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**Kidney Chain Saves Lives, Forms Bonds**

[KCBS-Channel 2](#), [KNBC-Channel 4](#), [KTLA-Channel 5](#), [KABC-Channel 7](#), [KCAL-Channel 9](#), and [Mundo Fox-Channel 22](#) reported Dec. 2 on a reunion of dozens of kidney donors and recipients who participated in kidney transplant chains at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. The [Huffington Post](#) reported the story Dec. 3. Dr. Jeffrey Veale, assistant professor of urology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and director of UCLA's kidney donor exchange program, and Dr. H. Albin Gritsch, surgical director of UCLA's kidney transplantation program and associate professor of urology, were interviewed.

**UCLA, Cedars Partner on Rehab Center**

The [Los Angeles Times](#), Los Angeles [Daily News](#), [KNX 1070AM](#), [Examiner.com](#), [Modern Healthcare](#) and the [Westwood-Century City Patch](#) Dec. 3; [Huffington Post](#) Dec. 4, and [Payers & Providers](#) Dec. 5 reported that the UCLA Health System, Cedars–Sinai Medical Center and health care company Select Medical are partnering to open a 138-bed medical rehabilitation facility in the former Century City Hospital. Dr. David Feinberg, president of the UCLA Health System and associate vice chancellor for health sciences, was quoted.

**LA Times, Other Media Note Neglected Kids May Have Trouble Bonding**

A study by Dr. Aviva Olsavsky, a resident physician in psychiatry at the Semel Institute, and Dr. Nim Tottenham, an associate professor of psychology, was featured widely in the media. The study found that children who experience profound neglect are more prone to "indiscriminate friendliness," characterized by an inappropriate willingness to approach adults, including strangers, and that it may be rooted in brain adaptations associated with these early-life experiences. Coverage included Dec. 5 in the [Los Angeles Times](#); Dec. 4 in [News-Medical.net](#); Dec. 3 in the [Sierra Sun Times](#), [News Track India](#), [TruthDive](#), and [Business-standard.com](#); and Dec. 2 in [ScienceWorldReport.com](#) and [Medical Daily](#).

**Diverticulosis Study Draws Interest on Internet News Sites**

[Examiner.com](#), [redOrbit](#), [MedicalXpress](#), [Health News Digest](#), [Scrubs Report](#), [Science Codex](#), [Science Daily](#), [Health Canal](#) and [Daily Rx](#) Dec. 3; [Medical News Today](#), [Alaska Native News](#), [EmaxHealth](#), [Endo Nurse](#), [News-Medical.net](#) and [Third Age](#) Dec. 4; and [Med Page Today](#), [NewsMaxHealth](#) and [Ivanhoe News](#) Dec. 5 reported on a study by Dr. Brennan Spiegel, associate professor of medicine in the division of digestive diseases, that found Diverticulosis is much less risky than previously believed.

**Diet Study Continues to Draw National Headlines**

[Sys-Con Media](#) Nov. 18; [TruthDive](#) and [New Kerala](#) Nov. 19; [Top News](#) Nov. 20; [Targeted News Service](#) Nov. 21; [International News Network](#) and [Read Medical News](#) Nov. 22; [Iron Magazine](#) Nov. 24; [Urology](#)

[Times](#) Nov. 25; [Web Vitamins](#) Nov. 26; [Digital Journal](#) Nov. 27; [KGET-TV](#) (Bakersfield), [KXJB-TV](#) (N.D.), [KONG-TV](#) (Wash.), [KTAL-TV](#) (La.), [WMBF-TV](#) (S.C.) and more than a dozen other news stations nationwide Nov. 30; the [Boston Globe](#) Dec. 2, and [EmpowHer](#) Dec. 3 reported on a study by Dr. William Aronson that found that men on a low-fat fish oil diet were able to change their prostate cancer tissue. Aronson is a clinical professor of urology at the David Geffen School of Medicine UCLA and chief of urologic oncology at the West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

### **LA Times Explores Healing Power of Hypnosis**

The [Los Angeles Times](#) published a Nov. 29 article that featured psychologist Charlene Williams and the hypnosis work she does for the UCLA Department of Head and Neck Surgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA to help alleviate pain and anxiety in patients being treated for cancer. She also discussed self-hypnosis tools she teaches patients with irritable bowel syndrome to control symptoms and stop attacks.

