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KPCC: UCLA debuts mobile stroke unit for quicker care

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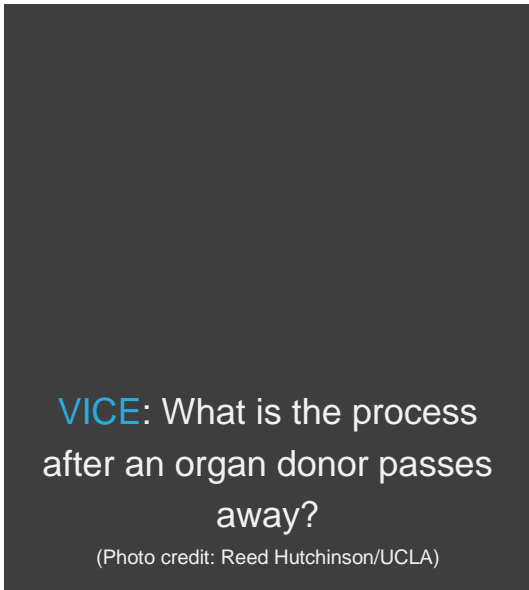
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UCLA debuts mobile stroke unit for quicker emergency care

[KPCC](#) and [NBC Los Angeles](#) covered UCLA's pilot of a mobile stroke unit to provide faster medical care to stroke victims in Westwood, San Pedro and Long Beach. Dr. May Nour, interventional neurologist and director of UCLA's Mobile Stroke Rescue Program, was quoted.

What is the process after an organ donor passes away?

[VICE](#) published a story on the process of organ donation, featuring Dr. Jeffrey Veale, director of the UCLA Kidney Exchange Program at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. The piece appears in VICE's new health and wellness section, called Tonic.

How to broach the topic of mental health with family, friends

[CBSNews.com](#) featured Dr. Peter Whybrow, director of the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at UCLA, in an article about how to help a friend or loved one who may be struggling with mental illness.

Research links gut microbiome with mood and emotion

[Psychology Today](#) reported on research led by Dr. Kirsten Tillisch identifying gut microbiota that may interact with brain regions associated with mood and behavior. Tillisch is associate professor of medicine in the Vatche and Tamar Manoukian Division of Digestive Diseases. This is the second time that Psychology Today has reported on the study. New Zealand's [Now to Love](#) also cited the findings.

UCLA Health Training Center prepares to host the Los Angeles Lakers

[Santa Maria Times](#) and [Lompoc Record](#) published stories about basketball coach Bill Bertka and the Los Angeles Lakers' move into the UCLA Health Training Center.

Searching for medical information online

Dr. Leena Nathan, assistant clinical professor and obstetrician-gynecologist at UCLA Health-Westlake Village, commented in a [National Public Radio](#) segment on the drawbacks of using Google's search engine to research medical questions. The segment aired on more than 150 affiliated stations nationwide

Memory impairment of social interaction begins early in schizophrenia

[PsychCentral](#) featured recent research led by Junghee Lee, an associate research psychologist at UCLA's Semel Institute and the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center, and Michael Green, a professor in residence of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences at the Semel Institute, showing that impairment in memories of social interaction begins early in schizophrenia and may worsen as the disease progresses.

Media interest in transcranial magnetic stimulation therapy grows

WFMZ-TV, Philadelphia, Bloomberg Radio and [Reader's Digest Online](#) reported on the UCLA transcranial magnetic stimulation therapy, a treatment that beams magnetic pulses into the brain to combat depression. The coverage cited Dr. Andrew Leuchter, senior research scientist at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior and director of the neuromodulation division, and Dr. Ian Cook, director of the UCLA Depression Research and Clinic Program.

International Medical Graduate program generates new coverage

[The San Diego Union-Tribune](#) reported on the UCLA International Medical Graduate (IMG) program, which helps legal U.S. residents who are medical-school graduates from Latin America earn their California medical licenses. Dr. Patrick Dowling, chair of the UCLA Department of Family Medicine and co-founder of the IMG program, and Dr. Brenda Green, a program graduate now practicing medicine in San Diego County, were quoted. The Orlando Sentinel carried the story.

