Man’s terminal cancer disappears one month after treatment at UCHealth

“We remove T-cells or immune cells from the patients and we genetically modify them so we reeducate them to see the tumor and then we reinfuse those cells back into patients,” said Terry Fry, Director of Cancer Immunotherapy at the CU School of Medicine and Children’s Hospital at CU Anschutz Medical Campus.

The CU Anschutz Medical Campus is also one of only a handful of facilities capable of manufacturing the modified cells. “There are probably less than a dozen in the country that have the capabilities that we have here and definitely the only one in this region,” Ryan Crisman, Director of Cell Processing at the Gates Biomanufacturing Facility, said.

Fox31, Dec. 19, 2018

UCHealth provides record $854 million in community benefits including $359 million in uncompensated care

“The partnership between the CU School of Medicine and UCHealth is vital to Colorado and to the future of health care,” said John Reilly, Dean of the CU School of Medicine. “Through our close collaboration, we are recruiting talented physicians and scientists who are leading groundbreaking medical research and providing outstanding clinical care. Together, we can provide advanced treatments and the best possible outcomes for patients.”

Denver Post YourHub, Dec. 19, 2018
Doctors struggle to help older gun owners

“One of the realities of aging, and illnesses that are more common with age, is that our abilities change,” said Hillary Lum of the CU School of Medicine. “Activities that we’ve done our entire lives, such as driving, managing our own finances, and owning and using a gun, can also be affected.”

Reuters, Dec. 14, 2018

After Death Threat, One Colorado Doctor Feels Safer Without A Gun

Erik Wallace’s relationship with guns completely changed seven years ago when one of his patients threatened to kill him. Wallace, now an associate professor of Medicine at the CU School of Medicine and a member of the Colorado Firearm Safety Coalition, recently organized what he calls a “Think Tank” on reducing firearm violence.

KERA (Dallas), Dec. 18, 2018

The world’s first marijuana-derived pharmaceutical is now available for prescription. So why can’t patients get it?

In Susan Koh’s clinic at Children’s Hospital Colorado, patients earlier this year anxiously awaited the approval of a new drug to treat two rare seizure disorders. The conditions — one called Dravet syndrome and another called Lennox-Gastaut syndrome — often take hold when kids are still in the crib.

Colorado Sun, Dec. 17, 2018

Woman who allowed body to be chopped into 27,000 pieces for science is now a ‘living cadaver’

“Susan, like a lot of donors, came to CU to donate her body,” said Vic Spitzer, director for Human Simulation for the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. “She saw a newspaper article about the visible human and sectioning the body so she seemed to understand what it meant to slice her body up into many pieces.”

9News, Dec. 14, 2018

This Denver Woman’s Cadaver Was Cut Into 27,000 Slices. It Was Her Final Wish

Potter died in 2015, but thanks to groundbreaking technology and a long collaboration with University of Colorado scientist Vic Spitzer, she’ll live on for generations of medical students. More than a decade
before her death, Potter approached Spitzer, who heads CU’s Center for Human Simulation, and asked to donate her body to science.

*Colorado Public Radio, Dec. 18, 2018*

**New research reveals how sexism in healthcare can literally kill women**

“The consequences of all of these major themes is that women will potentially receive no CPR or delays in initiation of CPR,” said Sarah M. Perman, assistant professor of Emergency Medicine at the CU School of Medicine. “While these are actual fears the public holds, it is important to realize that CPR is lifesaving and should be rendered to collapsed individuals regardless of gender, race or ethnicity.”

*Salon, Dec. 14, 2018*

**Why Are Women Less Likely To Receive Bystander CPR?**

Sarah Perman, Assistant professor of Emergency Medicine, CU School of Medicine: “While the results of our survey showcase actual fears the public holds regarding performing CPR, it is important to understand that CPR is a lifesaving tool that should be utilized regardless of gender. Every second counts during a cardiac arrest and implementing proper CPR as soon as possible could be what saves someone’s life.”

*MedicalResearch.com, Dec. 19, 2018*

**The gift of life: Woodland Park family’s holidays extra sweet after son gives marrow transplant to save mother’s life**

Nancy consulted with Brad Haverkos, a cancer expert at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital and an assistant professor at the CU School of Medicine.

*Pikes Peak Courier, Dec. 19, 2018*

**Researchers make important breakthrough in pulmonary fibrosis**

“The overproduction of a lung mucin has consistently been shown to be the strongest risk for the development of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and most recently rheumatoid arthritis-interstitial lung disease,” said David Schwartz, Chair of the Department of Medicine at the CU School of Medicine.

*Medical Xpress, Dec. 18, 2018*
Tips on how to be resilient this holiday season

Jenny Reese, from Children’s Hospital Colorado and the director of the resilience program at the CU School of Medicine: “In particular, working in health care is very stressful and it’s important that we as providers know how to take good care of ourselves and remain calm under stress so that we have more ability to take care of the people we’re taking care of.”

9News, Dec. 19, 2018

25 largest gifts to healthcare organizations in 2018

4. $120 million to CU Anschutz Medical Campus. Donor: The Anschutz Foundation, which supports Colorado nonprofit organizations focused on improving lives. Details: The gift will fund faculty recruitment initiatives, research opportunities and the construction of a new health science building.

Becker’s Hospital Review, Dec. 17, 2018

Storied Fitzsimons Army Medical Center site will harbor vets who have experienced homelessness

The Veterans Renaissance Apartments will be built on what is now a parking lot not far from the old Fitzsimons gates that still stand at Peoria and Colfax and next door to a veterans’ nursing home whose residents include World War II vets. When the new apartment building is completed, expected in early 2020, vets who have experienced homelessness will get counseling as well as housing.

Denverite, Dec. 18, 2018

Organ Recipient Thanks Doctors, Donor Before Rose Parade

Colleen Reed, who will be representing Colorado on the Donate Life float during the Rose Parade on New Year’s Day, visited the University of Colorado Hospital on Monday.

CBS4, Dec. 17, 2018