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BBC World News: Interest in ChatterBaby app goes global

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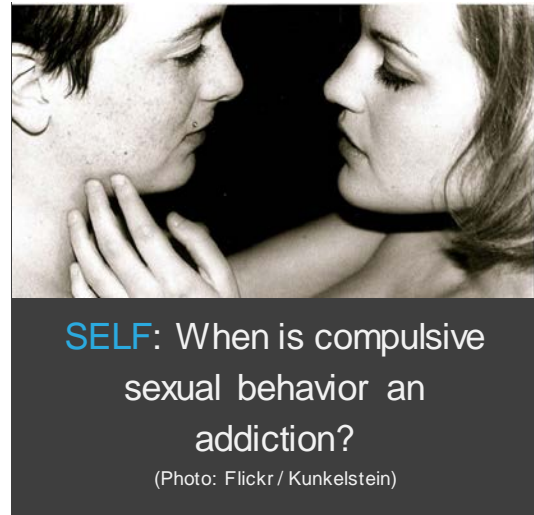
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Interest in the ChatterBaby App goes worldwide

BBC World News aired a segment on the ChatterBaby app, which allows deaf parents to know when and why their baby is crying. Ariana Anderson, an assistant professor in residence of psychiatry and bibehavioral sciences at UCLA, commented in the news.

Explaining California's aid-in-dying law

[KVEA-TV](#) reported on California's End of Life Option Act in a story featuring Dr. David Wallenstein, a health sciences associate clinical professor of family medicine, who explained the process by which physicians can aid a dying patient.

When is compulsive sexual behavior an addiction?

[SELF](#) magazine featured Rory Reid, an assistant professor of psychiatry and bibehavioral sciences at UCLA's Semel Institute, in an article about the difference between compulsive sexual behavior and sexual addiction.

How to help HIV-positive people at risk of heart disease

The [Los Angeles Business Journal](#) reported that UCLA researchers have received a \$2.7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to help address the issue of under-prescribing of heart medications for HIV-positive people.

Older surgeons have lower mortality rates in emergency procedures

[General Surgery News](#) reported on research led by Dr. Yusuke Tsugawa finding that surgeries performed by surgeons age 50 and older have lower patient mortality rates than those performed by younger surgeons, and that patient mortality rates do not differ significantly based on whether the surgeon is male or female. Tsugawa is an assistant

professor of medicine in the division of general internal medicine and health services research.

Bone turnover markers don't predict hip fracture risk

[Orthopedics This Week](#) highlighted research led by Dr. Carolyn Crandall suggesting that levels of two markers of bone metabolism that doctors currently use were not associated with hip fracture risk in a group of postmenopausal women who were not taking osteoporosis medications. These markers are recommended by clinical guidelines. Crandall is a professor of medicine in the division of general internal medicine and health services research.

Parent's tough childhood can cast shadow across generations

Dr. Adam Schickedanz, a pediatrician and health services researcher and assistant professor in the department of pediatrics, was a guest on WNYC-FM's [The Takeaway](#). He discussed how a person's longevity is influenced by their race and where they live. Schickedanz also discussed his recent study finding that severe childhood trauma and stresses early in parents' lives are linked to higher rates of behavioral health problems in their children. The segment aired on a dozen NPR affiliates including KCRW-FM, Los Angeles, KUOW-FM, Seattle, and WESA-FM, Pittsburgh.

Drugs for heart failure still under-prescribed

[Medical Xpress](#), [MedicalResearch.com](#), [ScienMag](#), and [Health Canal](#) reported on a new study finding that many people with heart failure do not receive the medications recommended by professional guidelines and that doctors frequently prescribe medications at doses lower than those recommended. The study's senior author, Dr. Gregg Fonarow, the Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and co-chief of cardiology, was cited.

More coverage of severe nausea during pregnancy

KFSN-TV, Fresno, California, featured an Ivanhoe News report on hyperemesis gravidarum, a condition characterized by extreme nausea and vomiting during pregnancy. Marlena Fejzo, an associate researcher at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, who recently discovered two genes associated with the condition, was interviewed.

When lung cancer spreads to the brain

[Everyday Health](#) featured Dr. Jonathan Goldman, a health sciences clinical instructor in oncology and a member of the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, in an article about recognizing the signs of brain metastases and how that condition is treated.

Lifting the fog on 'chemo brain'

A [Cure Magazine](#) article on cognitive challenges that arise during the cancer journey featured Dr. Patricia Ganz, director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, and her research on cognitive functioning in people with cancer. Ganz is a professor of health policy & management and medicine at UCLA Fielding School of Public Health.

