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<td>Swift childhood cancer deaths more common than thought: study</td>
<td>“During my pediatric residency a teenager came in with leukemia, but had so much cancer when he presented that he had multi-organ failure and died within about 24 hours of coming to our attention, before we could even start treatment,” said lead author Adam Green, investigator at the CU Cancer Center and pediatric oncologist at Children’s Hospital Colorado.</td>
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<td>Team Sports Out of Reach for Many Colorado Kids</td>
<td>Shale Wong, a pediatrics professor at the CU School of Medicine, says sports can have a positive impact on a child’s growth and development, but cost probably is the biggest barrier. “Sports are expensive,” she said. “There can be equipment and uniforms. But you also have to have parents who can shuttle kids to and from practices, get them to games, and those can be really daunting for low-income families.”</td>
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<td>Colorado heroin deaths jump in 2016, according to preliminary data</td>
<td>“It’s scary to think that as a primary care provider that when I prescribe opioids, some of those pills are going to wind up in the hands of people I did not prescribe them for and some of those might be teenagers or young adults who then wind up developing use disorders or turning to heroin in the future,” said Joshua Blum, an addiction medicine physician at Denver Health.</td>
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State Opioid Database Links with EHR in Pilot Program

“Prior to now, people have tried to gauge the value of PDMPs (Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs) based on statewide trends,” says researcher Jason Hoppe, an associate professor of emergency medicine at the CU School of Medicine.

*Health Leaders Media, March 14, 2017*

Bipartisan group of legislators tackles state’s opioid overdose epidemic

Senate Bill 193 would establish a research center focused on strategies for prevention and treatment of addictions to opioids and other controlled substances, including alcohol, at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus.

*Colorado Springs Gazette, March 15, 2017*

As marijuana becomes legal, doctors worry about teen addiction

The good news is that treatment for marijuana addiction in adolescence works, said Christian Thurstone, a pediatric addiction psychiatrist at Denver Health Medical Center. “We just need more of it.” Nationwide, only one in 10 people with an addiction seek treatment. “We’re just scratching the surface, but we may be doing better than one in 10.”

*PBS Newshour, March 13, 2017*

In a Heartbeat

“On the rare occasions when a child has a cardiac arrest,” says Martin Runciman, who is a pediatric cardiologist with Children’s Colorado’s Heart Institute, “it’s usually due to dangerous heart rhythms caused by diseases like Long QT syndrome or CPVT.”

*Colorado Springs Style, March-April 2017*
Richard B. Johnston Jr., BA '57, MD '61, is Vanderbilt University Distinguished Alumnus

Richard B. Johnston Jr., a renowned immunologist and pediatrician who has dedicated his life’s work to improving the health of children, is the recipient of the Vanderbilt University Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award. Johnston spent most of his career at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and National Jewish Health, starting in 1977 as professor of pediatrics.

*Vanderbilt News, March 16, 2017*

Cory Gardner, Ken Buck join Colorado hospitals in expressing doubts about GOP health care plan

“We at Children’s Hospital Colorado are gravely concerned about the bill,” Jena Hausmann said in a statement. “By imposing drastic changes and major budget cuts to Medicaid, it would potentially undermine coverage and benefits for Colorado kids, including the sickest children in our state.”

*Denver Post, March 8, 2017*

Hospitals worry about caring for newly uninsured in GOP plan

“If it’s full removal of Medicaid expansion, we would have to make cuts on our system, and I really think that those cuts would roll back our progress and could paradoxically increase the cost of care by driving care back to where it shouldn’t be — in the emergency rooms,” said Bill Burman, interim chief executive for Denver Health.

*Washington Post via AP, March 12, 2017*

Best Medical Schools: Primary Care

University of Colorado School of Medicine ranks No. 8 on the magazine’s list of best medical schools for primary care.

**Best Medical Schools: Research**

University of Colorado School of Medicine ranks No. 35 on the magazine’s list of best medical schools for research.

*U.S. News & World Report, March 14, 2017*