Gun Shops Work With Doctors To Prevent Suicide By Firearm

“If you want to reduce suicide deaths, you have to talk about firearms,” says Emmy Betz, an emergency room physician and public health researcher at the CU School of Medicine. “And if you want to reduce firearm deaths, you have to talk about suicide.”

One of the youngest members of the Coalition, 25-year-old Will Dewispelaere, a third-year medical student, is wrestling with his own internal conflict. “I can go to the range and say, ‘Wow, that’s a lot of fun, and I really enjoyed shooting,’” he says. “And then I can go to work the next day and I can see people that are gunshot victims. It feels like two different worlds. And here I am in the middle of those two worlds, trying to reconcile how I feel about it.”

In a photograph accompanying the article, Erik Wallace shoots on the range. Wallace leads a discussion for all graduating medical students at the University of Colorado each year about firearm risk reduction and how to counsel patients on safe storage practices.

National Public Radio, Nov. 21, 2018

How rape cases went wrong

“That ‘freaking out’ should be taken seriously,” said child psychiatrist Steven Berkowitz, visiting professor at the CU School of Medicine. “While that man might not be the perp, someone who looked like him might be.”

CNN, Nov. 29, 2018
**Designer babies: The genetic editing experiment that has caused recent controversy**

“This could prevent devastating disease, possibly. We don’t know because it’s still in early stages,” said Curtis Coughlin with the Center for Bioethics and Humanities on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, who is worried that rogue scientists with little regulation or oversight could scare people away from this technology before we can learn about its true benefits or its risks.

*Channel 7, Nov. 28, 2018*

**Man makes miraculous recovery after preventable inferno burns 90 percent of his body**

Amanda begged to go in the chopper that was going to send Dave to University of Colorado Hospital’s nationally-recognized burn unit shortly after the crash. “I came to rounds every morning,” Amanda said. “I remember asking Dr. [Gordon] Lindberg early on during Dave’s stay, ‘When can I stop worrying about Dave dying every minute?’ He said, ‘You don’t get to Amanda, not until he walks out of this hospital.”

*9News, Nov. 21, 2018*

**After tumor, Florida Rep founder Cacioppo feels blessed, ‘lucky to be alive’**

Neurosurgeon A. Samy Youssef of UCHealth, who performed the surgery, says it's a common story with his brain-tumor patients. “People undergo personality changes,” Youssef says.

*News-Press (Fort Myers, Fla.), Nov. 29, 2018*

**This little boy climbed Mt. Sherman only a couple of months after a heart procedure**

Gareth Morgan, congenital interventional cardiologist at Children’s Hospital Colorado: “We were able to do this out of a really small cut in the top of his leg, and for kids of his size and age that is something that is becoming increasingly possible as we get better techniques and better technology and have more specialized teams really focusing on kids like Beau.”

*9News, Nov. 19, 2018*
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<td>There’s a fetid haze in the air when I call emergency medicine physician Cecilia Sorensen, who is fresh off an ER shift at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital. I’m in California, some 150 miles from Paradise, where the Camp Fire has practically levelled an entire town. Through her research, Sorensen seeks to add gender to the conversation, too, spotlighting the insidious and often ignored ways that climate change impacts women’s health more severely than it does men’s.</td>
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<td>“People have this association of hospice with death. If you can say let’s continue all these therapies you’re receiving now and add this wonderful layer of support - a 24/7 nurse, aid for bathing, social worker, etc. - that sounds great,” says Cari Levy, investigator at the CU Cancer Center and geriatrician specializing in hospice and palliative care at the Veterans Affairs Eastern Colorado Health Care System.</td>
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$2.7 million awarded for medical marijuana research in Colorado

“We have a lot of anecdotal evidence (for CBD treatment) that is positive and some that raise concern about side effects,” said Nicole Tartaglia, a pediatrician specializing in intellectual and developmental disabilities and an associate professor at the CU Anschutz School of Medicine.

The spinal pain study will be led by Emily Lindley, an assistant professor at the CU Anschutz Department of Orthopedics, and Rachael Rzasa Lynn, an assistant professor at the school’s Department of Anesthesiology.

Colorado Springs Gazette, Nov. 23, 2018

91 percent response rate for venetoclax against newly diagnosed AML in older adults

“To date, treatment options for older patients with AML have been limited. We see this new regimen as a paradigm shift in the way we will treat this disease in this population, moving forward,” says Daniel A. Pollyea, investigator at CU Cancer Center and clinical director of Leukemia Services at the CU School of Medicine.

The trial is closely related to the preclinical work of Craig Jordan, investigator at University of Colorado Cancer Center, division chief of the Division of Hematology and the Nancy Carroll Allen Professor of Hematology at the CU School of Medicine.

Medical Xpress, Nov. 28, 2018
**Toddlers may sleep better in cribs until age 3**

“Adults tend to see cribs as cages, but that’s not how children see them,” said Lisa Meltzer, a pediatric psychologist at National Jewish Health. “Children like small spaces as they feel safe and comfortable with them,” she said by email. “If you watch young children play, they like to play under the table or in large boxes.”

*Reuters, Nov. 22, 2018*

**One in eight Denver residents is clinically depressed and most aren’t getting treatment, new study says**

At any given time, one in eight Denver residents is depressed, according to a first-of-its-kind study from Denver Public Health that relied on electronic medical records and surveys to gauge the mental-health status of Denver. “It’s common. It’s serious. It affects people throughout their lifespan,” said Bill Burman, the director at Denver Public Health.

*Colorado Sun, Nov. 27, 2018*

**Experts Detail Proposals to Improve Clinician Well-being**

Marc Moss, vice chair of clinical research at the CU School of Medicine, noted that burnout is an occupational health problem and said it needs to be viewed that way. “We would never blame the coal miner for developing lung disease and say that there’s something they could do differently. This is a problem with our profession,” he said.

*Medscape, Nov. 28, 2018*

**Spine surgeon leader to know: Dr. Jens-Peter Witt of CU Medicine**

Jens-Peter Witt is a board-certified neurosurgeon and the neurosurgery spine director at The Spine Center at University of Colorado Hospital. Witt serves as an associate neurosurgery professor at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus.

*Becker’s Spine Review, Nov. 27, 2018*
**Where Colorado colleges rank among U.S. universities for R&D spending**

Colorado colleges rank among the top 100 U.S. colleges that are most active in research and development, according to a new report from the National Science Foundation. The University of Colorado-Denver and the Anschutz Medical Campus had $480,598,000 in R&D spending in 2017, ranking 50th.

*9News, Nov. 29, 2018*

**How the Food Industry Uses Big Tobacco Tactics to Manipulate the Public**

Schmidt says industry documents have already “changed hearts and minds,” notably helping to reveal how industry sponsors science that favors industry interests, and the subsequent exposure of some scientific conflicts of interest. For example, the CU School of Medicine returned a $1 million gift from Coca-Cola once it was revealed that the money was used to fund an advocacy group devoted to dismissing links between soda and obesity.

*Eater, Nov. 28, 2018*

**#ThisIsOurLane in Colorado, too**

Guest commentary by Emmy Betz, associate professor of emergency medicine at the CU School of Medicine, and Catherine Velopulos, associate professor of surgery at the CU School of Medicine: “Yes, #ThisIsOurLane — but by “our,” we mean all of us. Healthcare providers and patients, gun owners and non-owners, all 5.7 million of us living in Colorado. We share the same road.”

*Denver Post, Nov. 23, 2018*