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One More Time, With Big Data: Measles Vaccine Doesn't Cause Autism

"Debunking a myth is tricky," said [Sean T. O'Leary](#), a spokesman for the American Academy of Pediatrics and an associate professor of pediatrics at CU. When you repeat the myth, he said, "you risk reinforcing it. All that parents remember about your complicated explanation about why vaccines don't cause autism is that they're somehow linked. So pediatricians should focus on the diseases we're trying to prevent and if you have to address a myth, be clear that's exactly what it is."

The New York Times, March 5, 2019



Neurologist discusses warning signs of a stroke

UCHealth neurologist [and assistant professor of neurology at CU School of Medicine] **Michelle Leppert**: "The average age for a stroke in America is about 65 years old, so 52 years is definitely very young for having a stroke. Unfortunately, as we're doing better treating strokes in older adults, we're seeing more and more strokes in younger Americans."

9News, March 4, 2019



UCHealth doctors using Mobile Stroke Unit to begin treating strokes in the ambulance

According to **William Jones**, Medical Director of the Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit at UCHC [and associate professor of neurology at the CU School of Medicine], the stroke unit in UCHC's system is one of only about twenty worldwide.

Fox31, March 4, 2019



[**Mobile stroke units can make a difference when time is critical**](#)

Sharon Poisson, a stroke neurologist with UCHealth: “This is our mobile stroke treatment unit and on this unit we have a CT scanner, which is really different than most ambulances. This allows us to do rapid imaging of patients’ heads to see if there’s a bleeding stroke or anything else causing their symptoms.”

9News, March 5, 2019



[**Communication Breakdown: 60% of Home Health Workers Lack Adequate Information From Hospitals**](#)

“[Home health care] nurses and staff may not have all of the information they need to provide the best possible transitional care for patients, which could contribute to medication discrepancies between referring provider and [home health care] medication lists,” said lead author **Christine D. Jones**, assistant professor at the CU School of Medicine.

Home Health Care News, March 6, 2019



[**A Unique Bio-Factory is Making Living Cells at the University of Colorado**](#)

It follows that the Gates Center for Regenerative Medicine connected with CU School of Medicine, Children’s Hospital Colorado and UCHealth to launch the facility in 2015. Staffed by about 40 employees, the 14,000-square-foot facility “is part of the university, but we can have industry clients,” says **Ryan Crisman**, Director of the Gates Biomanufacturing Facility.

Colorado Biz, March 7, 2019



[**HIV antibody VRC01LS safe prevention strategy for infants**](#)

“Infant transmission was a potentially very ideal setting for the use of monoclonal antibody because it could be given at the time of birth and then periodically during the first year of life,” said **Elizabeth J. McFarland**, medical director of Children’s Hospital Colorado’s HIV program and professor of pediatrics at the CU School of Medicine.

Healio, March 7, 2019



[Patients with head and neck cancer may be at risk for opioid misuse](#)

"We felt like it was a long-term problem for some of our head and neck patients, but we didn't know how much of a problem," **Jessica D. McDermott**, investigator at University of Colorado Cancer Center and assistant professor at CU School of Medicine, said. "You shouldn't need opioids at the 6-month point."

Healio, March 5, 2019



[Denver Health's 'Treatment On Demand' Wants To Fast Track Addiction Help In The ER](#)

"At the heart of the disease of addiction is ambivalence," said **Scott Simpson**, medical director for Psychiatric Emergency Services at Denver Health. "People struggle with whether or not they want to be sober, whether they want to keep using. So, when people even begin contemplating a change, we need to be ready to catch them and help them make that change."

Colorado Public Radio, March 6, 2019



[Denver To Host Experts To Talk Medical Marijuana & Parkinson's Disease](#)

"To date, there is more hype than actual data to provide meaningful clinical information to patients with PD," said **Benzi Kluger**, co-chair of the conference and Professor of Neurology at the CU School of Medicine. "There is a critical need to analyze existing data on medical marijuana and to set priorities for future research."

CBS4, March 5, 2019



[Meet Our 2019 Stand Up To Superbugs Ambassadors](#)

A team of people from around the country will travel to Washington as part of the [Stand Up to Superbugs](#) movement. They are survivors, farmers, doctors, researchers, and others with a personal connection to the issue of antibiotic resistance. **Sarah Parker** is a pediatric infectious diseases physician and medical director of the antimicrobial stewardship program at Children's Hospital Colorado, where she fights antibiotic resistance by supporting the judicious use of antibiotics.

Pew Trusts, March 5, 2019