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The Los Angeles Times published a July 1 obituary on Dr. Arthur Rosenbaum, a prominent pediatric eye surgeon who had served as chief of pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus at the Jules Stein Eye Institute since 1980 and vice chairman of ophthalmology for clinical affairs at the David Geffen School of Medicine since 1990. Rosenbaum was internationally recognized for pioneering innovative surgical techniques adopted worldwide to treat eye-muscle disorders that result in strabismus, or crossed eyes, and performed more than 10,000 surgeries during his career. The Times article also appeared in the Kansas City Star.

“Arthur L. Rosenbaum dies at 69; UCLA pediatric eye surgeon”
http://www.latimes.com/news/obituaries/la-me-arthur-rosenbaum-20100701,0,5963890.story

Saliva Test for Cancer Detection Draws Headlines

Agence France-Press, AOL Health and KNX-1070 AM reported June 29 on the development by researchers at UCLA and Japan's Keio University of a new medical technique to quickly detect various
cancers using a simple saliva test. Dr. David Wong, Felix and Mildred Yip Professor of Dentistry, associate dean of research at the School of Dentistry and a researcher at the Jonsson Cancer Center, was interviewed by KNX.

“New Saliva Test Can Detect Various Cancers”
http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20100629/ts_alt_afp/healthjapanuscancer_20100629101519

“New Saliva Test to Predict Certain Cancers”

HealthDay Examines End-of-Life Care
HealthDay News and HealthLeaders Media respectively reported June 28 and June 29 on a study by Dr. Anne Walling, clinical instructor of general internal medicine, examining the quality of end-of-life care for hospitalized patients. She was quoted.

“End-of-Life Care Has ‘Room for Improvement’”
http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/640540.html

“Not Discussing End-Stage Disease Prolongs Futile, Costly, and Painful Care”
http://www.healthleadersmedia.com/content/QUA-253119/Not-Discussing-EndStage-Disease-Prolongs-Futile-Costly-and-Painful-Care##

L.A. Times Describes Retired Prof’s Battle with Alzheimer’s
Dr. Arthur Rivin, retired UCLA internal medicine specialist and professor emeritus, wrote a guest commentary in the June 27 Los Angeles Times about his own battle with Alzheimer’s disease.

“Alzheimer’s as Seen by a Patient who is also a Doctor”

Expert Addresses Snakebite on Fox Morning News
KTTV-Channel 11 aired a July 1 “Make One Change” segment featuring Dr. Peter Katona, associate clinical professor of medicine, division of infectious diseases, on steps to take following snakebites.

“Dr. Katona – Snake Bite”
http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=129405&key=tolrvvEMcqq5ABTcxJYSmhHhYDbMV6&email=RChampeau@mednet.ucla.edu

Medscape Explores Lack of Statin Therapy after Hospitalization
Medscape reported June 24 on a UCLA Stroke Center study finding that one in five stroke patients do not receive statin therapy upon hospital discharge. Dr. Bruce Ovbiagele, associate professor of neurology and director of the UCLA Stroke Prevention program, was quoted.

“1 in 5 Stroke Patients Still Not Prescribed Statins at Discharge”

Local Papers Run Column on Hepatitis B Prevention
The June 30 Daily News and San Bernardino Sun ran a syndicated column by Dr. Claire Panosian, professor of medicine, division of infectious diseases, on precautions to avoid acquiring Hepatitis B in dental suites.

“Hepatitis B, Other Viruses Lurk in Dental Suites?”

ER Physician Advises Readers on Symptoms of Heat Illnesses
Dr. Wally Ghurabi, medical director of the Nethercutt Emergency Center at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, wrote a column for the June 25 Santa Monica Mirror about signs of heat illness in children.

PBS-affiliate offers Coping Tips to the Sandwich Generation
Dr. Bruce Chernof, adjunct professor of medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was a featured guest on a half-hour special dedicated to the challenges that baby boomers face in caring for their aging parents. The segment premiered June 22 on the PBS-affiliate, KVPT-TV (Fresno).

