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Elizabeth Laugeson, clinical instructor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the Help Group-UCLA Autism Research Alliance, was featured in a Nov. 22 People magazine article about a unique class she designed to help teens with autism spectrum disorders learn to interact appropriately with their peers. "Can Joey Make a Friend?"

<http://www.semel.ucla.edu/sites/all/files/PEERS%20in%20People.pdf>

Pediatric Brain Surgery Attracts Headlines

Stories running Nov. 30 on KABC-Channel 7; Nov. 24 in the Idaho Statesman; and Nov. 24 and Dec. 1 in the Coos Bay World (OR) covered an Oregon infant boy who underwent a hemispherectomy at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA to treat uncontrollable seizures. The Daily Mail (U.K.) on Nov. 30 and AOL Health on Nov. 29 spotlighted a two-year-old girl who also underwent the surgery. Dr. Gary Mathern, professor of pediatric neurosurgery and director of the pediatric epilepsy program, was quoted.

"Part of Baby's Brain Removed to Stop Seizures"

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/health/your_health&id=7817841

"Baby's Surgery Succeeds"

http://www.theworldlink.com/news/local/article_e1b6dfcb-b1ef-5b2c-89e6-e3e11ff74e32.html

Baby with Family Ties in Treasure Valley has Radical Surgery this Week to Stop Spasms"

<http://www.idahostatesman.com/2010/11/25/1431587/half-of-babys-brain-removed-to.html>

"Oregon 2-Year-Old Has Half Her Brain Removed to Control Seizures"

<http://www.aolhealth.com/2010/11/29/oregon-2-year-old-has-half-her-brain-removed-to-control-seizures/>

Channel 7 Introduces Center for Genetic Bleeding Disorder

Dr. Justin McWilliams, assistant clinical professor of radiological sciences and co-director of the UCLA Center of Excellence for Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia (HHT), was featured Nov. 26 in a KABC-Channel 7 story about a young girl being treated at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center for HHT, a genetic disorder that produces abnormal blood vessels. UCLA is one of only 10 designated HHT centers in the nation.

"Catching HHT Early Could Save Your Life"

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/health/your_health&id=7811518

L.A. Times Inspects Accuracy of Medical Dramas

Dr. Jerome Engel Jr., professor of neurology and director of the UCLA Seizure Disorder Center, and Dr. Marc Nuwer, professor of clinical neurology, commented Nov. 29 in a Los Angeles Times column about medical inaccuracies in the TV show "Private Practice."

"The Unreal World: Private Practice"

<http://www.latimes.com/health/la-he-unreal-private-practice-20101129,0,1540720.column>

KABC Explains How to Beat Holiday Stress

Eileen Escarce, clinical development psychologist at the Semel Institute and family coach at the UCLA Family Commons, and Kelle Taylor, manager of client relations and community outreach at the Commons, appeared in a Nov. 24 KABC-Channel 7 story about how to beat holiday-related stress. The segment highlighted the Family Commons, a community wellness center offering science-based family coaching, parenting workshops and classes in martial arts, mindful awareness, arts and yoga.

"Have a More Meaningful, Less Stressful Holiday"

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/health/your_health&id=7808892

Medscape Investigates Genetic Swelling Disorder

Medscape reported Nov. 25 about clinical trial results on a medication that treats attacks of laryngeal hereditary angioedema, a genetic disorder causing life-threatening swelling of the throat. Dr. Marc Riedl, assistant clinical professor of medicine, division of clinical immunology and allergy, presented the findings at the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting.

"Icatibant Rapidly Resolves Laryngeal Hereditary Angioedema"

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/733172>

Daily News Explores Common Eye Infection

The Daily News on Nov. 24 featured a column by Dr. Claire Panosian Dunavan, clinical professor of medicine, division of infectious diseases, about adenovirus conjunctivitis, a common eye infection.

“Adenovirus Not New to List of Bad Bugs to Avoid”

http://www.dailynews.com/ci_16706034?source=email

KPCC Airs Series on Pacemaker for Bladder

KPCC-FM 89.3 aired a four-part series from Nov. 24 to Nov. 27 on a bladder pacemaker, which is implanted to regulate an overactive or underactive bladder after other treatments fail. Dr. Larissa Rodriguez, associate professor of urology and co-director, division of female urology, reconstructive surgery and urodynamics, was interviewed.

