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A Nature study by Dr. Daniel Geschwind, professor of neurology and human genetics at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and professor of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences at the Semel Institute, uncovering how the evolution of a single gene may explain why humans can speak and chimpanzees cannot, was covered Nov. 11 by the New York Times, Science, New Scientist, Nature, USA

Today, Associated Press, Reuters, the Times of London, the Daily Telegraph (U.K.), Science News, CanWest News Service (Canada), Wired, Agence France Press, El Mundo (Spain), ABC News Espanol, Live Science and others. Geschwind was quoted.

“Speech Gene Shows Its Bossy Nature”

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/12/science/12gene.html?_r=1

“What’s Behind Our Gift of Gab?”

<http://sciencenow.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/2009/1111/1>

“Evolution of a Single Gene Linked to Language”

<http://www.nature.com/news/2009/091111/full/news.2009.1079.html>

“Gene Found that Seems Key in Evolution of Speech”

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hUWKFoWuLbZFITu7Movhn4-kZ7mwD9BTFNDG0>

L.A. Times, Other Media Track Disability Trends

The Los Angeles Times, U.S. News & World Report, and the Los Angeles Daily News reported Nov. 12 on a study led by Teresa Seeman, professor of geriatrics and epidemiology, finding that Baby Boomers are entering their 60s with more disabilities than they did in previous generations. WebMD and Med Page Today also covered the study. The Daily News story also ran in the Contra Costa Times. The study will be published in the January 2010 issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

“The Future for Older Americans: More Disabilities”

http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2009/11/disability-elderly-healthcare.html

“Baby Boomers Face More Health Problems than their Parents”

http://www.dailynews.com/breakingnews/ci_13773262

More Disabilities in the 60s May Spell Trouble for Baby Boomers

<http://health.usnews.com/blogs/on-fitness/2009/11/12/more-disabilities-in-the-60s-may-spell-trouble-for-baby-boomers.html>

“Boomers Doomed to Disability?”

<http://www.webmd.com/healthy-aging/news/20091112/boomers-doomed-to-disability>

National Media Cover Colonoscopy Study

A new UCLA/VA study reported that early-morning colonoscopies yielded more polyps per patient than later cases. The findings point to the need for more research in this area to possibly improve outcomes for colonoscopy procedures. The study was reported in The Boston Globe on Nov. 9, a Time Magazine Blog, HealthDay, WebMD and European Union News Network on Nov. 6, and KABC-Channel 7 on Nov. 8. Dr. Brennan Spiegel, director, UCLA/VA Center for Outcomes Research and Education and assistant professor of digestive diseases, was interviewed. The HealthDay News story was picked up by websites for Forbes, Tehran Times and U.S. News & World Report.

“Should You Get a Colonoscopy Early in the Day”

http://www.boston.com/news/health/articles/2009/11/09/should_you_get_a_colonoscopy_early_in_the_day?mode=PF

“Early Morning Colon Cancer Tests Work Best”

<http://www.webmd.com/colorectal-cancer/news/20091106/early-morning-colon-cancer-tests-work-best>

“Cancer Screening Smackdown Continues: Pap Smears and Colonoscopies Take a Hit”

<http://wellness.blogs.time.com/2009/11/06/cancer-screening-smackdown-continues-pap-smears-and-colonosopies-take-a-hit/>

“Early Morning Colonoscopies May Find More Polyps”

<http://www.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=632790>

L.A. Times Covers Gonda’s Philanthropy and UCLA

A Nov. 8 Los Angeles Times article on father and son Leslie and Louis Gonda highlighted the charitable donations the Gondas have made to UCLA, including gifts that funded the Gonda (Goldschmied) Neuroscience and Genetics Research Center at UCLA, the UCLA Gonda (Goldschmied) Diabetes Center and the UCLA Gonda (Goldschmied) Vascular Center Diagnostic Laboratory.

“Gondas Have Less Wealth to Share”

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-cover-gondas8-2009nov08,0,2919321.story>

Daily News Column Focuses on Kidney Chain

The Nov. 8 Daily News featured a column on one of the longest kidney transplant chains in the world, to date, that occurred at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. The chain finally ended last week at 20 people when a match of blood types could not be made. Dr. Jeffrey Veale, director of the UCLA Kidney Exchange Program, was quoted.

“Kidney Recipients’ Families Pay it Forward”

http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_13736477

NPR Reports on Rare Condition Cured by Neurosurgery

Dr. Neil Martin, chair of the Department of Neurosurgery, was featured in a Nov. 9 story on National Public Radio about a patient suffering from a rare condition called Trigeminal neuralgia that causes severe facial pain. Martin performed brain surgery on the patient to free a blood vessel that was wedged against the nerve.

“With a Nerve Freed by Surgery, a Facial Pain Ends”

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=120140173>

Extra! TV Highlights Camera Pill Procedure

Extra! TV on Nov. 11 featured host Mario Lopez receiving a capsule endoscopy, a screening procedure used to assess the esophagus and stomach by swallowing a pill containing a tiny camera that takes continuous photos as it travels through the digestive tract. Dr. Rome Jutabha, associate clinical professor of digestive diseases, performed the procedure and was also interviewed.

