Average life expectancy in Denver can vary a decade depending on neighborhood

“These are stark and serious disparities,” said William Burman, interim chief executive officer of Denver Health, which is creating a new Center for Health Equity focused on closing the health gaps through research, education and recruitment of medical professionals from disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Lilia Cervantes, an associate professor at the CU School of Medicine and a hospitalist at Denver Health, directs a program to support at-risk youths interested in medical careers. Through the Center for Health Equity, Denver Health’s recruitment program for undergraduates will expand to middle schoolers through graduate students. “The idea is that when patients have a doctor who is culturally congruent, they better understand their options and are more likely to make an appointment,” she said.

Denver Post, Nov. 22, 2016

Many Insured Children Lack Essential Health Care, Study Finds

Since 1996, Michael Kappy, a pediatric endocrinologist at Children’s Hospital Colorado, has traveled in Colorado, Montana and Wyoming to reach children in areas that do not have large medical centers or specialists: “My focus has been strictly speaking to solving the geographic barrier.”

Doctor Focuses on Heart Problems Affecting Cancer Patients

Lavanya Kondapalli, a fellowship-trained cardio-oncologist at University of Colorado Hospital, is the only cardio-oncologist in the state of Colorado. Seeing her made all the difference for mother of three, Ellen March. “So we started her on these medicines with the hope that it would help her heart rebuild. Thankfully, in her case it did,” said Kondapalli.

CBS4, Nov. 22, 2016

Smoking Plus Diabetes a Very Deadly Mix

Kavita Garg, a professor of radiology at CU and study lead researcher, said the findings indicate that “taking control of diabetes is important among smokers, whether they undergo screening for lung cancer or not, because diabetes is an independent risk factor for dying.”

HealthDay, Nov. 21, 2016

Learn the Difference between Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes

Todd Alonso from the Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus is here to clear up the confusion between Type 1 & Type 2 Diabetes.

Fox 31, Nov. 18, 2016

Vitamin D reduces respiratory infections, but there’s a catch

“Vitamin D can improve the immune system’s ability to fight infections because it bolsters the first line of defense of the immune system,” explained the study’s lead author, Adit Ginde, professor of emergency medicine at the CU School of Medicine.

McKnight’s Senior Living, Nov. 20, 2016
**Just How Fit is the Pikes Peak Region, Really?**

**Erik Wallace**, who directs the Colorado Springs branch of the CU School of Medicine: “Those who live in poverty tend to live in neighborhoods where they have less access to affordable, high quality food and less ability to get out in a safe neighborhood and be able to exercise and get out and about.”

*KRCC, Nov. 20, 2016*

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**Don’t let altitude sickness ruin your trip to Colorado**

**Ben Honigman**, professor of emergency medicine at CU School of Medicine, said 25 to 30 percent of visitors heading to the mountains get acute mountain sickness. “The issue for most people is not that they go up and have a ski day,” he said. “The issue for most people is they end up sleeping at an 8,000 to 10,000 (feet) range.”

*Denver Post, Nov. 23, 2016*

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**Hopkins works to shorten time needed for drug approvals**

Ethical considerations were also a factor; emergency departments can be chaotic and scary, and people who go there feel sick enough to seek immediate care, said **Matthew Wynia**, director of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities at CU, who has studied trials conducted during emergencies.

*Baltimore Sun, Nov. 20, 2016*

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**StartUp Health Colorado is ready for your applications, local health care entrepreneurs**

“We know technology is going to change the [health care] landscape, so in our case the impetus for why we need to be looking ahead, and I mean, looking far ahead…is even more imperative than it was,” said CU Anschutz Chancellor **Don Elliman**.

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