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Extra! Showcases Cancer Experts

Extra! TV aired a June 21 segment featuring UCLA experts who offered tips to help cancer patients live longer, better lives, including exercise, maintaining a healthy weight, getting a molecular cancer analysis and continuing to work, if possible. Dr. Steven Wong, assistant clinical professor of hematology/oncology, and Dr. Michael Yeh, associate professor of surgery and program director of UCLA Endocrine Surgery, were interviewed.

"Secrets to Living with Cancer"

http://extratv.warnerbros.com/2010/06/secrets_to_living_with_cancer.php

KABC Features Tai Chi Study for Breast Cancer Survivors

KABC-Channel 7 aired a June 22 report about research testing Tai Chi and behavioral changes to help breast-cancer survivors deal with insomnia. The study is led by Dr. Michael Irwin, professor of psychiatry and director of the Cousins Center at the Semel Institute and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"Tai Chi Helps Cancer Survivors Sleep"

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/health/your_health&id=7514258

L.A. Times Explores New Genetic Links to Autism

The Los Angeles Times reported June 21 on an international study uncovering dozens of new gene variants linked to autism. Study coauthors Dr. Stanley Nelson and Rita Cantor, both professors of human genetics at the David Geffen School of Medicine and professors of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, were quoted. Nature published the findings in its June 9 online edition.

"Genes' Role in Autism a Complicated Connection"

<http://www.latimes.com/news/health/la-he-autism-genes-20100621,0,1156642.story>

AAMC Reporter Profiles Surfer Doc

The June issue of the AAMC Reporter profiled Dr. Eric Savitsky, executive director of the Center for International Medicine and professor of medicine, division of emergency medicine, about his passion for surfing around the world. The pursuit sparked his interest in establishing a center to provide health education, training and technology services in developing countries.

"Surf's Up"

<http://www.aamc.org/newsroom/reporter/june10/backpage.htm>

China News, Sing Tao Daily Report on Chinese Official's Visit

Sing Tao Daily and U.S. China News reported June 12 on a UCLA visit by a delegation from China's Ministry of Health to learn how the U.S. practices traditional Chinese medicine and integrative medicine as part of a new health care model. Dr. Ka-Kit Hui, Wallis Annenberg Professor of Integrative East-West Medicine and director of the UCLA Center for East-West Medicine was interviewed by Sing Tao. Dr. Alan Fogelman, professor and executive chair of the Department of Medicine, was interviewed by U.S. China News.

"US China News Video"

http://video.usqiaobao.com/2010-06/11/content_459311.htm

Local Papers Publish Column on Appendicitis

The June 23 Daily News and Pasadena Star News ran a syndicated column by Dr. Claire Panosian, professor of medicine, division of infectious diseases, about the diagnosis and treatment of appendicitis. Dr. Gregory Moran, clinical professor of medicine, Department of Emergency Medicine and division of infectious diseases at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, was quoted.

"Taking a Closer Look at Appendicitis"

http://www.dailynews.com/ci_15361950?source=email

USO News Highlights Event Honoring UCLA's Operation Mend Program

USO's *On Patrol Magazine* published a June 21 article on actor David Arquette's participation in a June 14 Flag Day event honoring UCLA's Operation Mend program, which provides specialized reconstructive surgery and other medical services to wounded warriors injured in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Actor Supports Troops and UCLA's "Operation Mend"

<http://www.uso.org/usoonpatrol/blog.html>

Nursing Trade Focuses on Patient Satisfaction

The May 27 NurseZone.com highlighted UCLA's CICARE program at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center as one way the hospital is improving upon patient satisfaction. Heidi Crooks, senior associate director for operations and patient care services and chief nursing executive, was quoted.

“Are We Slipping? Measuring and Improving Patients’ Satisfaction with Hospital Care”

http://www.nursezone.com/nursing-news-events/more-news/Are-We-Slipping-Measuring-and-Improving-Patients'-Satisfaction-with-Hospital-Care_34278.aspx

Science Outlet Looks at How Neurons Tell Time

Live Science reported June 18 on a new study by Dean Buonomano, professor of neurobiology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and a member of the Brain Research Institute, in which he trained brain cells in a dish to keep time. The study was published June 13 by Nature Neuroscience.

