To help her heart: Little Calista’s surgery

Lisa Howley at Children’s Hospital Colorado says this is the first time stem cells will be injected into a patient after the procedure. When Calista was born in March her cord blood was collected and stored. “And then that cord blood is then provided back to the family at the time of the second heart surgery for those stem cells to be injected into the right ventricle muscle,” Howley said.

“Her heart is going to be much more efficient after this operation,” said Adel Younoszai, professor of pediatrics at the CU School of Medicine and co-director of the single ventricle care program at Children’s Hospital Colorado.

9News, Sept. 9, 2018

‘Gave Me 6-9 Months’: Unlikely Lung Cancer Survivor 10 Years Later

“We have changed the standard of care through people like Ellen,” said Ross Camidge, Director of Thoracic Oncology at University of Colorado Hospital. “I want people to see that hope has a face and family and friends and that it’s a reality, Nobody’s promising that this can be delivered to everybody, but it’s possible.”

CBS4, Sept. 20, 2018

Balance of Power: National Suicide Prevention Month

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. It’s a hard and sensitive topic to talk about. But Jenna Glover, a children’s psychologist with Children’s Hospital Colorado, said it’s a conversation people shouldn’t be afraid to have.

9News, Sept. 16, 2018
## More Colorado Youth Than Ever Are Dying Of Suicide, And The Causes Remain Complicated

**Kevin Carney** is the medical director of the emergency department at Children’s Hospital, where he sees the concerning trend firsthand. “I think it’s very fair to say that seeing a young child who has either attempted to kill themselves or has completed suicide is shocking event for anybody,” he said. “Even as frontline providers who are used to seeing terrible things happen to kids, it is a shocking event.”

*Colorado Public Radio, Sept. 6, 2018*

## Signs of Eating Disorders: What to Say to a Friend

“Being in a new environment means losing a lot of consistency, predictability, and structure,” says **Rachel Davis**, medical director of Student Mental Health at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

*Awement.com, Sept. 18, 2018*

## The ‘three horsemen’ that could help cure Alzheimer’s

BAN2401, for its part, doesn’t cure Alzheimer’s. But it does give patients added years of cognition. **Jonathan Woodcock**, a Neurologist involved in Alzheimer Research at CU Anschutz, said the drug essentially impedes the progression of the disease. “The study results showed that the decline we see in people with early Alzheimer’s was slowed down.”

**Huntington Potter**, Alzheimer’s researcher from CU Anschutz Medical Campus: “We’re much more encouraged now because of these three drugs than we have been in decades.”

*9News, Sept. 10, 2018*

## Smell test may sniff-out Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s disease

“We found there was an extraordinarily high correlation between people who could not identify those odors and those who had Alzheimer’s disease,” **Jonathan Woodcock**, a Neurologist and researcher at CU Anschutz, says. “Very few people who had Alzheimer’s disease were able to identify those odors.”

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| **Hydration Stations Available At Broncos Game Amid Record-Territory Heat** | Anju Visveswaraiah from UCH Health Family Medicine in Westminster talked about staying hydrated while out in the heat and the signs of dehydration. “Dehydration is one of the main causes of heat stroke in really hot temperatures. It’s hard to keep you blood pressure up and your heart rate down and your proper mental status if you’re not properly hydrated.”  
CBS4, Sept. 16, 2018 |
| **THC from Marijuana Stays in Breast Milk for Up to 6 Days** | Maya Bunik and Erica Wymore, professors at the University of Colorado, have also conducted research on marijuana use among pregnant and breastfeeding women. Many mothers, they note, are using the drug to cope with depression, stress, or other mental health issues. If that’s the case, then doctors need to first address that. “Open a conversation, [find out] what are the symptoms are they trying to alleviate,” said Bunik, pediatrician and medical director of the Child Health Clinic at Children’s Hospital Colorado.  
Erica Wymore, a neonatologist at Children’s Hospital Colorado, adds that many people in Colorado assume that because marijuana is now legal to purchase, it’s assumed to be safe. But in reality, marijuana is still considered an illegal drug at the federal level, she notes, which is why there’s little research to point to the drug’s potential adverse effects. “The challenge is the difficulty in studying an illegal substance,” Wymore said.  
Healthline, Sept. 15, 2018 |
| **Sephora site adds Origin’s cannabis-based face mask** | One study conducted by the University of Colorado School of Medicine found that a topical cannabinoid cream used twice a day eliminated itching in eight out of 21 patients.  
The Business Journals, Sept. 18, 2018 |
| **Patients, partners, laud partnership between Vail Health, Children’s Hospital** | David Scudamore is the medical director of network inpatient care at Children’s Hospital Colorado. In that role, Scudamore manages partnerships between Children’s Hospital and several smaller hospitals, most of which are on the Front Range. Scudamore said Children’s |
Hospital model provides doctors, physicians assistants and nurse practitioners to the outlying hospitals.

*Vail Daily, Sept. 13, 2018*