Climate Change Will Likely Worsen Colorado's Air Quality, Experts Say

Robin Deterding, director of the Breathing Institute at Children’s Hospital Colorado, says another big climate-related problem comes from particles in the air that can lodge in your sinuses or deep in your lungs.

*Colorado Public Radio, Aug. 8, 2016*

A big effort to accelerate cancer research

Virginia Borges of the CU Cancer Center: “I love my patients and I love taking care of them, but I want to be able to tell them that it’s going to be even better tomorrow. We’ll have better therapies, therapies that have less side effects, therapies that are more effective. I still lose patients to breast cancer and I want that to stop.”

*9News, Aug. 8, 2016*

Aurora researchers doing their part in the fight against Zika

David Beckham, an associate professor of medicine in the school’s Division of Infectious Diseases, has been studying mosquito-borne illness, in particular the West Nile virus, for more than a decade. So, when Zika popped up last year, he reached out to colleagues at the Centers for Disease Control and said he would like to tackle this one, too.

*Aurora Sentinel, Aug. 10, 2016*
Pushing elderly patients to keep moving

“We are doing an awful lot to prevent falls, but there is a cost,” said Heidi Wald, an associate professor at the CU School of Medicine. “The cost is decreased mobility.”

Modern Healthcare, Aug. 6, 2016

Cancer survivor gives back to Aurora hospital

“I’ve done this 30 years now, and the reward is actually seeing the people who are cured. And also seeing so many of them in good shape,” said pediatric oncologist Nick Foreman, who has served as Paul Lemieux’s physician for over a decade at Children’s Hospital Colorado.

Casper Star-Tribune, Aug. 7, 2016

Sleep apnea may worsen liver disease for obese teens

For teens with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), breathing disruptions during sleep may worsen scarring in the liver, according to a new study by Shikha Sundaram of the Children’s Hospital Colorado and the CU School of Medicine.

Reuters, Aug. 11, 2016

Higher suicide risk at altitude may not be due to hypoxia

“I think it’s clear that there’s a higher rate of suicide at altitude, but the reasons may be lack of access to resources, substance abuse, medical and legal problems - all of those characteristics make for a high-risk environment,” said Benjamin Honigman of the CU School of Medicine.

Psych Congress Network (Reuters Health), Aug. 5, 2016
**Why Don’t Doctors Recognize Cardiac Arrest?**

Jason Persoff, an assistant professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Colorado Hospital: “I believe most physicians and nurses need only a small amount of training to correctly be able to resuscitate a patient. Once resuscitation goes on for more than 10 or 15 minutes, you need other levels of training that most people don’t have.”

*The Atlantic, Aug. 8, 2016*

**Patient eReferrals produce few adverse outcomes**

Christopher Stille, section head of general academic pediatrics at Children’s Hospital Colorado/CU School of Medicine, says the eReferral system “enables identification of referrals at risk of being lost to follow-up [and] this capability alone could significantly enhance patient safety by triggering enhanced follow-up for those patients.”

*Health Data Management, Aug. 8, 2016*

**Poverty immersion returns for local med students**

“This is designed to give participants an idea as to what the demographic health indicators are in Colorado Springs, and to also give an experience as to what the resource limits are in this community,” said Erik Wallace, associate dean for the CU School of Medicine’s Colorado Springs Branch.

*Colorado Springs Business Journal, Aug. 9, 2016*