### **Students Donate Blood for UCLA Patients**

The [Malibu Surfside News](#) published a Dec. 2 story on a community drive by Malibu High School to collect blood donations for Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, where patients are transfused with 85,000 units of life-saving blood a year. Linda Goss, recruitment supervisor for the UCLA Blood & Platelet Center, explained that donations levels often drop in December due to illness and the holidays.

### **UCLA Scans 14-foot Oarfish for Science**

UCLA's Translational Research Imaging Center was featured Nov. 27 in an [Orange County Register](#) article about the facility performing a CT scan on a 14-foot oarfish that's being studied by a CSUF marine biologist after the serpent-like creature washed ashore last month in Oceanside.

### **HPV+HIV Equals Anal Cancer Study Draws Media Interest**

A study on the increased risk of anal cancer in HIV and HPV positive men was covered Dec. 5 in [Cancer News Digest](#), Dec. 4 in [Medical News Today](#), and Dec. 3 in [Science Daily](#), [Infection Control Today](#), [Medical Xpress](#), [Health Canal](#) and [Science Blog](#).

### **Documentary Delves into End-of-Life Issues**

The Nov. 22 episode of Showtime's "[End of Life](#)" documentary series highlighted the late Dr. Antronette Yancey, a professor at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health who dedicated much of her career to promoting health and fitness and eliminating health disparities. The segment, which chronicled the last months of Yancey's battle against cancer, explored palliative and end-of-life care and the decisions that doctors, patients and their families make regarding that care.

### **Media Cover Rheumatologist Shortage**

[About.com](#) Nov. 30; [MedPage Today](#) and [Cleveland Plain Dealer](#) Nov. 29; [Rheumatology Update](#) and [The Almagest](#) Nov. 28; and [Medscape](#), [American News Report](#), [Science Codex](#), [Healio](#), [Science Daily](#) and [redOrbit](#) Nov. 27 featured UCLA research showing that smaller micropolitan areas of the U.S.—those with less than 50,000 people—have very few or no practicing adult rheumatologists. In some of these areas, individuals have to travel more than 200 miles to reach the closest rheumatologist. Lead author Dr. John FitzGerald, professor of rheumatology and interim director of UCLA's Division of Rheumatology at the David Geffen School of Medicine in Los Angeles, was quoted in the coverage.

### **Websites Cover Engineered Tomatoes that Target Intestinal Lipids, Improve Cholesterol**

[AgroTimes](#) Nov. 24, [The Grower](#) Nov. 19 and [OnlyMyHealth](#) Nov. 15 reported on research showing that a type of lipid in the small intestine may play a greater role than previously thought in generating the high cholesterol levels and inflammation that lead to clogged arteries. The UCLA team also found they could reduce the negative effects of these lipids in mice by feeding the animals a new genetically engineered tomato being developed at UCLA that is designed to mimic HDL ("good") cholesterol. Senior author Dr. Alan Fogelman, executive chair of the department of medicine and director of the atherosclerosis research unit at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and Dr. Judith Gasson, a professor of

medicine and biological chemistry, director of UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, and senior associate dean for research at the Geffen School of Medicine, were quoted in the *AgroTimes*.

### **CBS Features Frozen Yogurt Trend**

A Nov. 7 [CBS Newspath](#) story about the popularity of frozen yogurt featured an interview with Dr. Dana Hunnes, senior dietician with the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. The story aired on 35 affiliates across the country including KQVR-TV (Sacramento, Calif.), KOIN-TV (Portland, Ore.), KHOU-TV (Houston) and KCOY-TV (Santa Barbara, Calif.).

### **Little Nikki's Brave Battle**

Australia's "The Project" news program Nov 20 aired a documentary ([Part 1](#), [Part 2](#)) that followed the journey of a three-year-old girl from Perth who suffered up to 200 seizures a day that could not be controlled by medications. She and her parents came to UCLA for treatment with the UCLA Pediatric Epilepsy program. Using a functional MRI scan, the UCLA team was able to identify the seizure-causing lesion and performed successful surgery to remove it and stop her seizures. Dr. Gary Mathern, professor of neurosurgery and director of the UCLA Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery Program at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was featured.

### **Rare Heart–Liver Transplant**

Fresno's CBS affiliate [KQGE-Channel 34](#), the [Fresno Bee](#) and the [Visalia Times](#) reported Nov. 28 on the story of a woman who received a rare double heart–liver transplant at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. Dr. Abbas Ardehali, professor of cardiothoracic surgery and director of UCLA's heart and lung transplantation program; Dr. Ronald Busuttill, executive chair of the surgery department and chief of UCLA's division of liver and pancreas transplantation; and Dr. Mario Deng, professor of cardiology and medical director of the UCLA Advanced Heart Failure–Mechanical Support–Heart Transplant Program, were quoted in the coverage. The CBS news story aired on more than 50 CBS affiliates nationwide.

