



## UCLA HEALTH SCIENCES MEDIA REPORT

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### Prostate-cancer Recommendation Grabs National Coverage

A National Institutes of Health panel's recommendation for men with low-risk prostate cancer to wait and see if their disease progresses before treating it was covered Dec. 7 by the [Washington Post](#), [NPR](#), [Fox News](#), [USA Today](#), [Family Practice News](#), [Health Day News](#), [Reuters](#), [Med Page Today](#), [Heal Blog](#), [Harvard Health Publications](#), [Daily Rx](#), [Medical Xpress](#), [Zee News](#) and the [Huffington Post](#). Dr. Patricia Ganz, director of cancer prevention and control research at the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and panel member, was quoted.

### Media Picks at Unhealthy Food at Children's Hospitals

The [San Francisco Chronicle](#) reported Dec. 4 and the [Sacramento Bee](#) reported Dec. 7 on UCLA research finding that only 7 percent of entrees and sandwiches served at California's 14 major children's hospitals are healthful. Dr. Lenard Lesser, a physician in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's clinical scholars program in the family medicine department, led the study. Other outlets covering the findings included the [Fresno Bee](#) on Dec. 1; [United Press International](#), [International Business Times](#), [City News Service](#), [KCBS-Channel 2](#) online, [MedPage Today](#) and [Medical News Today](#) on Dec. 2; [Patch.com](#) and the [Columbus Dispatch](#) on Dec. 6, and many more. Lesser was quoted.

### **Mobile Eye Clinic Showcased by "The Doctors"**

The UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic was spotlighted Dec. 5 by CBS' "The Doctors" in a segment on community resources for obtaining no-cost health care. Dr. Andrew Young, clinic physician and an associate physician diplomate at the Jules Stein Eye Institute, was interviewed. (Click on link to watch.) <http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=153070&key=nOz2045GqLtODySyeZJM6n2cOKIVjUon&email=ESchmidt@mednet.ucla.edu>

### **Reader's Digest Spotlights Rare Surgery to Treat Seizures**

The December issue of [Reader's Digest](#) profiled a baby who underwent hemispherectomy surgery at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA a year ago. The boy suffered from intractable seizures and had half of his affected brain removed. His surgeon, Dr. Gary Mathern, professor of pediatric neurosurgery and director of the UCLA Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery Program, was cited. Mathern was also cited Dec. 1 in an Agoura Hills Acorn article about how the brain adapts after the drastic surgery.

### **Need for Mental Health Services Draws Attention**

A [Los Angeles Times](#) blog, San Francisco's [KQED](#), [California Healthline](#) and [United Press International](#) reported Dec. 1 on a study finding that nearly two million California adults need mental health treatment, but the majority receive no services or inadequate services. David Grant, director of the California Health Interview Survey, which is administered by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was featured.

### **KPCC Explains Migraine Headaches**

Dr. Andrew Charles, who holds the Meyer and Renee Luskin Chair in Migraine and Headache Studies, and directs the headache research and treatment program in the neurology department, was interviewed Dec. 1 on KPCC 89.3FM's [Patt Morrison](#) show about his research and the latest advances into the chronic neurological disorder of migraines.

### **The Scientist Compares Embryonic Stem-cell Lines**

The Dec. 2 [Scientist](#), Dec. 1 [Biology News](#) and [Stem Cell News](#) and Nov. 30 [Examiner.com](#) and [Quest Interactive](#) reported on a UCLA study that showed existing human embryonic stem cells lines are different than newly derived cell lines. Amander Clark, a scientist with the Eli and Edythe Broad Center of Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research, and an assistant professor of molecular, cell and developmental biology, led the research.

### **MedPage Today Features Teen Cancer Center**

[MedPage Today](#) reported Dec. 7 on the opening next year of the UCLA Daltrey/Townshend Teen & Young Adult Cancer Program. Arranged more like a dorm than a hospital facility, the center will feature patient rooms clustered around an entertainment lounge and kitchen to enhance mutual teen support. The center is modeled after centers opened in the UK by *The Who's* charity, Who Cares, in conjunction with the organization Teenage Cancer Trust.

### **Local Paper Explores Scarlet Fever**

The Dec. 7 [San Bernardino County Sun](#) ran a column by Dr. Claire Panosian Dunavan, clinical professor of medicine, division of infectious diseases, about scarlet fever.

### **Examiner Scrutinizes Stem Cell Finding**

An Eli and Edythe Broad Center of Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research study that developed animal-free neurons from reprogrammed skin cells was featured Dec. 7 by [Examiner.com](#) and Dec. 8 by

[Cell Today](#). The research was led by William Lowry, an assistant professor of molecular, cell and developmental biology, and associate researcher Saran Karumbayaram.

