The Mystery Of A Polio-Like Illness In Colorado May Be Solved

CU researchers say they’ve identified the likely cause of Acute Flaccid Myelitis, which can cause paralysis, facial drooping and muscle weakness. In 2014 there were more than 100 cases in 34 states, including 12 cases treated at Children’s Hospital Colorado. “As a scientific community we need to take it seriously because of the long-term consequences and potentially disabling consequences of it,” said Kevin Messacar.

Colorado Public Radio, March 13, 2018

Stress Cancer Cells to Death: Turning Off Autophagy Helps Chemotherapy

“The problem is this: many anti-cancer treatments push cancer cells to the brink of death. But the cells use autophagy to go into a kind of suspended animation, pausing but not dying. We don’t want cancer cells to pause; we want them to die,” says Andrew Thorburn, CU Cancer Center investigator, professor and chairman of the CU School of Medicine Department of Pharmacology.

Technology Networks, March 13, 2018

More Primary Care, More Healthcare Services, But Lower Costs In The Long Run

“I think the fact that we didn’t find any cost savings at first was a bit surprising because we were expecting to see a relationship with primary care and driving cost down, however it just may take longer,” said the paper’s lead author Cathy Bradley, associate director of cancer prevention and control at the CU Cancer Center.

Modern Healthcare, March 14, 2018
**How Aging Affects Your Immune System**

“Your age is the primary determinant of what’s going to happen to your immune system,” says Philippa Marrack, a professor and chair of biomedical research at National Jewish Health.

*U.S. News and World Report, March 14, 2018*

**Weight-Loss Surgery Beats Meds for Obese, Diabetic Teens: Study**

Weight-loss surgery may help severely obese teens with type 2 diabetes far more than medication and lifestyle changes alone, according to new research by Thomas Inge, chief of pediatric surgery at Children’s Hospital Colorado.

*U.S. News and World Report, March 14, 2018*

**Participants needed for at-home study that helps protect babies**

“If we are able to catch it early, we’ve been able to show that using steroids or other medications, we’ve been able to halt the progression and prevent the development of heart block in these babies,” said fetal cardiologist Chad Stewart of Children’s Hospital Colorado, which is conducting the Heart Sounds at Home Study.

*Fox21, March 13, 2018*

**Marijuana May Help Solve Skin Rash Sting**

“There’s a large segment of the population that doesn’t like using steroids, even if they are topical steroids on their skin. This would be an alternative, natural product for them to try,” said Robert Dellavalle from the CU School of Medicine.

*Inside Science, March 15, 2018*
**A New Study Finds Inflammatory Bowel Disease Increases the Likelihood of Heart Attack**

Robert H. Eckel, a professor of medicine for the Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism, Diabetes and Cardiology at the University of Colorado Hospital, says that conversations should now occur in clinical medicine about what steps people with IBD should take to protect against heart disease.

*Everyday Health, March 15, 2018*

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**Is Your Child or Grandchild Addicted to Opioids?**

“So many people don’t want to admit it because they think it somehow reflects poorly on them,” says Patrick Fehling, an addiction psychiatrist at the UCHealth Center for Dependency, Addiction, and Rehabilitation.

*SilverSneakers, March 13, 2018*

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**Hospital Increases Minority Recruiting In Medical Field**

Denver Health Medical Center’s Healthcare Interest Program has more than doubled in the last couple of years, from accepting pre-medicine undergraduates from just CU Denver to also taking them in from Metropolitan State University.

*CBS4, March 9, 2018*

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**UCHealth, ride-sharing service form new partnership**

UCHealth is partnering with Uber to make doctor’s visits more accessible — another example of ways that health-care organizations are expanding their scope of care beyond what is provided within the four walls of their facilities. The Aurora-based health system is offering 30 percent discounts on Uber rides to its Front Range hospitals — including the flagship University of Colorado Hospital.

*Denver Business Journal, March 12, 2018*