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[There's Now A Map To Help Find Places In Colorado To Safely Store Firearms When A Gun Owner Or Others Are In Crisis](#)

[Emmy Betz](#) was a leader on the project and a link between the two entities. She is an emergency physician at CU and the co-founder of the Colorado Firearm Safety Coalition. "This project initially started because we know that when folks are at risk of suicide, it can be a good idea to either lock up the gun or ideally move it outside of the home until the person's feeling better," Betz said. "But there are other reasons, too. Let's say the grandkids are coming to visit, or you're going on an extended trip. Various reasons why someone might want to temporarily and voluntarily move a firearm out of their house."

CPR News, Aug. 26, 2019

[Researchers map dozens of safe places to store guns in Colorado](#)

"Specifically, if I see someone who is at risk of suicide—who is maybe going through a tough divorce, has some mental health problems—together, we could use this as a way for them to think about how they can make their home safer, while they're getting better," said **Emmy Betz**, an emergency physician at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Fox31, Aug. 27, 2019



[Colorado emergency rooms are trying something new to stem the opioid crisis: addiction treatment](#)

Years ago, when someone struggling with opioid dependency would show up in a Colorado emergency room after an overdose or as they were suffering through withdrawal, doctors and nurses would patch them up and send them on their way. "They came in and we made them feel a little bit better," said **Jason Hoppe**, an associate professor in the emergency medicine department at the CU School of Medicine. "There wasn't much we could do."



“We in the emergency department have been seeing patients like this for a very long time. It’s frustrating, it’s dispiriting to see people struggling with an illness and not being able to help them or only being able to help them in the short term,” said **Scott Simpson**, a psychiatric emergency medicine doctor at Denver Health [and associate professor of psychiatry at CU School of Medicine]. “The difference that this makes for the clinician is huge because you feel empowered to treat this patient. The difference this makes for the patient is literally lifesaving.”

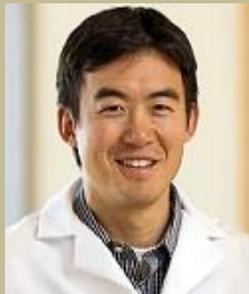
Colorado Sun, Aug. 28, 2019



[A Denver health center might have the answer to the opioid crisis – providing 24/7 treatment](#)

One emergency room doctor hopes their unique program combined with court battles against drug companies might finally help fix the crisis. “Nationally this is a huge epidemic,” says **Ashley Curry**, an emergency psychiatrist with Denver Health [and assistant professor of psychiatry at CU School of Medicine].

KXLF (Butte, Mont.), Aug. 28, 2019



[Parents can do better to keep their pot away from children](#)

“It looks like we could probably do a better job in even more secure storage to prevent unintentional ingestion and exposures,” said **George Sam Wang**, a pediatric emergency medicine specialist at Children’s Hospital Colorado [and assistant professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine].

Reuters, Aug. 23, 2019



[Whatever Happened To ... The Mysterious Kidney Disease Striking Central America?](#)

“We know that climate change is exacerbating a lot of different human diseases. It exacerbates cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease,” says **Cecilia Sorensen**, [an emergency medicine physician](#) who also teaches at the CU School of Medicine. “But this is one of the first identified where we can say this disease probably wouldn’t have occurred if it weren’t for the extreme global temperatures that we’re seeing.”

NPR, Aug. 26, 2019



[Young mom undergoes right heart catheterization to help manage pulmonary hypertension](#)

David Badesch, the director of the Pulmonary Hypertension Program at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], said pulmonary hypertension is high blood pressure between the right side of the heart and the lungs....“Over time it can lead to failure of the right side of the heart,” he said. “It’s the one time where having a big heart doesn’t necessarily mean a good thing.”

Channel 7, Aug. 24, 2019



[Strength and stubbornness will serve Colorado teen well as she recovers from burns suffered in a Cambodian gas explosion](#)

“I was just very grateful Abbey came here,” **Anne Wagner**, medical director of the UCHealth Burn and Frostbite Center [and associate professor of surgery at CU School of Medicine], said. “Our hope would be once she’s done with all this is she can go back to do anything and everything she did before.”

Denver Post, Aug. 30, 2019



[Colorado baby given 1 percent chance of survival beats the odds](#)

“I just remembered the pain that I knew I was going to be causing them when I shared this information with them,” said **Terry Harper** [associate professor of clinical practice of obstetrics and gynecology at CU School of Medicine], who told them their baby had Turner Syndrome, one X chromosome instead of two, and while the baby had a one to two percent chance of survival, Dr. Harper had some hope. “Long term, the prognosis neuro-developmentally for kids with Turner syndrome is quite good.”