“Help for People with Overactive Bladders”

<http://www.scp.org/news/2010/11/24/bladder-pacemaker-part1-112410/>

“Nerve Stimulation Can Regulate Bladder”

<http://www.scp.org/news/2010/11/25/bladder-pacemaker-part2-112510/>

“Stimulates Bladder and Brain”

<http://www.scp.org/news/2010/11/26/bladder-pacemaker-part3-112610/>

“Patient Says It Changed Her Life”

<http://www.scp.org/news/2010/11/27/bladder-pacemaker-part4-112710/>

Threat to Animal Researcher Garners Headlines

A package containing razor blades and threats sent by animal extremists to David Jentsch, professor of psychology and psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was reported Nov. 23 by City News Service, the Chronicle of Higher Education and BoingBoing.com; Nov. 24 by the Associated Press, United Press International, CNN.com, a Los Angeles Times blog, Discover and Daily Mail (U.K.); and a Nov. 25 story by the Los Angeles Times.

“UCLA Researcher Gets Package Containing Blades”

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20101124/ap_on_re_us/us_animal_researcher_threat

“Activist Group Claims to Send AIDS-tainted Razors to Animal Researcher”

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/11/24/california.ucla.threat/?hpt=T2>

“UCLA Researcher Says He Won't Be Deterred by Animal Activists' Attacks”

<http://www.latimes.com/health/la-me-targeted-professor-20101125,0,3117053.story>

Hospital CEO Discusses Patient Satisfaction in Medical Trade

The medical trade Becker's Hospital Review published a Nov. 23 Q & A with Dr. David Feinberg, CEO and associate vice chancellor of the UCLA Hospital System. He discussed the UCLA Hospital System's patient-centered approach for improving quality of care and strategies for increasing patient satisfaction and streamlining care.

“Improving Patient Satisfaction and Eliminating Waste: Q&A with Dr. David Feinberg, CEO of UCLA Hospital System | Hospital Leadership and Executive Moves”

http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/hospital-leadership-and-executive-moves/improving-patient-satisfaction-and-eliminating-waste-gaa-with-dr-david-feinberg-ceo-of-ucla-hospital-system.html?A_With_Dr_David_Feinberg,_CEO_of_UCLA_Hospital_System

Ivanhoe Explains New Care Standards for Parkinson's

Dr. Eric Cheng, assistant professor of neurology, was featured Dec. 1 on Ivanhoe.com about his research that established new quality measures to assess people's treatment for Parkinson's disease.

“Fighting Parkinson's Disease: A Better Treatment”

http://www.ivanhoe.com/channels/p_channelstory.cfm?storyid=25834

Korean Paper Highlights Korean Stroke Prevention

A Nov. 18 Los Angeles Korean Times story featured Dr. Sarah Song, a neurology fellow and member of the UCLA Stroke Center. She discussed the importance of stroke prevention in Korean-Americans and upcoming educational; interventions among the Los Angeles Korean community.

La Opinión Explores HIV Care for Newly Released Prisoners

La Opinión reported Dec. 1 on a \$4.6 million grant to a study led by Dr. William Cunningham, professor of general internal medicine, health services research and public health. His team will research how to improve treatment and medical care for HIV-positive men released from Los Angeles County Jails.

“El VIH se Propaga Tras las Rejas”

<http://www.impre.com/laopinion/noticias/primera-pagina/2010/12/1/el-vih-se-propaga-tras-las-rej-225388-1.html#commentsBlock>

Argonaut Reports on New Santa Monica Allergy Center

The Argonaut reported Nov. 25 about the opening of a new UCLA Food and Drug Allergy Care Center in Santa Monica. Dr. Melinda Braskett, director of the center, and Dr. Alan Fogelman, Castera Professor and executive chair, department of medicine, were quoted.

“UCLA Health System Opens New Santa Monica Center to Treat Food and Drug Allergies”

http://www.argonautnewspaper.com/articles/2010/11/25/news_-_features/santa_monica/s3.txt

Jewish Journal Profiles Memory Expert

The Jewish Journal ran a Nov. 30 profile on Dr Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Center on Aging. The article highlighted his research on healthy aging and memory and cited his book, “The Naked Lady Who Stood on Her Head: A Psychiatrist’s Stories of His Most Bizarre Cases.”