“Mario Lopez Undergoes Capsule Endoscopy”

http://extratv.warnerbros.com/2009/11/mario_lopez_undergoes_capsule.php

Dining Out to End Cancer Featured

Fox Channel 11 News on Nov. 5 aired a story on Dining Out to End Cancer, being held by the Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation to raise money for cancer research.

“Dining Out to End Cancer”

http://www.myfoxla.com/dpp/good_day_la/CitySearch_Dining_Out_To_End_Cancer_20091105

Physician Trade Reports on National Call for Improved Pain Care

The American Academy of Family Physicians News on Nov. 11 highlighted a report from the national nonprofit group, Mayday Fund, calling for an overhaul in the way chronic pain is managed. Dr. Lonnie Zeltzer, director of the Pediatric Pain Program at Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA, and a co-chairwoman on the Mayday Fund’s report panel, was interviewed.

“New Report Sounds Call to Revolutionize Chronic Pain Care”

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/publications/news/news-now/health-of-the-public/20091111chronic-pain.html?null>

PainClinician.com Explores Management of Opioids

Dr. Thomas Strouse, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and Medical Director of the Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital, was featured in a pain medicine commentary-video on the website PAINclinician.com. Strouse spoke about the importance of simultaneous management of an active disease while providing pain relief to patients.

“Opioid Pharmacokinetics and Drug Interactions in Palliative Care”

<http://painclinician.com/video/id/67/>

Magazine Highlights Curry’s Impact on Alzheimer’s Disease

“Viv” Magazine’s Nov/Dec. issue highlighted UCLA research reporting that an ingredient in curry may help boost the immune system to help prevent Alzheimer’s Disease. Dr. Milan Fiala, a researcher with the David Geffen School of Medicine and the VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care System, was quoted.

Medical Web Page Covers Study of Rare Disorder

MedPage Today reported Nov. 10 on a UCLA study on a possible new drug treatment for hereditary angioedema (HAE), a rare disease that can cause swelling in various body tissues. Dr. Marc Riedl,

principal investigator and assistant professor of clinical immunology and allergy, was quoted. He presented the research at the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology's annual meeting.
"ACAAI: HAE Drug Offers Faster Relief"

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/MeetingCoverage/ACAAI/16912>

Emergency Physician Tackles H1N1 Issues on MSNBC

MSNBC's Nancy Snyderman Show on Nov. 11 featured Dr. Mark Morocco, UCLA emergency medicine physician and associate residency director of the emergency medicine department, discussing triaging and ethics issues regarding H1N1.

"Swine Flu Shots Available, But Still Hard to Find"

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/31388323/vp/33860038#33860038>

Local Paper Spotlights Column by Infectious Disease Expert

The San Bernardino Sun on Nov. 11 ran a column by Dr. Claire Panosian Dunavan, professor of infectious diseases, regarding the need for careful assessment in prescribing an antibiotic following a viral infection such as H1N1.

"Infection Files: Antibiotics and Swine Flu Interactions"

http://www.sbsun.com/living/ci_13765615

EFE News Spotlights Medical Journal's Latino Health Issue

The Spanish-language news service EFE News reported Nov. 5 on a special supplement to the November issue of the Journal of General Internal Medicine, edited by UCLA's Network for Multicultural Research on Health and Healthcare, that carried nine studies examining Latino health and healthcare. Dr. Michael Rodriguez, professor of family medicine and co-director of the Network, was quoted.

"Revista Médica Dedicada a la Salud de Hispanos"

<http://www.impre.com/laprensa/vida-estilo/2009/11/5/revista-medica-dedicada-a-la-s-157447-1.html>

CBS Show "The Doctors" Highlights Gastroenterologist

The CBS Show "The Doctors" featured Dr. Lin Chang, professor of digestive diseases, in an Oct. 12 segment about constipation. She reviewed the types of tests available to help further diagnose patients if lifestyle changes such as diet and exercise don't help relieve symptoms.

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=117316&key=ScTypLgQV0dg3W5xD25m6xxFmeeGkdbl&email=rchampeau@mednet.ucla.edu>

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The Oct. 31 Santa Monica Daily Press published a photo from Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital's Halloween event for pediatric patients.

"Dressing Up"

http://www.smdp.com/Gallery-1852.113116-2919.113116_CANDY_TIME.html

The Argonaut's Nov. 5 edition contained a story about three UCLA Medical Group practices that have moved recently into larger, more modern medical offices in Santa Monica.

"3 UCLA Medical Offices Relocate to Ultramodern Building at 20th Street"

http://www.argonautnewspaper.com/articles/2009/11/05/news_features/santa_monica/s5.txt

The Bakersfield Californian on Nov. 8 reported on a local man who recently underwent a successful double lung transplant at UCLA.

"Richard Beene Blog: Two Lung Transplant Patients on the Mend"

<http://www.bakersfield.com/news/local/x1985012156/Bhogal-to-take-over-pediatric-unit>

QUOTABLES

Dr. David Baron, chief of staff at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, commented in a Nov. 5 KNX 1070AM report about shortages of seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccines.

