**21st Century Cures Law May Deliver More Money For Colorado Research**

In a lab at the CU Cancer Center, researcher Ian Cartwright separates the DNA of cancer cells, from the bladders of mice. “Ideally this will translate into the clinic and help save lives,” Cartwright said.

His boss, Dan Theodorescu, sees major progress in treating all kinds of cancer through personalized medicine. Theodorescu’s analogy is seeing “cancer as an onion.” Researchers pulled back the first layers when they mapped a cancer gene in the early ’80s. Now, they can diagnose the majority of human cancers, leading to potentially promising treatments and drugs. “If we continue personalizing therapies, we continue peeling the onion, even if it’s only two to three percent at a time.”

*Colorado Public Radio, Dec. 19, 2016*

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**Home from hospital, twins spending first Christmas together**

“She beat all odds to survive and be here,” said Ken Liechty, Emily’s pediatric surgeon at Children’s Hospital Colorado.

*9News, Dec. 20, 2016*
Here’s what Colorado’s governor has to tell other states about legalizing marijuana

Still, the risks for children are high, according to a report published by physicians at Children’s Hospital Colorado. “Ingestion of edible products continues to be a major source of marijuana exposures in children and poses a unique problem because no other drug is infused into a palatable and appetizing form,” wrote Sam Wang, lead author of the report.

Los Angeles Times, Dec. 16, 2016

Doctors Say Parenting and Pot Smoking Don’t Mix

David Beuther, a pulmonologist and associate professor of medicine at National Jewish Health, says his patients frequently ask about the safety of marijuana smoke, and their perception tends to be that it is safer than cigarette smoke. Beuther says they are wrong: “Get it out of the house and away from your baby.”


4-year-old girl beats the odds of survival after she suddenly stopped breathing as an infant

Ann Halbower, a pediatrician at Children’s Hospital who specializes in pulmonary conditions, said Kellie’s CPR may have saved Zoie.


With the Autoimmune Protocol diet, a last-ditch effort at regaining health

“There is absolutely zero research this kind of diet is effective for anything, not to mention autoimmune disease,” says Bonnie Jortberg, an assistant professor in the department of Family Medicine at University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Denver Post, Dec. 16, 2016
**Aurora biotech researching eye diseases raises $6 million**

Ocugen Inc., an Aurora-based biotech researching eye diseases, said it’s raised $6 million in Series A funding. Ocugen was co-founded by Shankar Musunuri and **Uday Kompella**, who’s a professor at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, where the company is headquartered.

*Denver Business Journal, Dec. 15, 2016*

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**Expert advice on shoveling Colorado’s wet and heavy snow: Do it early, do it often**

Even more important is how you wield the tool, said **Chris McStay**, a doctor in the University of Colorado Hospital’s emergency department. “The snow shovel hasn’t changed in a lot of years,” he said. “They’re really meant to push snow.”

*Estes Park Trail Gazette, Dec. 19, 2016*

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**Dan Meyers, 65, former Inquirer journalist of passion, compassion**

**Dan Meyers**, 65, a former Inquirer City Hall bureau chief who later worked at the Denver Post and Colorado Public Radio, died Monday morning, Dec. 19, in his Washington Square apartment following an eight-year battle with colon cancer. A Chicago native, Mr. Meyers grew up in the Boston area and earned a bachelor’s degree in American studies and politics from Brandeis University, where his father taught. He also held a master’s in journalism from Northwestern University, directed communications at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, and worked for the University of Denver and Temple University.

*Philadelphia Inquirer, Dec. 20, 2016*