“UCLA’s Dr. Gary Small: Promoting Sharper Memory, Healthy Aging”

http://www.jewishjournal.com/50_Plus/article/uclas_dr_gary_small_promoting_sharper_memory_healthy_aging_20101130/

UPI Reports on Lack of Job-based Health Coverage

Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies for the Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was covered Dec. 1 by United Press International for her study finding that one-fifth of Californians in households with at least one employed family member had no access to job-based health care in 2007.

“No Ins. for 1-in-5 Working Californians”

http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2010/12/01/No-ins-for-1-in-5-working-Californians/UPI-23391291264875/

Palisadian Post Cites Staff Service Award

A Dec. 2 article in the Palisadian Post cited Andy Frew, a neurosurgery researcher honored for his local volunteer efforts with a community service award from the Pacific Palisades Community Council.

“Council Honors Andy Frew for His Three Volunteer Roles”

<http://www.palisadespost.com/news/content.php?id=6246>

Melanoma Study Draws Widespread Coverage

A study by Dr. Roger Lo that revealed two mechanisms of drug resistance in patients with advanced melanoma was featured Nov. 24 by Reuters, Examiner.com, Science Daily, Science News, El Mundo, Nature News, Medscape and MyHealthNewsDaily.com. He is a researcher with the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and an assistant professor of dermatology.

“Malignant Melanoma: UCLA Announces New Findings”

<http://www.examiner.com/women-s-health-in-los-angeles/page-none-pageviews-unique-pageviews-avg-time-on-page-bounce-rate-exit>

“Drug Resistance Mechanisms Identified in Most Common Form of Melanoma”

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/11/101124143411.htm>

“Studies Show How Skin Cancer Evades Promising Drug”

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN2421565520101124>

“Una Segunda Oportunidad Contra el Melanoma”

<http://www.elmundo.es/elmundosalud/2010/11/24/pielsana/1290617507.html>

Website Covers Radiation Countermeasures Grant

A \$14 million grant to William McBride to develop countermeasures to nuclear accidents and attacks was covered Nov. 29 by the CancerNetwork.com. He is a professor of radiation oncology and a Jonsson Cancer Center researcher.

“UCLA Renews Grant to Find Countermeasures to Dirty Bombs”

<http://www.cancernetwork.com/display/article/10165/1739453>

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Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA was cited in a Nov. 24 Lompoc Record article about what people were grateful for on Thanksgiving Day. The article cited a young boy who was treated for a brain tumor at the hospital.

“What We’re Thankful For”

http://www.lompocrecord.com/news/local/article_7f47818a-f858-11df-8f8f-001cc4c03286.html

Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA was cited in a KGO-Channel 7 (San Francisco) story about a local boy who was finally home after undergoing a heart and kidney transplant at the hospital.

“Child Home after Undergoing Double-Kidney Transplant”

<http://abclocal.go.com/kgostory?section=news/health&id=7810453>

Dr. Bernard Churchill, professor of pediatric urology, was cited Dec. 1 by the Calgary Sun about a Canadian man with a complicated kidney disease who came to UCLA to receive a donated kidney from his mother. Churchill treated the man when he was a boy.

“Stricken Calgarian Girds for Another Health Battle”

<http://www.calgarysun.com/news/alberta/2010/11/30/16381331.html>

QUOTABLES

Thomas Coates, professor-in-residence of infectious diseases and an associate director of the UCLA AIDS Institute, was quoted Dec. 1 in the Windy City Media Group and Nov. 24 in the Los Angeles Times about clinical trial results on Truvada, the first drug shown to prevent HIV infection with proper adherence. He also commented Nov. 23 on Live Science about the pope’s changed views about condom use.

“HIV-prevention Pill’s Success Rekindles AIDS Researchers’ Optimism”

<http://articles.latimes.com/2010/nov/23/health/la-he-hiv-pill-20101124>

“HIV Drugs Can Prevent Infection”

<http://www.windycitymediagroup.com/gay/lesbian/news/ARTICLE.php?AID=29649>

“Pope’s Shift on Condom Vital to AIDS Fight, Experts Say”

http://news.yahoo.com/s/livescience/20101124/sc_livescience/popesshiftoncondomvitaltoaidfightexperts_say

Dr. Gabriel Danovitch, medical director of the kidney transplant program, commented Dec. 2 in the Dayton Daily News about a kidney transplant that late writer Erma Bombeck’s son received at UCLA.