“Brain Cells in Lab Dish Keep Time”

<http://www.livescience.com/health/brain-cells-keep-time-100618.html>

Geriatrician Pens Column on Preventing Medication Mix-ups

The Santa Monica Mirror published a June 18 column by Dr. James Davis, staff geriatrician at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital and clinical professor of medicine, on preventing medication mix-ups.

“Putting the Cap on Medication Mix-ups”

<http://www.smmirror.com/?ajax#mode=single&view=707>

Alaska Radio Explores the State of Multiple Sclerosis

Dr. Barbara Giesser, professor of neurology and clinical director of the UCLA Multiple Sclerosis Program, was interviewed June 18 on Alaska's National Public Radio-affiliate KSKA-91.1 FM about multiple sclerosis and promising research to combat it.

“Line One: Multiple Sclerosis”

<http://kska.org/2010/06/18/line-one-multiple-sclerosis-2/>

Health Affairs Reports on Same-Sex Couples and Health Coverage

A June 24 Health Affairs blog reported on a study by Ninez Ponce, associate professor of health services at the School of Public Health, that found that Californians in same-sex relationships are less likely than married heterosexual couples to get employer-sponsored dependent health insurance.

“Same Sex Couples Face Inequities in Access to Health Coverage”

<http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2010/06/24/same-sex-couples-face-inequities-in-access-to-health-coverage/>

KRLA Radio Spotlights Seniors’ Risky Drinking

KRLA 870AM reported June 13 on a study finding that more than a third of drinkers over age 60 drink excessively, especially in light of diseases and medications associated with their age. Andrew Barnes, a researcher in the UCLA School of Public Health, commented.

Press Cover Barring of Nurses Union Strike

The San Francisco Chronicle reported June 18, and United Press International reported June 19, that a Superior Court judge extended a restraining order barring a union representing 13,000 nurses at nine Southern California hospitals, including Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, from striking in connection with a contract dispute.

“Judge Weighs UC Nurses’ Right to Strike”

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/06/17/BAH01E0PMJ.DTL>

Education Trade Spotlights Makeover for Old Medical Center

The website of the June 21 Chronicle of Higher Education highlights a UCLA Today story about campus plans for the former UCLA Medical Center building.

“Renovation is Planned for Old U. of California at Los Angeles Medical Center”

<http://chronicle.com/blogPost/Shop-Talk-Monday-June-21/24936/>

Austin News Reports on Stem Cells that Kill HIV-infected Cells

News 8 Austin reported June 23 on a UCLA AIDS Institute study demonstrating for the first time that human blood stem cells can be engineered into cells that can target and kill HIV-infected cells. The piece also aired June 7 on KMGH-TV (Denver).

“Stem Cells to Fight HIV”

<http://http.dvlabs.com/mvision/2010/06/24/UHE003/wgXJAtucDMWPlib9kUSFNNUIbfw281ur.wmv>

QUOTABLES

Dr. David Baron, chief of staff at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, commented June 22 on KNX 1070AM about the death of a 13-year-old Pomona boy who suffered a spider bite.

Dr. Sophie Deng, assistant professor of ophthalmology and director of the corneal cell biology laboratory at the Jules Stein Eye Institute, commented June 23 in an Associated Press article about a New England Journal of Medicine study that found stem cell transplants could reverse blindness in people who had suffered chemical burns on their corneas. The AP report appeared on the websites for MSNBC, CBS News, National Public Radio, Yahoo! News and dozens of other news outlets world- and nationwide. "Stem Cells Reverse Blindness Caused by Burns"

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=128063677>

Dr. Greg Fonarow, Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, commented June 19 in HealthDay News and June 21 in a TIME magazine blog about the risk of cardiovascular disease for obese people. The HealthDay story also ran in BusinessWeek,

