CU School of Medicine releases latest edition of its magazine online

Stories range from clinical trials to sports medicine

AURORA, Colo. (Nov. 15, 2010) – A clinical trial of a device nicknamed the “bionic pancreas.” The former Buffaloes football star who's now the team doctor. Medical school leaders creating a health care profession in South Africa.

Those subjects and more -- which journalists might be interested in following up on -- are in the latest edition of the school’s biannual magazine, CU Medicine Today.

The “bionic pancreas” is designed to test blood and administer insulin to children newly diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. The story features a 10-year-old boy who is part of this program. You can find the story here.

Eric McCarty played ferociously as a linebacker on the Buffs in the 1980s. He went on the medical school at CU and now is the football team’s doctor and head of sports medicine for his alma mater. Here is his story, including comments from former coach Bill McCartney.

The Physician Assistant program at the medical school recently was asked to help develop an equivalent profession in South Africa. The head of the program went to South Africa and writes about her experiences in a country with an AIDS epidemic. The link is here.

Among the other reports in the magazine:

- The story of Dr. Christine Gilroy, who takes on one of the toughest segments of medicine -- troubled teens. She works at Urban Peak in Denver, a shelter for young people. Here’s how the story begins: “A very large, very angry gang member stood between Dr. Christine Gilroy and the door of her tiny office at Urban Peak shelter for homeless teens. The young man, spewing expletives, had the 5-foot-3-inch doctor cornered.”
- A story titled “Heart health and hairdryers,” which covers efforts to reach out to medically underserved people by going into barber shops and beauty parlors. “You have to use a community venue that people trust,” one program leader says. “Barbers have a lot of influence.”
- A conversation with Dennis Roop about the creation and research future of the newly designated stem cell center at the CU medical school. When Roop came to Colorado, he found “there were some unbelievably talented young people here who had cutting-edge
technology, which they had used to accomplish things that investigators at Harvard and Stanford had not.”

Please let us know if you want to follow up on any of these stories.

Faculty at the University of Colorado School of Medicine work to advance science and improve care. These faculty members include physicians, educators and scientists at University of Colorado Hospital, The Children’s Hospital, Denver Health, National Jewish Health, and the Denver Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Degrees offered by the School of Medicine include doctor of medicine, doctor of physical therapy, and masters of physician assistant studies. The school is located on the Anschutz Medical Campus, one of four campuses in the University of Colorado system. To learn more about the medical school’s care, education, research and community engagement, please visit its web site. For additional news and information, please visit the UC Denver newsroom online.

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