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**Imaging Study Draws Headlines**

[Health News Digest](#), [Examiner.com](#), [MedicalXpress](#) and [Medical News Today](#) reported Sept. 22 and [BioScience Technology](#) and [Laboratory Equipment](#) reported Sept. 23 on a study by Dr. Danny J.J. Wang that found a new way to measure the stiffness of arteries. Wang is an associate professor of neurology and a researcher in the Ahmanson-Lovelace Brain Mapping Center at UCLA.

**Tennis Program Provides Recreation to Youth on Autism Spectrum**

The tennis recreational program ACEing Autism, which was founded by Semel Institute assistant professor of psychiatry and neurology Dr. Shafali Jeste, was the subject Sept. 18 of a [Los Angeles Times](#) feature.

### **New UCLA App Creates Virtual Community of Hope for Foster Children**

A new smartphone app for foster kids, their parents and support team that was developed by the Nathanson Family Resilience Center was featured Sept. 17 in a [KNBC-Channel 7](#) report. Center associate director Dr. William Saltzman was quoted.

### **Life-Changing Surgery Draws Coverage**

The story of an Indiana woman who suffered for seven months with a rare disorder that forced her to constantly hear the sounds of her eyeballs moving, heart beating and food digesting, was reported Sept. 22 by the lifestyle blog, [Little Things](#), and Sept. 15 by [Tech Insider](#), [Business Insider](#) and [Avenue Post Online](#). Rachel Pyne underwent two surgeries at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center to plug the tiny holes in her inner ears that caused the noises, as well as severe dizziness and balance problems. Her surgeons, Dr. Quinton Gopen, assistant professor of head and neck surgery, and Dr. Isaac Yang, assistant professor of neurosurgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, explained the minimally invasive approach they developed to treat semi-circular canal dehiscence, which afflicts an estimated one in half a million people.

### **Alzheimer's Study Continues to Grab Attention**

[Zee News](#), [Economic Times](#), [The Statesman](#), [NDTV](#), [Sen Times](#), [Advance](#) and [Indo-Asian News Service](#) reported Sept. 17, [RTT News](#) and [Bionity.com](#) reported Sept. 18, [Hans India](#) reported Sept. 19 and [PsychCentral](#), [Sierra Sun Times](#) and [KNBR-TV](#) (San Francisco) reported Sept. 21 on a study by Dr. Dale Bredeesen that found that Alzheimer's disease has three distinct subtypes. Bredeesen is a UCLA professor of neurology and member of the Easton Laboratory for Neurodegenerative Disease Research and founding president of the Buck Institute for Research on Aging.

### **Low Interest Rates Are Bad for Your Brain**

An op-ed about the psychological dangers of cheap money by Dr. Peter Whybrow, director of the Semel Institute, executive chair of the department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences and physician-in-chief of the Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital, appeared Sept. 18 in [Zocalo Public Square](#) and [KCRW.com](#) and Sept. 21 in [Time](#).

### **Early Alzheimer's Diagnosis Study Featured**

[HCP Live](#) reported Sept. 22 on a study by Dr. Liana Apostolova that found Hippocampus measurements were an effective way to diagnosis early Alzheimer's disease. Apostolova is an associate clinical professor of neurology.

### **Fertility Expert Highlighted in Parents Magazine**

Dr. Kathleen M. Brennan, a reproductive endocrinologist and assistant clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology, was featured Sept. 18 in [Parents Magazine](#) in a story on male and female infertility.

### **Fielding School Faculty Member Leads Curation for Skirball Event**

Dr. Neal Baer, adjunct professor of community health sciences at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was featured Sept. 18 in the [Los Angeles Times](#) for curating an upcoming grassroots, call-to-social action exhibition at the Skirball Cultural Center.

### **Diabetes among Third-Generation Mexican Adults in California**

[California Healthcare](#) featured Sept. 24 research from the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health finding that third-generation Mexican adults living in California are more likely than their parents to have diabetes, but less likely to receive care to help manage their condition.

### **It's Time to Party on the Pier**

[Santa Monica Daily Press](#) reported Sept. 24 and the [Santa Monica Mirror](#) reported Sept. 20 that the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Mattel Party on the Pier benefitting Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA will take place at the Santa Monica pier on Sept. 27. The event will be hosted by actress Sarah Michelle Gellar and the honoree will be director and "The Simpsons" animator David Silverman, who is a UCLA alumnus. Danielle Dietz, assistant director of development for Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was quoted.

### **BH Courier Highlights Kidney Transplant Center**

The [Beverly Hills Courier](#) (p. 15—registration required) highlighted Sept. 18 the new Connie Frank Kidney Transplant Center, a 10,000 square-foot state-of-the-art clinic made possible through a donation from philanthropist Connie Frank.

### **The Neurobiology of Gambling Addiction and Treatment**

Dr. Timothy Fong, an associate professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and co-director of the Gambling Studies Program, was interviewed Sept. 11 on [Faces and Aces Las Vegas.com](#) (at minute 17:50) about gambling addiction.