### **Nanotechnology for Potential Treatment of Pancreatic Cancer**

[News-Medical.net](#) Dec. 5 highlighted a study from UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center proving the principle of a new method of microscopic drug delivery that could greatly improve the treatment of pancreatic cancer. Quoted in the coverage were study leaders Dr. Andre Nel, professor of nanomedicine and member of the California Nanosystems Institute (CNSI), and Dr. Huan Meng, adjunct assistant professor of nanomedicine.

### **Laboratory Findings May Enhance Treatment of Deadly Cancer**

[ecancernews](#) Nov. 21, [Skin Cancer News](#) Nov. 22, and [e! Science News](#) Nov. 24 featured a story on research from UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center (JCCC) that could lead to more effective treatment of metastatic melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer. The study's leader, Dr. Roger Lo, JCCC member and director of the melanoma clinic in dermatology, was quoted in the coverage.

### **Prostate Cancer Stem Cells are a Moving Target**

[Ali's Alliance](#), and [Stu's Stem Cell Blog](#) Nov. 29; [Topix](#), [InvestorStemCell](#), [Article.wn.com](#), [e! Science News](#), and [Science News Online](#) Dec. 4; and [MD Linx](#) and [Medical News Today](#) Dec. 5 featured a study from UCLA's Eli and Edythe Broad Center of Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research and Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center finding that the stem cells that initiate prostate cancer evolve to different types of cells as the disease progresses, making the cells a therapeutic "moving target." The study's leaders, Dr. Andrew Goldstein, assistant researcher; Dr. Tanya Stoyanova, post-doctoral fellow; and Dr. Owen Witte, director of the Broad Stem Cell Research Center, were quoted in the coverage.

### **Placenta Development Discovery May Illuminate Pregnancy Complications**

[Regenestem](#) Nov. 25, [Stem Cell Patient](#) Nov. 26, [Bio-Medicine](#) Nov. 27, and [The Visible Embryo](#) and [HealthRender](#) Nov. 28 highlighted research from UCLA's Eli and Edythe Broad Center of Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research on the discovery of progenitor cells that are key to the growth of a healthy placenta, and may shed light on placental pregnancy complications. Quoted in the coverage was the study's leader, Dr. Hanna Mikkola, associate professor of molecular, cell, and developmental biology in the life sciences.

### **How Brain Cancer Cells Hide From Drugs**

[Examiner.com](#) Dec. 5 featured a study from UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center that found a process by which brain cancer cells were able to hide from drugs that targeted their special features by eliminating those features, then regain the features and become drug sensitive after treatment was stopped. Dr. David Nathanson, assistant professor of molecular and medical pharmacology and the study's leader, was quoted in the coverage.

### **KPCC Sounds Alarm on Growing Use of ADHD Drug Adderall**

Dr. Karen Miotto, professor of psychiatry and director of the Addiction Medicine Service in the Semel Institute, was interviewed Dec. 5 on the KPCC 89.3FM show [AirTalk](#) about the growing non-prescription use of the ADHD drug Adderall being used by people to enhance their cognitive skills. Miotto discussed this rise and the long term health concerns.

### **Fusion TV Reports on the Need for Speed**

Dr. Gail Wyatt, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the Collaborative Center for Trauma and Mental Health Disparities, was interviewed Dec. 3 on Fusion TV's "[Open Source](#)" about the psychology of risky and reckless behavior and fast driving.

### **Huff Post, Others Report on Kids and Fast Food**

A study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research showing that 60 percent of young children in California, and 70 percent of Latino children, had eaten fast food at least once during the previous week was highlighted Nov. 30 by [KPCC 89.3FM](#), Dec. 1 by [KTVU-Channel 2](#) (Oakland); and Dec. 2 by the [Huffington Post](#).

### **Online News Site Explores Cocaine and HIV**

[The Almagest](#) reported Dec. 2 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.

### **Urologist Featured on MedPage Today**

[MedPage Today](#) Nov. 27 featured Dr. Jonathan Bergman, an assistant professor of urology, in its "10 Questions" Feature.