Interest in caregiver boot camp grows nationwide

WLNY-TV, New York, reported on the UCLA Improving Caregiving for Dementia (I-CareD) Caregiver boot camp, a one-day program for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease or dementia. Dr. Zaldy Tan, medical director of the UCLA Alzheimer's and Dementia Care Program and assistant dean for curricular affairs at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted.

Mindful meditation programs in Santa Monica

[Santa Monica Daily Press](#) published a front-page story on mindful meditation sessions held weekly at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, and at UCLA Mindful Awareness Research Center. Diana Winston, director of mindful education at the center, commented in the story, as did Natalie Bell, a meditation instructor.

Exome sequencing unravels rare disease mysteries

[Medical Xpress](#) and [MyScience.org](#) published stories on the use of genetic sequencing at UCLA to diagnose patients with rare conditions. Dr. Stanley Nelson, co-director of the UCLA Undiagnosed Disease Network site and professor of human genetics, psychiatry and pediatrics, and Dr. Julian Martinez-Agosto, pediatrician and researcher at the Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital at UCLA, were quoted.

Astrocytes in the brain can be differentiated from one another

[Medical Xpress](#) and [MyScience.org](#) covered UCLA research upending the long-standing idea that brain cells called astrocytes are the same. Senior author Baljit Khakh, professor of physiology and neurobiology, and co-first author Hua Chai, graduate student at UCLA, were quoted.

Link between gut microbiota and brain regions

[BioTechniques](#) reported on research suggesting an association between gut microbiota and the brain regions involved in processing sensory information. Study senior author Dr. Emeran Mayer, director of the G. Oppenheimer Center for Neurobiology of Stress and Resilience and co-director of the CURE: Digestive Diseases Research Center, was quoted.

The value of integrated records in HIV care

[Edge Media Network](#) highlighted research led by Dr. William Cunningham finding that laboratory health information exchanges narrowed the gap in anti-retroviral therapy and viral suppression between HIV-positive blacks and whites. Edge publications in Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Francisco, Boston, Portland, Oregon, and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, carried the article. Cunningham is a professor of medicine in the division of general internal medicine and health services research at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and of public health at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health.

Children's hospital patient visits politicians in D.C.

[Family Voices of California](#) published a story about UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital patient Evan Beier, who visited Washington, D.C., as part of the Children's Hospital Association's 13th annual Speak Now for Kids Family Advocacy Day.

Separating food facts from fiction

[Medical Xpress](#) republished an article from UCLA Fielding School of Public Health Magazine that featured nutritional epidemiology expert Karin Michels, professor and chair of epidemiology at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and member of UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. Coverage appeared in the [Hindustan Times](#) and [Malay Mail Online](#).

ACA prompts better care through Medicaid waiver program in California

[California Health Report](#) and [China Daily USA](#) featured an evaluation of a Medicaid waiver program for California public hospitals by Nadereh Pourat, professor-in-residence at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and director of research at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research.

Fielding School researcher discusses disease outbreak prediction

[Axios](#) published an article authored by Anne Rimoin, associate professor and acting vice chair of epidemiology at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, about predicting disease outbreaks based on both human and animal disease surveillance.

UCLA researcher featured for work in breast cancer

[News 10 San Diego](#) featured Dr. Sara Huvitz, associate professor of hematology and oncology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, about the latest in breast cancer research and treatment. Huvitz is medical director of the clinical research unit at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

A less invasive treatment for blocked arteries

[MyScience.org](#) published a story about a UCLA research finding that a minimally invasive treatment for peripheral artery disease offers a safe alternative to standard surgery. The study was led by Dr. Michael Lee, associate professor of medicine in the division of cardiology.

This week on “Ask the Doctors”

UCLA Health internists Dr. Robert Ashley, Dr. Eve Glazier and Dr. Elizabeth Ko address health-related questions in the recurring “Ask the Doctors” column, syndicated by more than 50 outlets nationwide. A sampling of the stories from the past week’s column:

- On adult-onset allergies, featured in [Daily Herald](#)
- On balance exercise, featured in [Chicago Sun-Times](#)
- On kids’ access to digital devices, featured in [The Berkshire Eagle](#)
- On rat lungworm, featured in [Elko Daily Free Press](#)
- On eye floaters, featured in The [Times-Tribune](#)
- On avoiding ticks, featured in [UExpress](#)
- On gallbladder removal, featured in [Hanford Sentinel](#).