### **OncLive Features Breast Cancer Drug Herceptin**

[OncLive](#) reported Sept. 21 on the history of Herceptin, which was first approved by the FDA for HER2-positive breast cancer 17 years ago. Since that time, the drug has saved countless lives and researchers have been able to further advance the treatment of this disease. Dr. Dennis Slamon, director of the Revlon/UCLA Women's Cancer Research Program and director of the UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center Clinical Translational Research Program, was quoted.

### **Milestone in Understanding Treatment-Resistant Melanoma**

[Melanoma News Today](#) reported Sept. 21 on a new study that shows how metastatic melanoma evolves to become more malignant and resistant to treatment. The cancer mutation being targeted by the therapy occurs in a gene called BRAF. Mutations in the gene turn on a major cancer growth switch called MAP kinase pathway. Dr. Roger Lo, UCLA associate professor of dermatology and member of UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Signal Transduction and Therapeutics Program was quoted.

## **BRIEFS**

Research into the cathartic value of crying by Dr. Judith Orloff, an assistant clinical professor of psychiatry, was cited Sept. 22 in a [Bustle](#) article about tear-jerking entertainment.

Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center was mentioned Sept. 21 in a [KCBS-Channel 2](#) report about a patient who was infected with the "superbug" CRE after undergoing a medical procedure involving a duodenoscope.

Dr. David Reuben, chief of the UCLA Division of Geriatrics, was mentioned Sept. 22 in a [New York Times](#) opinion piece about the need for more geriatricians to treat elderly patients.

[Becker's GI & Endoscopy](#) cited Sept. 23 the CRE outbreak at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in an article listing the year's ten biggest GI/endoscopy stories.

Dr. Fred Zimmerman, professor of health policy and management at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was mentioned Sept. 21 in an [LA Streets Blog](#) article as moderator of a panel discussion on the definition of "healthy communities."

## **QUOTABLES**

Dr. Deanna Attai, UCLA breast surgeon based in Burbank and assistant clinical professor of surgery, was quoted Sept. 21 in a [Wall Street Journal](#) article on how men and women differ in their response to a cancer diagnosis.

Dr. Roshan Bastani, professor of health policy and management at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was quoted Sept. 16 in a [Philly Voice](#) article discussing the high incidence of cancer within Hispanic communities in the U.S.

Dr. Michelle Cooley Strickland, a research psychologist at the Semel Institute, was quoted Sept. 21 in a [NewsQuench](#) article about the value of stricter gun control laws in keeping firearms away from children and teens.

Dr. Timothy Fong, an associate clinical professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship, was quoted Sept. 21 in a [CBN News](#) report on efforts in the Korean American community to come to terms with its drug abuse problem.

Dr. Alison Grimes, director of the UCLA Audiology Clinic, was quoted Sept. 18 by the German-language newspaper, [Die Zeit](#), about a hearing-testing app called Mimi.

Dr. Matthew Freeby, assistant professor of endocrinology, diabetes and hypertension, commented Sept. 23 in a [Los Angeles Times](#) story about new research showing that adults with high blood pressure who take all of their hypertension medications before they go to bed, rather than in the morning, are less likely to develop type 2 diabetes

Dr. Suzette Glasner-Edwards, an adjunct associate professor of psychiatry in the Semel Institute and clinical psychologist with Integrated Substance Abuse Programs, was quoted Sept. 24 in a [U.S. News & World Report](#) story about new research into the brain activity behind savoring positive emotions.

Dana Hunnes, senior dietitian at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, was quoted Sept. 16 in the [Jewish Journal](#) about the effects of fasting for an article about Yom Kippur. Hunnes was also quoted Sept. 16 in [Healthline News](#) on a study that reviewed how much fast food children really eat and whether it plays a significant role in their overall health.

Dr. Reza Jarrahy, associate clinical professor of plastic and reconstructive surgery, was a guest Sept. 22 on the SiriusXM Doctor Radio show (subscription only) to discuss various topics related to plastic surgery procedures.

Dr. Gerald Kominski, director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and professor of health policy and management at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, was quoted Sept. 20 in [Enterprise Magazine](#) about Medicare and Medicaid coverage.

Dr. Joshua Shroll, pain-management specialist with UCLA Health's Santa Clarita practice and clinical instructor of pain medicine, commented Sept. 22 in a [Next Avenue.org](#) story about the best treatments for chronic pain.

Dr. Eric Vilain, a professor of human genetics, urology and pediatrics at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, commented in a Sept. 19 [BuzzFeed News](#) article about the United Nations convening its first meeting to address the issue of human rights violations against people with ambiguous genitalia.

Dr. Peter Whybrow, director of the Semel Institute and executive chair of the department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences and physician-in-chief of the Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital, was quoted Sept. 23 in a [Philadelphia Inquirer](#) article about Seasonal Affective Disorder. He was also quoted Sept. 17 in a [World Finance](#) article about interest in a four-day work week.

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