**Colorado doctor researching antidotes for chemical weapons like ones used in Syria**

“These kids are having seizures. They’re unresponsive. This does look like a chemical attack,” said Vik Bebarta, an ER doctor at University of Colorado Hospital and a Medical Toxicologist for the CU School of Medicine doing groundbreaking research on better antidotes for chemical weapons such as mustard gas, cyanide and hydrogen sulfide.

*Channel 7, April 7, 2017*

**Denver7’s investigation of e-cigarette explosions has DeGette calling for congressional hearings**

Surgeons at UCHealth Burn Center said they’ve seen a spike in e-cigarette explosions lately and they’re concerned. “We didn’t see this two years ago,” said Arek Wiktor. “We’ve seen a significant increase in these in the past year.”

“We’ve taken care of two patients that were in the process of smoking it when it blew up,” added Medical Director Anne Wagner. “So they ended up with injuries to their face and eyes. It’s a significant problem.”

*Channel 7, April 7, 2017*
**Common Virus, Silent Killer**

“Of the moms who have come into our clinic for congenital CMV, I’ve never met a mom who knew what it was,” said Shannon Hughes, physician assistant at Colorado Children’s Hospital, who founded the hospital’s CMV clinic.

“We recognize that CMV is a significant health concern,” said Kent Heyborne, ob-gyn and chief of obstetrics at Denver Health, who sees the most severe in utero cases of CMV infection. “But since we don’t really have a good strategy to deal with it, prevention has not thus far been part of routine care.”

*Rocky Mountain PBS, April 13, 2017*

**Chris Borland Wants To Be A Grandfather Someday…So He Left The NFL**

Chris Borland walked away from the NFL following his rookie season in 2014, out of concern about traumatic brain injuries like chronic traumatic encephalopathy. Borland and Sourav Poddar, who is medical director for CU athletics and directs the school's Primary Care Sports Medicine program, spoke with Colorado Matters host Ryan Warner.

*Colorado Public Radio, April 11, 2017*

**Teen With Cystic Fibrosis Makes Cards To Help Find A Cure**

“Over time it makes it very difficult for patients to breathe,” explained Stacey Martiniano, Pediatric Pulmonologist at Children's Hospital Colorado. “But the reality is that, still, the average life expectancy for someone with cystic fibrosis is 40 years old.”

*CBS4, April 10, 2017*
**Finding a kidney donor on your own**

University of Colorado Hospital has a unique program called Donor Champions that teaches loved ones how to search for a living kidney donor on their own, using things like social media. **James Cooper** and team teach families about the transplant process and how to use social media to get the word out about their need: “We’ve found this is a very effective way of reaching out to people.”

*Fox31, April 12, 2017*

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**Hope for Grace: Drug offers hope for girl given 2 years to live**

**Julie Parsons**, a pediatric neurologist from Children’s Hospital Colorado, explains, “The treatment is not easy. It’s intrathecal, which means that you have to do a lumbar puncture every time the drug is given.”

*ABC Fox MT News, April 11, 2017*

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**The quest for the perfect pillow: ‘It’s complicated’**

“You don’t necessarily have to buy the $150 pillow that’s marketed as the best thing since sliced bread,” said **Katherine Green**, an assistant professor and director of sleep surgery at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

*Colorado Springs Gazette, April 11, 2017*

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**What Can Sleep Patterns Tell Me About Possibly Having MS?**

“It’s not only insomnia,” points out **Enrique Alvarez**, assistant professor of neurology at the CU School of Medicine. “People with MS are affected by nocturnal leg spasms, restless leg syndrome, narcolepsy, REM sleep behavior disorder and sleep disordered breathing (apnea). Any one of these conditions can interfere with slumber and contribute to profound fatigue during waking hours.”

*U.S. News & World Report, April 10, 2017*
**Is Sketching a Killer’s Face from DNA Science or a Scam?**

“It’s giving the family unrealistic expectations,” says Richard Spritz, director of Human Medical Genetics and Genomics at the CU School of Medicine. “Do I think it’s likely having this technology will get them to a perpetrator? No. Because the reliability of this technology has never been subject to critical tests. The likely reliability is low.”

*The Daily Beast, April 9, 2017*

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**Teen model beats ovarian cancer, inspires others**

“When a 16-year-old gets it, ovarian cancer is the last thing on your radar,” said Lisa Marie Babayan, a physician assistant who helped care for Peyton at the University of Colorado Hospital.

*CBS News, April 7, 2017*

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**Doug Abraham, police chief for the CU Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, to retire next month**

“Just about 42 years is a long career,” Doug Abraham said as he relaxed in a conference room chair inside police headquarters at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. “I’m incredibly proud of this organization and how far it’s come, but I know I’ll still think about it all the time after I leave.”

*Denver Post, April 11, 2017*