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"Doctors need time to actually think about their patients, make good decisions and also have a balanced life with rest and relaxation included."

-Dr. Leena Nathan, assistant clinical professor and obstetrician-gynecologist at UCLA Health-Westlake Village, in [Yahoo! News](#)

Dr. Patricia Ganz, distinguished professor of hematology and oncology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted in [Medpage Today](#) about the results of a clinical trial showing that postmenopausal breast cancer patients reported less musculoskeletal pain while taking duloxetine. Ganz is director of UCLA’s Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center Patients and Survivors Program.

Dr. Chris Giza, director of the UCLA Steve Tisch BrainSPORT Program, was interviewed July 16 by [WJXT-TV](#) about a conference he organized in Jacksonville, Florida, to educate coaches, athletic trainers and medical professionals about concussion.

Dr. Edmond Hewlett, professor of restorative dentistry and associate dean for outreach and diversity at the UCLA School of Dentistry, was quoted on [NaturalNews.com](#), [WTOL.com](#), [FOX19.com](#), [Cleveland19.com](#) and [MSN South Africa](#) about the negative

effects of flavored sparkling water on your teeth.

Dr. Jody Heymann, dean of the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and founding director of the WORLD Policy Analysis Center, was quoted in an [ATTN](#): article about paid parental leave policies.

Dr. Jeffrey Klausner, professor of medicine in the division of infectious diseases at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and of public health at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was quoted July 16 in an NPR "[Goats and Soda](#)" article about the increase of antibiotic-resistant gonorrhea. More than 90 outlets carried the interview.

Gerald Kominski, professor of health policy and management at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the Fielding School, commented in the following news media outlets:

- A [CBS-LA](#) broadcast about what would happen to health care in California if the ACA remained in place, given President Trump's lack of support for the law
- A [CBS News](#) story about whether the Democrats and Republicans can find common ground on health care
- On [Minnesota Public Radio's](#) Kerri Miller show in a segment about single-payer health care systems
- In [Chicago Tribune](#), [Morning Call](#), and [MyInforms](#) coverage about the latest iteration of the Senate health bill (originally published in the [Los Angeles Times](#))
- An [ATTN](#): article about the revised Senate healthcare proposal's appeal to young, healthy Americans
- In a [KPCC-FM's Air Talk](#) discussion about the failure of the latest Senate health bill and what would happen in California under full repeal
- An [iHeartRadio](#) story about the Senate's proposed healthcare bill being placed on hold
- A [San Francisco Chronicle](#) article about the expected impacts of the revised Senate healthcare bill.

Dr. Sanjay Mallya, chair of the section of oral and maxillofacial radiology and associate professor at the UCLA School of Dentistry, was quoted in a [New York Times](#) story on the types of X-rays dentists order. The story was picked up in [The Globe and Mail](#) of Toronto.

Dr. Stephen Marder, director of the section on psychosis at UCLA's Semel Institute, commented in a [Reuters Health](#) article about how depression puts people with schizophrenia at risk for diabetes and weight gain, leading to cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Leena Nathan, assistant clinical professor and obstetrician-gynecologist at UCLA Health-Westlake Village, commented in a [Yahoo! News](#) article on the growing shortage of obstetrician-gynecologists in metropolitan areas.

Dr. Jeffrey Saver, director of the UCLA Stroke Center, was quoted in a [Reader's Digest](#) story about aging that also cited UCLA research on a blood-clot removal device.

Dr. Karen Sibert, associate clinical professor of anesthesiology and perioperative medicine, was quoted in a [Simplemost.com](#) story about the risks of dentists sedating children when an anesthesiologist is not present.

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A [Gizmodo](#) article about scientists pushing back against genetic pseudoscience quoted Leonid Kruglyak, chair of human genetics at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

A [Fortune](#) article about the writer's mission to prioritize immunotherapy for cancer treatment mentioned Dr. Linda Liao, interim chair of neurosurgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and her brain cancer research.

[Hospitals & Health Networks](#) cited UCLA Health in a story about Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital and its focus on the latest technology.

A [LatinoLA](#) article referenced David Hayes-Bautista, director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, and his use of U.S. Census data to show that Latino children would eventually become the majority in our schools.

[Psychology Today](#) referenced research from the Fielding School's UCLA Center for Health Policy Research about the connection between kids' health and pets.



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