, was quoted in an Oct. 23 [Associated Press](#) article about Pennsylvania casinos hiring more Asian employees.

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, commented Oct. 24 in a [HealthDay News](#) report about how insomnia may increase the risk of heart attack.

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition, commented Oct. 26 in [HealthDay News](#) on research about hormones regulating appetite and hunger that help the body regain weight after dieting.

Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies for the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted in an Oct. 20 [Riverside Press-Enterprise](#) article about a local health fair providing free medical and dental care to primarily uninsured patients.

Dr. Susan Love, clinical professor of surgery, commented Oct. 24 in a [New York Times](#) blog about new research on the efficacy and impact of mammograms.

Dr. Stephen Marder, professor of psychiatry in the Semel Institute and chief of the UCLA Veterans Administration Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, was quoted in the Oct. 22 [New York Times](#) about new treatment strategies for people living with schizophrenia. Alison Hamilton, a research anthropologist in psychiatry, was also cited.

Dr. Gary Small, Parlow–Solomon Professor on Aging, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Longevity Center, commented Oct. 20 in a [CBS News.com](#) article about high antidepressant use among Americans. [Sharp Brains.com](#) also cited his book, *The Memory Bible*, as one of AARP's top five brain fitness books and highlighted an upcoming Q/A session with the author.

Dr. Dennis Woo, staff pediatrician at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital and associate professor of pediatrics, was quoted Oct. 22 by the [Naples Daily News](#) about safety concerns over Halloween face paint.

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