Dr. Yvonne Bryson, professor and chief of pediatric infectious diseases at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was quoted in a Nov. 7 New York Times article about research efforts at UCLA to develop cell phones into microscopes.

"Far From a Lab? Turn a Cellphone into a Microscope"

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/08/business/08novel.html?_r=1&scp=1&sq=Far%20From%20a%20Lab%20Turn%20a%20Cellphone%20Into%20a%20Microscope&st=cse

Amy Bullock, director of Child Life/Child Development Services at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was quoted in an article on PlayStation/LifeStyle about Gamers United 2009—an upcoming fundraiser that will help refurbish the hospital's teen lounge.

"Gamers United 2009 Announces Heartfelt Holiday Event"

<http://playstationlifestyle.net/2009/11/12/gamers-united-2009-announces-heartfelt-holiday-event/>

Dr. John DiFiori, professor of family medicine and chief of sports medicine, was quoted Nov. 11 in an Orange County Register story about how UCLA's team doctors work with players who suffer concussions.

"UCLA Doesn't Play Around with Concussions"

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/prince-218980-concussion-practice.html>

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, commented Nov. 10 in a HealthDay News article on a study showing that almost a quarter of people on Medicare who are hospitalized for heart failure are back in the hospital within a month of discharge.

"The Revolving Door of Heart Failure Hospitalization"

<http://www.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=632983>

Dr. Wally Ghurabi, medical director of the emergency department at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, commented Nov. 12 in a Health News website story about the H1N1 influenza.

"Second Wave of H1N1 Flu Underway"

<http://www.healthnews.com/second-wave-of-h1n1-flu-underway>

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition, commented Nov. 8 in a Washington Times article about vitamin D deficiency and melanoma. In addition, Heber commented Nov. 10 in a Los Angeles Times article about Australian researchers who conducted a study comparing high-carbohydrate and high-protein diets. The results showed that participants lost equal amounts of weight, but those on the high-protein diet reported markedly worse emotional states.

"Sunshine Vitamin Stirs New Debate"

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2009/nov/08/sunshine-vitamin-stirs-new-debate/?page=3>

"High-Carb Diets Lower Weight and Raise Mood Levels, Study Shows"

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-sci-diet-mood10-2009nov10,0,6834297.story>

Dr. Peter Katona, associate professor of infectious diseases, was interviewed Nov. 3 by ABC News Radio regarding the first ever reported case of person-to-cat transfer of the H1N1 virus.

Dr. Eric Kleerup, clinical professor of pulmonary and critical care medicine, commented Nov. 9 in a Los Angeles Times column about saving money on prescription asthma medications.

"Tips for Asthma Sufferers to Help Save on Prescriptions"

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-yourmoney9-2009nov09,0,3171257.story>

Dr. Andrew Leuchter, professor of psychiatry in the Semel Institute, was quoted in a Nov. 6 article in Psychiatric News about the use of biomarkers to predict how effective a medication will be in treating a patient's depression.

"EEG Biomarker May Reveal if Antidepressant Is Working"

<http://pn.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/full/44/21/24>

Dr. Andre Nel, chief of nanomedicine, commented Nov. 6 in a Science web article regarding the efficacy of a study reporting that nanoparticles impact human DNA.

"Experts Criticize Nanoparticle Study"

<http://sciencenow.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/2009/1106/1>

Dr. J. Thomas Rosenthal, chief medical officer of the UCLA Health System and associate vice chancellor of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted in a Nov. 6 Reuters article about disparities in health care between affluent and low-income regions in the U.S.

"Special Report: Are Doctors What Ails U.S. Healthcare?"

<http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSTRE5A44C020091106?pageNumber=1&virtualBrandChannel=11621>

Dr. Gary Schiller, a professor of hematology/oncology and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, commented Nov. 10 in the Los Angeles Times, on KNX 1070 AM and on Fox Channel 11 news regarding the announcement by Laker great Kareem Abdul Jabbar that he has chronic myeloid leukemia. Schiller also was cited in stories that aired Nov. 10 on KCBS Channel 2 and KCAL Channel 9 news.

"Lakers Great Kareem Abdul Jabbar has Leukemia"

<http://www.latimes.com/sports/la-sp-kareem-abdul-jabbar10-2009nov10,0,1889183.story>

Jerome Siegel, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, and chief of neurobiology research at the Sepulveda Veterans Affairs Medical Center, was quoted in the Nov. 12 Sacramento Bee on the toll that lack of sleep places on humans' thought processes.

"Long Hours in Capitol can Mean Lousy Lawmaking, Critics Say"

<http://www.sacbee.com/topstories/story/2320386.html>

Dr. Dennis Woo, staff pediatrician and associate professor of medicine, was quoted about lead in Halloween face paint in an Oct. 28 story that appeared on the website of the Fox News affiliate in Charlotte.

"Lead Found in Halloween Face Paint"

http://www.foxcharlotte.com/dpp/news/dpgo_Lead_Found_in_Halloween_in_Face_Paint_mb_200910281256780250200

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