Library Stocks Up on Drug to Treat Overdoses

“If you have a lot of people at risk in a certain area that’s where the highest value is,” said Jason Hoppe at University of Colorado Hospital. “The next steps for this are getting it into people’s homes, accepting that this may happen at the library, what do we do about it? How do we give people an opportunity to change their lives later?”

CBS4, March 20, 2017

Colorado’s opioid abuse problem draws state lawmakers’ attention

The state Senate on Wednesday gave unanimous approval to Senate Bill 193 that would create a substance abuse research center at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. The program will start with $1 million in seed money from marijuana taxes, and CU pledged to find private donors and seek federal research dollars.

The Denver Post, March 22, 2017

Family almost loses son because of a button battery

“The current of the battery causes a reaction in the salt and the water and the saliva and you end up with sodium hydroxide, and then that causes a severe chemical burn,” said David P. Bliss, a pediatric surgeon with Children’s Hospital Colorado.

“If a button battery sits in your esophagus, the injury can begin as quickly as 30 minutes and within hours it can have burned all the way
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| **through your esophagus,** said **Christine Waasdorp Hurtado**, a gastroenterology specialist with Children’s Hospital Colorado.  
*Fox21News, March 20, 2017* |
| **Daily glass of pure fruit juice doesn't cause weight gain in kids**  
“We should all be concerned that children and adolescents do not get enough servings of fruits and vegetables,” said **Stephen Daniels** of the CU School of Medicine. “There are numerous issues here, but one especially for families of lower socioeconomic status is the availability and shelf life of fresh fruits and vegetables, which means that other forms of fruit such as 100 percent fruit juice can be helpful.”  
*Fox News, March 23, 2017* |
| **Colorado Springs family adapts to reality of Type 1 diabetes as, one after one, children are diagnosed**  
“I can tell you that the great majority of families have only one patient. Maybe 10 percent have two patients (and) there’s just a handful of families with more than two,” said **Robert Slover**, the Hayeses’ physician and director of pediatrics at the Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. “That is an extremely unusual situation to have it happen to four children in a family.”  
*Colorado Springs Gazette, March 19, 2017* |
| **Dad advocates for Congenital Heart Defect patients**  
“Since Congenital Heart Disease is a complicated defect there are relatively few centers that specialize in taking care of children with these problems,” said **Dunbar Ivy**, Chief of Pediatric Cardiology at Children’s Hospital Colorado. “It’s important as a parent because it’s so complicated that they really look into where they’re going to have surgery for their child.”  
*9News, March 22, 2017* |
Carbondale native and daughter will be permanently linked by liver transplant

Claire Griffith Erickson will undergo her first major surgery Tuesday at the University of Colorado Hospital Tuesday. But Erickson’s mind isn’t on her own procedure; it’s on her daughter. The surgery will remove the left lobe of Erickson’s liver, which the hospital will then transport two blocks to Children’s Hospital Colorado. Peri, Erickson’s 3-year-old daughter, will be waiting.

Glenwood Springs Post Independent, March 19, 2017

Rural Areas Brace for Shortage of Doctors Due to Visa Policy

“Everyone around the country will be in a mad scramble to figure out this visa situation,” said Michelle Larson-Krieg, the director of international student and scholar services at the University of Colorado in Denver, which usually takes 10 or 12 residents on H-1Bs each year at its Anschutz Medical Campus.

The New York Times, March, 18, 2017

Health Rules Target by GOP Could Upset U.S. Insurance Markets

“The people that need the care the most, need the help the most, would be hurt the most,” said Ben Miller, director of the Farley Health Policy Center at the University of Colorado. “They are going to find that they’re going to be financially paying for this one way or another.”

Bloomberg, March 23, 2017

Medical students receive news of their future for Match Day

Cherry Yu will get to go to her top choice for neurology at the University of Colorado Denver. “Yeah since I was in like fifth grade I wanted to be a doctor,” Yu said.

WJBF (Augusta, Ga.), March 17, 2017