"Obesity Doesn't Always Guarantee Heart Disease"

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=640296>

"Study: Not All Obese People Face Higher Heart Disease Risk"

<http://wellness.blogs.time.com/2010/06/21/study-not-all-obese-people-face-higher-heart-disease-risk/?xid=rss-topstories#ixzz0riyUaDsT>

John Froines, professor of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health and director of the Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, commented June 18 in the New York Times and June 20 on National Public Radio's "Weekend Edition" about the debate between scientists and California state regulators over the safety of a pesticide whose use is supported by state strawberry growers.

"Controversial Pesticide Worries Scientists"

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=127910253>

"Dispute Over Pesticide for California Strawberries has Implications Beyond State"

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/20/us/20strawberries.html>

Dr. Patricia Ganz, director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, commented June 20 in Parade magazine on late effects of treatment that cancer survivors may suffer in the future. The story also was picked up by MSN.com.

"Living After Cancer"

<http://www.parade.com/health/2010/06/20-living-after-cancer.html>

Dr. Clifford Ko, professor of surgery, commented June 22 in HealthDay News about a study proposing a new method for measuring how well hospitals control post-operative infections.

"New Method Proposed for Gauging Hospital Infection Rates"

<http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=640413>

Dr. John Luo, assistant professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was featured June 22 in HealthLeaders Media magazine about his use of the iPhone when working with patients.

"Healthcare Workers Wonder: How Did We Ever Live Without Our i-Devices?"

<http://www.healthleadersmedia.com/content/TEC-252821/Healthcare-Workers-Wonder-How-Did-We-Ever-Live-Without-Our-iDevices.html##>

Dr. Linda Rosenstock, dean of the UCLA School of Public Health, was quoted June 22 by USA Today, New Orleans' ABC-affiliate and Indiana's NBC-affiliate about physical and mental health hazards facing workers cleaning up the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

"How the Oil Spill Affects Us"

<http://www.abc26.com/news/local/wgno-news-oil-affects-humans.0,928227.story>

“Gulf Oil Spill Puts Mental Health at Risk, Too”

http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2010-06-22-oilhealth22_ST_N.htm

Dr. Christopher Saigal, associate professor of urology, commented June 17 in WebMD on a new study identifying the physical and psychological symptoms, as well as lowered testosterone, that can help doctors diagnose “male menopause.”

“Researchers Identify Male Menopause Symptoms”

<http://men.webmd.com/news/20100617/male-menopause-the-signs-symptoms?page=2>

Dr. Peter Whybrow, director of the Semel Institute and physician-in-chief of the Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital, was quoted June 20 by the New York Times about the lack of self-regulation of appetite, emotions and impulses among Americans.

“Dysregulation Nation”

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/20/magazine/20fFOB-WWLN-t.html?scp=1&sq=Dysregulation%20nation&st=cse>

Roberta Wyn, associate director of the Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted June 18 by a Los Angeles Times blog and eMax Health, and June 19 by United Press International about her study showing that women without high school diplomas are nearly four times as likely to lack health insurance as women with college degrees.

“What’s That? Health Insurance More Likely for Those with a College Degree?”

http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2010/06/women-college-degree-health-insurance.html

Dr. Eric Vilain, professor of human genetics, pediatrics and urology and chief of medical genetics at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted in a June 24 Slate article about controversial research by Cornell urologists on clitoral sensitivity after surgery for a condition known as congenital adrenal hyperplasia.

“This Doctor Does *What* to 6-Year-Old Girls’ Clitorises?”

<http://www.slate.com/id/2257987/>

Frederick Zimmerman, associate professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was quoted in a June 20 El Diario–La Prensa article about the importance of parents speaking with their children to promote language and cognitive development.

“Con los Niños: Mejor Dialogar”

<http://www.impre.com/eldiariomy/vida-estilo/2010/6/20/con-los-niños--mejor-dia-195112-1.html>

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