Channel 7, Aug. 22, 2019



[The real risks of vaping](#)

Robin Deterding from Children’s Hospital Colorado [and CU School of Medicine] specializes in pulmonary issues. She is discussing the dangers of vaping.

9News, Aug. 25, 2019



[40 Most Common Types of Cancer in People Over 40](#)

Unfortunately, the biggest risk factors for breast cancer are being a woman and getting older. “Breast cancer in women is the most common cancer diagnosed, and the incidence increases with age,” says **Regina Brown**, an oncologist at UCHealth [and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] in Lone Tree, Colorado.

Best Life, Aug. 26, 2019



[New Weapon Against Anti-Vaxxers: Smiling Kids Getting Shots](#)

The new photos are also intended to disassociate vaccinations from having a negative, painful experience—most articles about vaccines use photos of crying children, according to **Sean O’Leary**, an AAP spokesperson and professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado.

Forbes, Aug. 26, 2019



[Study Reveals Low IQ in Children Linked to Prenatal Fluoride Intake](#)

Patricia A. Braun, a professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado, pointed out that many articles testify for the safety of fluoridating community water. However, it is essential to consider the impacts. The professor, who is also the chair to the AAP Section on Oral Health Executive Committee, added that the recently released study does not change the fact that fluoride has benefits as well.

The Science Times, Aug. 26, 2019



[PAs Fight for Right to Follow Patients Into Hospice](#)

“Every day I see someone we should have seen sooner,” said **Judy Knudson**, Hospice and Palliative Medicine, University of Colorado Hospital [and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

Medscape, Aug. 23, 2019



[Tony Frank and Mark Kennedy: Keeping the collaborative and competitive spirit of the Rocky Mountain Showdown alive](#)

Opinion column by CU President **Mark Kennedy** and CSU Chancellor Tony Frank: “We announced in May that the CU School of Medicine is in the planning stages of establishing a medical school branch in Fort Collins, in partnership with CSU. This time, though, instead of pitting our strengths against each other on the playing field, we’ll be building together on CU’s exceptional medical education and research programs and CSU’s world-renowned expertise in human, animal and public health. We expect to welcome our first students to the joint program in 2021.”

Denver Post, Aug. 29, 2019



[University of Colorado regent, president disagree whether Prop CC would help higher ed](#)

A University of Colorado regent is fighting an initiative that CU’s president and state higher education experts say would be in the best financial interest of Colorado college students. **Heidi Ganahl**, a Republican elected to one of the Board of Regents’ at-large seats, is co-chairing a group opposing Proposition CC — a ballot initiative that **CU president Mark Kennedy** and other higher education officials believe will bring in more state money for higher education to help stave off tuition increases.



In a statement to The Denver Post, Kennedy said he is committed to working with a coalition to get more money into higher education — but as an individual, not on behalf of the system he leads. “I support Proposition CC, which works within the requirements of TABOR to seek approval from the voters of Colorado for more funding,” Kennedy said. “Historically, the Board of Regents has taken a position on a ballot initiative when the board is unanimous. In the absence of the university taking a position on the proposal, I will work as a private citizen on the effort, as CU presidents have done in the past in similar circumstances.”

Denver Post, Aug. 29, 2019



[VA appoints new director of Eastern Colorado Health Care System](#)

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is bringing on a new director for its Aurora-based Eastern Colorado Health Care System. **Michael Kilmer**, formerly the medical center director for the Western Colorado system in Grand Junction, will replace Sallie Houser-Hanfelder, who retired in May.

Colorado Politics, Aug. 26, 2019



[From mental illness to wellness: The purpose behind the new Sue Klebold documentary](#)

Matthew Mishkind, deputy director of the Johnson Depression Center [and assistant professor of family medicine at CU School of Medicine], said “giving kids skills sooner will lead to a dramatic impact on how they communicate with each other.”

Channel 7, Aug. 28, 2019



[Denver Nuggets to host 3v3 basketball tournament on September 7](#)

UCHealth’s **Jason Dragoo**, the new head orthopedic physician for the Nuggets [and visiting professor of orthopedics at the CU School of Medicine]: “It is a priority for UCHealth to support initiatives that promote healthy living, wellness and fitness. Whether someone is a professional athlete, plays in a recreational league, or is just looking for a pick-up game, basketball is something that can be enjoyed throughout one’s life.”

NBA.com, Aug. 28, 2019