Spanish newspaper profiles pioneer in immunotherapy

[EI PAIS](#), a Spanish-language newspaper based in Spain, published a profile of Dr. Antoni Ribas, a professor of medicine and director of the tumor immunology program at the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. The article discusses his ground-breaking work in cancer immunotherapy and his focus on finding even better treatments for people who

have limited treatment options.

ENT physician discusses ear wax and health

[Well + Good](#) published a Q&A interview with Dr. Nina Shapiro on what ear wax can reveal about your health. Shapiro is a pediatric head and neck surgeon at UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital and author of "HYPE: A Doctor's Guide to Medical Myths."

Dietitian explains nutrition trends and news

Dana Hunnes, a senior dietitian at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and an adjunct assistant professor at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was interviewed in several stories in MEL Magazine related to nutrition, including those about the [health quality of soda](#), [supplements marketed toward gamers](#), [diets consisting mostly of meat](#) and the [nutritional benefits of broccoli](#).

Getting the best vision after cataract surgery

[EyeWorld](#) magazine published a Q&A with Dr. Kevin Miller on how to deliver the best refractive results for cataract patients by understanding the latest in preoperative diagnostics. Miller is the Kolokotronis Chair in Ophthalmology and chief of cataract and refractive surgery at the UCLA Stein Eye Institute.

Dentistry professor's discussion of new tool gains coverage

[Ecancernews](#), [MedicalXpress](#), and [Scienmag](#) featured Dr. David Wong, associate dean for research at the UCLA School of Dentistry. Wong, a member of the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, presented his work on salivary diagnostics and discussed the opportunities to use saliva liquid biopsy as a method for the early assessment of lung cancer. He presented his work at the 96th General Session of the International Association for Dental Research.

Additional coverage on stopping the spread of breast cancer

WQAD-TV (ABC) in Davenport, Iowa, and WLIO-TV (NBC) in Lima, Ohio, aired an Ivanhoe News report on a clinical trial of new drug that could help stop the spread of breast cancer. Dr. Sarah Hurvitz, associate professor in hematology/oncology and medical director of the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, was interviewed. To date, more than 20 stations across the country have aired the story.

Treatment options for people with liver cancer

Dr. Richard Finn, an assistant professor of medicine and director of the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center's signal therapeutics program, was part of a panel in an [OncLive](#) video discussing global multidisciplinary care in liver cancer.

This week in '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. Glazier is an associate professor of medicine, and Ashley and Ko are assistant professors of medicine. A sampling of stories from this past week's column:

- On alleviating osteoarthritis pain, in Washington's [The Spokesman-Review](#)
 - On menstrual-related toxic shock, in Oklahoma's [Tulsa World](#)
 - On the benefits of running as you age, in Florida's [Daytona Beach News-Journal](#)
 - On the side effects of finasteride drug, in Vermont's [Bennington Banner](#)
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- On colorectal cancer rates among younger Americans, in Nevada's [Elko Daily Free Press](#)
- On the safety of the drug guaifenesin, in California's [Hanford Sentinel](#).

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"What's very different about this outbreak as compared to other outbreaks is you really see the Congolese taking the lead with the laboratory work and taking real leadership and running this outbreak and showing the world how much they do know how to organize an outbreak response."

- Anne Rimoin, on a recent Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in [The Hill](#)



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Robert Bilder, a professor of psychiatry and director of the Tennenbaum Center for the Biology of Creativity at UCLA's Semel Institute, commented in a [Cosmopolitan](#) article about compulsive shopping. The article also appeared in [Prevention](#).

Dr. Jeff Chen, director of the UCLA Cannabis Research Initiative, was quoted in a [Well + Good](#) article about CBD, the component of cannabis that doesn't make you "high."

Dr. Melissa Chun, director of the vision rehabilitation center at the UCLA Stein Eye Institute, was quoted in a [New Scientist](#) article about a virtual reality headset that helps legally blind people see again. (subscription required)

Dr. Judith Currier, chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases, commented in an [Infectious Disease News](#) article about the gender and professional challenges facing women doctors who specialize in infectious diseases.

Dr. Gregg Fonarow, the Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and co-chief of cardiology, was quoted in a [HealthDay](#) article about a new study that found young adults who are overweight might develop earlier warning signs of heart trouble

because excess weight causes the heart to pump harder

Dr. Timothy Fong, a clinical professor of psychiatry and director of the UCLA Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship, commented in a [STAT News](#) article about lawsuits alleging that the drug Abilify makes people gamble compulsively.

