Bill Would Strengthen Newborn Health Screenings

Peter Baker, Children’s Hospital Genetics Pediatrician: “We’re trying to make the system as good as we can to be able to prevent as many bad outcomes as we can and to help save these babies’ lives who would otherwise be asymptomatic and have some tragic event in the first few years of their lives.”

CBS4, Jan. 18, 2018

To combat addiction, several Colorado hospitals tried a new approach to treating pain. Their use of opioids plummeted.

Heidi Wald, a professor at the CU School of Medicine who helped run the study, said the results come with caveats. The project didn’t have a control group, so it did not measure whether opioid use also dipped at hospitals that did not participate in the program. The results presented Thursday also did not include measurements of patient satisfaction, which would reveal whether the alternatives controlled pain as well as opioids.

Denver Post, Jan. 25, 2018

Durango woman’s lungs donated to save another’s life

Mallory Fagerstedt received that call Dec. 27, a day after Beth Brunso’s death. She and her family rushed to University of Colorado Hospital, and the next day, she was in surgery, receiving a pair of lungs. “The next thing I knew, I woke up in ICU and I had these new lungs,” Fagerstedt said. “I was in a lot of pain, but I knew then I could start over and have a new life.”

Durango Herald, Jan. 22, 2018
**Blood test in development could detect 8 cancers, save more lives**

“It detects genetic mutations that are common in a number of different cancers and also a number of proteins that we see elevated in patients who have cancer,” said Alexis Leal, a medical oncologist at University of Colorado Hospital.

*Fox31, Jan. 24, 2018*

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**Altered gut microbiome populations may cause blood infections in paediatric cancer patients**

Commenting on the hypothesis that microbiome changes could lead to infections, Bryan Nycz – medical student at the CU School of Medicine – said: “Basically, we wanted to see if the composition of a cancer patient’s microbiome could predict who would go on to develop bloodstream and Clostridium difficile infections.”

*Drug Target Review, Jan. 24, 2018*

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**Study finds low mortality rates for early stage lung cancer with treatment**

“When examining patients together across all age groups, there was slightly less post-treatment mortality with radiation than with surgery. But in older age groups, the differences became larger and potentially more meaningful for patients who are candidates for both therapies,” said first author William Stokes, a senior resident at the CU School of Medicine Department of Radiation Oncology.

“For patients with early-stage lung cancer who are otherwise healthy and good surgical candidates, lobar resection remains the standard. However, the results of this study may be important to consider when discussing the treatment options for older patients who are thought to have a high-risk of surgical complications,” senior author Chad Rusthoven, an assistant professor in Radiation Oncology at the CU Cancer Center.

*Life Science Daily, Jan. 23, 2018*
The Effects Of Air Pollution On Human Health

“When you have a bad head cold, you feel sick everywhere and your muscles might ache,” said Anthony Gerber, a pulmonologist at National Jewish Health. “The same thing can happen when you breathe in pollution.”

Huffington Post, Jan. 23, 2018

Nosing around: Colds, sniffles and other proboscis problems are common during ski season

Tod Olin, director of the pediatric Exercise Tolerance Center at National Jewish Health: “No one has nailed anything down on shrinking a cold, but Mikaela has the right idea about getting a lot of rest and fluids. The best thing anyone can do is stay rested and wash your hands a lot.”

Vail Daily, Jan. 22, 2018

Denver Health eating-disorders center doubles its number of beds

“Many of these patients were too critically ill to be on a waiting list, so this expansion was born out of the need to offer our life-saving services immediately,” said Philip Mehler, founder and executive medical director of Denver Health’s Acute Center for Eating Disorders.

Denver Business Journal, Jan. 22, 2018

Sex After Cancer

“Sex and Cancer,” a new book by Saketh R. Guntupalli, a gynecologic cancer specialist, and Maryann Karinch, sets out to help women with gynecologic or breast cancer.

The New York Times, Jan. 18, 2018
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