“Boomers’ Challenge: Our Aging Parents”
http://video.kvpt.org/video/1528791185
Red Orbit Scrutinizes U.S. Latinos’ Use of Preventive Health Care
The research of Arturo Vargas Bustamante, assistant professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was covered June 24 by Red Orbit. He found that Latinos in the U.S., particularly those from Central and South America and Mexico, use preventive health services at a lower level than all other racial and ethnic groups in the nation.
“Gap in Preventive Care Exists Among Latinos”

Iowa Station Reports on Cells that Kill HIV-Infected Cells
The website for KCRG-TV (Iowa) reported June 29 on a UCLA AIDS Institute study demonstrating that human blood stem cells can be engineered into cells that can target and kill HIV-infected cells.
“Stem Cells for HIV Treatment”

Web Site Covers Lubricants’ Effect on HIV Risk
365Gay.com reported June 30 on research led by Pamina Gorbach, associate professor of epidemiology and infectious diseases, finding that lubricants may increase the risk of sexually transmitted diseases during anal sex.
“Study: 4 of the 6 Most Widely Used Lubes are Toxic”
http://www.365gay.com/news/study-4-of-the-6-most-widely-used-lubes-are-toxic/

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UCLA’s Operation Mend program was cited in June 26 reports in the U.K.’s Daily Mail, Daily Express and BBC News on June 26 about a meeting between Prince Harry and Cpl. Aaron Mankin, a soldier injured in the Gulf War. Mankin was the first patient enrolled in UCLA’s Operation Mend program which provides reconstructive surgery to wounded warriors.
“Prince Harry Praises Soldiers”
http://www.dailymail.co.uk/posts/view/183361/Prince-Harry-praises-soldiers/
“Prince Harry Praised by Wounded U.S. Marine”
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk/10423226.stm

The UCLA AIDS Institute was mentioned June 28 in a Los Angeles Times article explaining how vacation expenses can be used as tax write-offs under certain conditions, such as spending substantial time performing charitable work during the trip.
“Vacation Expenses Can be Tax Write-offs”
http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-perfin-20100627,0,1904881.column

A June 28 Los Angeles Times “My Turn” piece penned by a pulmonary fibrosis patient, mentioned that he was part of a UCLA clinical trial for a new medication to help treat the condition.
“My Turn: A New Cause with Every Breath He Takes”

The June 26 Santa Monica Daily Press published a photo from the recent “Construction Kickoff” event for the 16th Street Outpatient Surgery and Oncology Building being built across the street from Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital.
“Digging Deep”

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Dr. James Cherry, professor of pediatric infectious diseases at Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA, was quoted by the Sacramento Bee on June 27, CNN on June 28, and BBC/Mundo on June 30 in stories about the recent escalation in cases of whooping cough.
“Medical Debate: Should Seniors Get Booster Shot against Whooping Cough?”

“Vaccination Role Unclear in Whooping Cough Outbreak”

“Tos Ferina Afecta A Latinos En California”
http://www.bbc.co.uk/mundo/ciencia_tecnologia/2010/06/100629_tos_ferina_california_mf.shtml

Gregory Cole, professor of medicine and neurology and associate director of UCLA's Mary S. Easton Center for Alzheimer Disease Research, was quoted July 30 by HealthDay News about research showing that teen exercise may help protect girls from dementia later in life.
“Exercise May Guard Girls against Dementia in Senior Years”
http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/640683.html

Dr. Greg Fonarow, UCLA's Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson–UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, commented June 28 in HealthDay News about new research on statin drugs and heart disease. He also commented June 24 in HealthDay about a study finding that diabetes increases one’s risk for heart attack and stroke.
“Statins May Not Be as Helpful for Those without Heart Disease”
http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=640598
“Diabetes May Double Risk of Heart Attack, Stroke”
http://consumer.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=640501

Dr. Patricia Ganz, director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Cancer Center, was quoted June 29 by USA Today about a study finding that half of breast cancer patients stop taking their medications ahead of schedule.
“Half of Breast Cancer Patients Stop Taking Hormone Drugs Early”

Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies at the Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public health, was quoted July 1 by the Los Angeles Times about a proposed increase in insurance rates by Anthem Blue Cross.
“Athens Blue Cross Again Seeks Rate Hikes for Californians”

Dr. Amir Mehran, associate clinical professor of surgery and director of bariatric surgery, commented June 25 in MSNBC about research showing that two family members who undergo gastric bypass surgery for obesity lose more weight than a single individual undergoing the surgery alone.
“Obesity Surgery Should be a Family Affair”
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/37902869/ns/health-diet_and_nutrition/

Dr. David Reuben, chief of geriatrics, was quoted June 28 by the New York Times about how health care professionals are preparing to care for the growing numbers of the elderly.
“Preparing More Care of Elderly”

Dr. Antronette Yancey, professor of health services at the School of Public Health and co-director of the UCLA-Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity, was quoted June 28 by Reuters about a health study done to promote healthy behavior by talking to black women in beauty salons. Yancey was also quoted June 29 by a Los Angeles Times column about a proposition to make junk food less appealing in order to help reduce U.S. obesity rates.
“Beauty Salons Show Promise as Nutrition Promoters”
http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE65R5YI20100628
“Junk Food and Obesity: Taking a Cue from Tobacco Control”
http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-lazarus-20100629,0,1884248.column
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