### **Teen-mom Intervention Program Highlighted**

The California edition of [Payers and Providers](#) reported Dec. 1 on a teen-mom intervention program developed by the UCLA School of Nursing. Deborah Koniak-Griffin, professor of nursing, was quoted.

### **Websites Explore HIV Prevention Approach**

Research by Sally Blower, director of the UCLA Center for Biomedical Modeling and a professor at the Semel Institute, was featured in Dec. 7 in [eMaxHealth.com](#) and [HealthCanal.com](#) about an unconventional approach to prevent HIV infection.

### **Website Showcases Book on Kids' Breathing Issues**

[EmaxHealth](#) published a Nov. 30 article on "Take a Deep Breath: Clear the Air for the Health of Your Child," a book by Dr. Nina Shapiro, professor of head and neck surgery and director of pediatric otolaryngology at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, about common breathing issues in young children.

### **Occupational Health's Role in Smoking Cessation**

The November edition of [Occupational Health Management](#) examined the role of occupational health workers in smoking cessation. Linda Sarna, professor of nursing, was quoted.

## **BRIEFS**

A Nov. 23 [More.com](#) column by Patti Davis, daughter of former President Ronald Reagan, cited a support group she co-facilitates at UCLA for family members of Alzheimer's and dementia patients.

Research by Andrew Fuligni, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was cited in a Dec. 1 [Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel](#) blog about Condoleezza Rice's comments on race relations in the U.S. His study found that minority children as young as seven are aware of ethnicity-based stigmatization and feel more anxious about being in school.

A Dec. 6 [Los Angeles Times](#) story on the rising popularity of nursing as a career featured a photo of UCLA cardiac intensive-care nurses Amy Chang, Ryan Cavada and Natasha Pyykko

## **QUOTABLES**

Dr. Mark DeAntonio, clinical professor of psychiatry and director of adolescent inpatient services at the Semel Institute, was quoted in a Dec. 7 [Daily Beast](#) article about pedophilia and how pedophiles seem to be able to compartmentalize their sexual desires and lead a "normal" life in other areas.

Dr. Bruce Dobkin, professor of neurology and program director of UCLA's Neurologic Rehabilitation and Research Program, and Dr. Thomas Carmichael, professor of neurology, were quoted in a Dec. 5 [Los Angeles Times](#) column about the medical accuracy of a traumatic brain injury portrayed in the film "The Descendants."

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, was quoted Dec. 5 by [HealthDay News](#) about how eating fish rich in omega-3 fatty acids can help young women reduce their risk of heart disease.

Dr. Patricia Ganz, director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, commented Dec. 7 in the [Los Angeles Times](#) story about environmental factors that may contribute to breast cancer development.

Dr. Christopher Giza, associate professor of neurosurgery and pediatric neurology, was quoted Dec. 6 by the [Los Angeles Times](#) and [Baltimore Sun](#) about chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a degenerative brain disorder linked to repeated blows to the head.

Dr. Charles Grob, professor of clinical psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was quoted Dec. 7 by [Bloomberg](#) about the therapeutic uses of hallucinogenic drugs. His research shows that small doses of psilocybin, also known as "magic mushrooms," may lessen depression in patients with late-stage cancer.

Dr. Edmond Hewlett, associate professor at the School of Dentistry, was quoted Dec. 7 in a [Chicago Tribune](#) article about the FDA evaluating the safety of mercury fillings.

Dr. Sara Hurvitz, director of the breast oncology program at the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, commented Dec. 7 in the [Los Angeles Times](#) about how combination drug therapies help women with metastatic breast cancer. The story appeared in the [Chicago Tribune](#) and the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#).

Gerald Kominski, associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and a professor at the School of Public Health, was quoted in a Dec. 8 [Los Angeles Times](#) article about the amount California spends per person on health care.

Tara Peris, assistant professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was quoted Dec. 5 by the [Los Angeles Times](#) about anxiety disorders in children.

John Piacentini, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of UCLA's Childhood OCD, Anxiety and Tic Disorders Program, was quoted Dec. 5 by the [Los Angeles Times](#) about anxiety disorders in children.

Dr. Gary Small, Parlow–Solomon Professor on Aging, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Longevity Center, commented in the Dec. 7 [Huffington Post](#) about technology's impact on the brain.

Dr. Karol Watson, assistant professor of cardiology, was quoted Dec. 6 by [Health.com](#) about research showing that being in shape can help men avoid several health risks, even if they are slightly overweight.

Dr. Antronette Yancey, professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was quoted in a Dec. 3 [New York Times](#) article about how to exercise while at work.

Dr. Shahram Yazdani, associate professor of pediatrics at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was quoted Dec. 8 in [The Argonaut](#) about air quality near the Santa Monica airport.

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