“Erma Bombeck’s Son Third in Family to Receive Kidney Transplant”

<http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/dayton-news/erma-bombecks-son-third-in-family-to-receive-kidney-transplant-1018439.html>

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson–UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, commented Nov. 29 in HealthDay News about a study measuring cardiovascular risk factors in young children.

“Kids Who Eat Fruits, Veggies May Cut Heart Risk”

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=646650>

Dr. Michael Gottlieb, assistant clinical professor of medicine, was quoted Dec. 2 in La Opinión and Dec. 1 in the Los Angeles Daily News about World AIDS Day.

“Los Ángeles Lidera en Investigación del VIH”

<http://www.impre.com/laopinion/noticias/primera-pagina/2010/12/2/los-angeles-lidera-en-investig-225602-1.html#commentsBlock>

“Doctor Who Discovered AIDS Says Much Progress Has Been Made, but Fight Not Over”
http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_16755269

David Hayes-Bautista, professor of general internal medicine and health services research and director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, was quoted Nov. 26 in the Chicago Sun-Times about research showing that Latinos have a longer life expectancy than whites and African Americans.
“Family Ties, Healthy Habits Give Latinos Longer Lives”
<http://www.suntimes.com/lifestyles/health/2923834,CST-NWS-latinos1126.article>

Dr. David Heber, director of the Center for Human Nutrition, commented Dec. 2 in the Los Angeles Times about research showing that being even slightly overweight can significantly increase health risks.
“Even a Little Extra Weight Can be Detrimental”
<http://www.latimes.com/health/la-he-bmi-death-20101202.0,7232796.story>

Dr. Gerald S. Levey, distinguished professor of medicine and dean emeritus of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted Dec. 1 in Nature about Bob Klein, founder of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, which funds stem cell research.
“Stem Cells: The Impatient Advocate”
<http://www.nature.com/news/2010/101201/full/468620a.html>

William McCarthy, adjunct associate professor in the UCLA School of Public Health, commented Nov. 24 in the Daily Breeze about healthy eating habits for kids around the holidays.
“Overeating: Children Can Be Victims of Holiday Expansion”
http://www.dailybreeze.com/ci_16700818?IADID=Search-www.dailybreeze.com-www.dailybreeze.com

Dr. Beate Ritz, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was quoted Dec. 1 by Reuters about research suggesting that pregnant women living near high-trafficked roads are more likely to give birth prematurely.
“Living Near a Major Road Tied to Preterm Birth: Study”
http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20101202/lf_nm_life/us_birth_roads

Dr. Steven Schwartz, Ahmanson Professor of Ophthalmology and chief of the retina division at the Jules Stein Eye Institute, was quoted in a Dec. 2 article by USA Today on a new study linking a diet rich in fish and seafood to a lower risk for age-related macular degeneration.
“Eating Omega-3-Rich Fish May Keep Vision Loss at Bay”
http://www.usatoday.com/yourlife/food/diet-nutrition/2010-12-02-macular02_ST_N.htm

Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging, a professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Center on Aging, commented Nov. 27 on KABC-Channel 7 about research showing that brain-stimulating exercises may mask the progression of dementia. He also commented Dec. 3 in the Sydney Morning Herald on technology’s effect on the brain.
“Brain Exercises May Mask Symptoms of Dementia”
http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/health/your_health&id=7810079
“Wired and Distracted”
<http://www.smh.com.au/executive-style/management/blogs/management-line/wired-and-distracted/20101127-18ba6.html>

Dr. Hasan Yersiz, professor of surgery in the division of liver and pancreas transplantation,, was quoted in a Dec. 1 Associated Press story about a new pilot program in New York City under which a medical team would obtain organs from registered donors who die at home.
“NY Pilot Expands Organ Recovery to At-home Deaths”
<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2010/12/01/ap/national/main7105263.shtml>

CORRECTION

ABC Affiliates Explore Ear Infections, Antibiotics

More than 40 ABC news markets reported Nov. 22 and Nov. 23 on a study led by Dr. Tumaini Coker, assistant professor of pediatrics at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA. She found that the use of antibiotics to treat pediatric ear infections produces only moderate benefits and may result in side effects such as diarrhea and rashes.

"MED MINUTE: Kids & Ear Infections"

<http://www.waow.com/Global/story.asp?S=13554805>

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