### **Book Release Covered by Fox News Latino**

[Fox News Latino](#) Dec. 3 reported on the release of a new book by Dr. Elizabeth Laugeson that is designed to help socially challenged teens and young adults make and keep friends. Laugeson is director of UCLA's Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills (PEERS) Clinic and an assistant clinical professor of psychiatry at the UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior.

### **Prostate Biopsy Study Gains More TV News Coverage**

[WFMZ-TV](#) (Pa.) and [KCRG-TV](#) (Iowa) Nov. 27, and [WCSC-TV](#) (S.C.) Dec. 4 reported on a new targeted biopsy study by Dr. Leonard Marks that is helping to locate hard-to-find prostate cancers. Marks is a professor of urology and director of the UCLA Active Surveillance Program.

### **Birth at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center Highlighted on ET**

[Entertainment Tonight](#) Dec. 4 highlighted one of their correspondents giving birth at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center.

### **Nurse Trade Notes Nursing School Health Clinic's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UCLA School of Nursing Health Clinic at the Union Rescue Mission was spotlighted in Dec 4 in [nurse.com](#).

### **Nursing School Ranked No. 5 Cutting Edge School**

The UCLA School of Nursing was ranked No. 5 in a top 30 list of cutting edge nursing schools in a survey by [Nursing School Hub](#). UCLA was the top-ranked public school and only UC school on the list.

## BRIEFS

KABC-Channel 7 Dec. 2 featured two stories highlighting the Jim Mora Count on Me Foundation's holiday gift room at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA. The special event allowed pediatric patients to visit a room in the hospital filled with donated items and pick out presents for their family members.

Phoenix's [KTVK-Channel 3](#) and Houston's [KHOU-Channel 11](#) Nov. 28 aired a follow up story on a 2-year-old boy who recently underwent a hemispherectomy brain surgery to stop his seizures at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA.

Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA was mentioned Nov. 29 in the [Moorpark Acorn](#) in a report that a local Brownie troop donated toys to Casey's Holiday Toy Drive, which benefits the hospital.

[U-T San Diego](#) cited Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA Nov. 27 in a story about two brothers and their mother who have all undergone heart transplants. The brothers received their new hearts at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. The story also appeared Nov. 29 in the U.K.'s [Daily Mail](#).

An article in the Nov. 30 [Daily Breeze](#) on California's undocumented immigrants and the Affordable Care Act cited a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health estimating that half of all undocumented immigrants in the state have no health insurance.

A Nov. 28 report in [Top Class Actions.com](#) about a lawsuit alleging that a diabetes drug led to a man's pancreatic cancer death cited research led by Dr. Peter Butler, director of the Larry L. Hillblom Islet Research Center, linking the diabetes medication Januvia to pancreatic abnormalities recognized as risk factors for pancreatitis and pancreatic cancer.

## QUOTABLES

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, UCLA's Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, commented in a Dec. 3 [HealthDay News](#) article about a study that found that men and women with mild heart disease share the same short-term risks. In addition, he commented in a Dec. 4 [HealthDay News](#) article that also ran on Philly.com about drug interaction between a blood-thinning drug Plavix and morphine that may impact heart attack patients.

Dr. Christopher Giza, associate professor of neurosurgery and pediatric neurology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, commented Nov. 26 in a [Healthline](#) article about new guidelines he co-developed for managing sports-related concussions in student athletes.

Dr. David Heber, professor of medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition, was quoted Dec. 2 in an [NBCNews.com](#) article about the dangers of being overweight or obese.

Dr. Emeran Mayer, a professor of medicine in the divisions of digestive diseases, physiology and psychiatry at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and executive director of the Gail and Gerald Oppenheimer Family Center for Neurobiology of Stress at UCLA, commented in a Nov. 27 [Huffington Post](#) blog on the connection between the gut and brain.

Dr. Suzanne V. McDiarmid, medical director of the hand transplantation program, was quoted in a Nov. 29 [Richmond Times-Dispatch](#) (Va.) article about a new federal transplant policy under which the United Network for Organ Sharing will oversee hand and face transplants.



Dr. Stan Nelson, professor of human genetics, was quoted in an article by [Al-Jazeera America](#) about personalized medicine. He discussed UCLA's exome sequencing program, which enables parents to obtain a clear diagnosis and effective treatment for their children with rare genetic disorders that often suffer years without a diagnosis.

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 UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was quoted in a Dec. 4 [Politifact.com](#) article about the Affordable Care Act.

Dr. Steven Wallace, associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was quoted in a Dec. 3 [Sarasota Herald-Tribune](#) article about health, money and other factors baby boomers consider when planning for retirement.

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