Dr. Brian Francis, a professor of ophthalmology at the UCLA Doheny Eye Institute, commented on micro-invasive glaucoma surgery in [EyeWorld](#) magazine.

Dr. Wally Ghurabi, medical director of the Nethercutt Emergency Center at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, commented in a KNBC-TV segment on heat-related visits to the hospital's emergency department

Dr. Barbara Giesser, a professor of clinical neurology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and clinical director of the UCLA multiple sclerosis program, commented in [Healthline](#) about whether intermittent fasting helps with MS symptoms.

Dr. Jeffrey Klausner, an adjunct professor of epidemiology at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and a clinical professor in the division of infectious diseases at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted in an [Infectious Disease Advisor](#) article about over-the-counter HIV self-tests.

Dr. Larissa Mooney, a professor of psychiatry at UCLA's Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Addiction Medicine Clinic, commented in the [Orange County Register](#) about the lack of regulation for "sober living" homes for people in recovery from addiction. The article also appeared in the [Los Angeles Daily News](#) and eight other Southern California publications.

Erin Morse, chief clinical dietitian at UCLA Health, commented in a [WebMD](#) story about the health quality of dairy and nondairy beverages classified as milks.

Dr. Leena Nathan, an assistant clinical professor and obstetrician-gynecologist at UCLA Health-Westlake Village, commented in [SELF](#) magazine about types of birth control that protect against sexually transmitted diseases.

Imelda Padilla-Frausto, a research scientist at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was quoted in a [California Health Report](#) article about a new report suggesting that minorities are less likely to access mental health care.

Anne Rimoin, an associate professor of epidemiology at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and founding director of the UCLA-DRC Health Research and Training Program, was quoted in an article in [The Hill](#) about how health officials responded to and helped curb an Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Dr. Vivian Shibayama, an optometrist at the UCLA Stein Eye Institute and co-director of its dry eye clinic, commented in [SELF](#) about common habits that can make dry eyes worse.

Dr. Thomas Strouse, medical director of the Stewart and Lynda Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital at UCLA and Maddie Katz Chair in Palliative Care Research and Education,

commented in a [Washington Post](#) story about the use of “palliative sedation” in patients with painful, terminal illness.

Dr. Vijaya Surampudi, an assistant clinical professor in the department of medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and a physician with the Risk Factor Obesity Weight Management Program at UCLA Health, was quoted in a [Live Science](#) story about new research linking gut bacteria and difficulty with weight loss.

Roger Wakimoto, vice chancellor for research at UCLA, was quoted in [Science](#) about the nomination of Kelvin Droegemeier for the position of White House science advisor.

Dr. Irene Wu, an assistant clinical professor and assistant director of the UCLA Comprehensive Pain Center at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, commented in a KABC-TV segment on older people and opioid addiction.

Dr. Anna Yap, a resident physician in the department of emergency medicine, commented in a [Tonic](#) story about the push for universal health care and the American Medical Assn.’s position.

BRIEFS

The [Santa Monica Mirror](#) and the Santa Monica Daily News published calendar items to promote a bike safety event hosted by UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica.

The [Palisadian-Post](#) (password required) published a photo and caption noting that Drs. Alison Kalani and Ronen Kalay have joined longtime community physician Dr. Bernard Katz in the UCLA Health-Pacific Palisades medical office.

[Cochinopop.com](#) featured Diana Winston, director of UCLA’s Mindful Awareness Research Center, in a musical feature that also included Los Angeles-based artist Luis Machado.

[U.S. News & World Report](#) listed the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA as fifth in a listing of American medical schools that had received the most applicants.

[El Sol](#), a Spanish-language publication, distributed a [Kaiser Health News](#) story in which Gerald Kominski, professor of health policy and management at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and senior fellow at the Fielding School's UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, was quoted. The article discussed the potential effect of courts striking down the ACA's pre-existing condition protections.

The [Los Angeles Business Journal](#) referenced David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA in an article about the Claremont Colleges’ opening of the fifth medical school in the Los Angeles region.

[Real Clear Education](#) cited a UCLA study in a story about graduates of racially diverse medical schools and their belief that they're better equipped to address the health needs of minority patient populations.

[Daily Mail](#) referenced information from the UCLA Health website in a story about a woman with Cushing's disease.

[Modern Healthcare](#) referenced funding to the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in a story about Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services payments to hospitals.

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