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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[*How Healers Became Killers: Nazi Doctors and the Rise of Modern Medical Ethics*](#) was a powerful and informative presentation made this week on the Anschutz Medical Campus by Dr. Matt Wynia, Director of the CU Center for Bioethics and Humanities. [*Pertinent Today: What Contemporary Lessons Should be Taught by Studying Physician Participation in the Holocaust?*](#) is an article written by Dr. Wynia and colleagues.

[*Seasonal Influenza: Strategies for Vaccination, Prevention and Control Symposium*](#) is a one-day event sponsored by the Center for Global Health, Colorado School of Public Health February 5th, 8:30AM to 5:30PM at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver.

[*Well Being Trust Mental Health Resources*](#)— check them out.

[*Creating Urban Health Solutions: Promises and Perils*](#) is the February 19th Levitt Distinguished Speaker Series presentation by Dr. Stephen Hwang, Centre for Urban Health Solutions in Toronto.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[*What Parents Need to Know about Kids Vaping*](#) is a story in *CU Anschutz Today* by a physician/mom who wishes to provide parents with current facts about e-cigarette use given the rising popularity of the practice.

[*Inexpensive Cognitive-Behavioral Training Program Reduces Pain and Improves Quality of Life among Diabetic Patients with Limited Healthcare Access*](#) is an article on the Weill Cornell Medicine site by Dr. Monika Safford about an inexpensive initiative that uses trained community members to deliver

a structured program based on CGT by telephone. The effort has been improving daily functioning, self-reported physical activity, and overall quality of life among patients with diabetes experiencing chronic pain.

[*Something Far Deadlier than the Wuhan Virus Lurks Near You*](#) is a story by Liz Szabo on *Kaiser Health News* who discusses how influenza poses a far greater threat to Americans as it preys on the most vulnerable.

[*You promised me*](#) is a powerful poem/song written and performed by two Colorado middle-schoolers whose friend died by suicide.



[*Healing the Nation: Advancing Mental Health and Addiction Policy*](#) is the Well Being Trust's policy action guide on mental health and addiction that provides concrete and actionable solutions that can be operationalized today. It includes a framework to better ground policy decision-making to be more comprehensive and integrated.

[*Improving Behavioral Health Care in the Emergency Department and Upstream*](#) is a new white paper released last week by IHI and Well Being Trust that provides actionable guidance for emergency departments and their community partners to create a compassionate, seamless and effective system of care that is respectful of and works with patients with mental health conditions and substance use disorders presenting to the ED.

[*Health Conundrum: How State Budgets Can Find the Balance between Social Versus Medical Services*](#) is a post on the *Health Affairs Blog* by Ben Miller and colleagues about how research has shown a clear link between social factors and health status, with some evidence that spending on these factors is also linked to improved health.

[*Our 2020 Policy Agenda Following a Year of Threats to Health*](#) is a post by Kyle Legleiter on the Colorado Health Foundation's site who reports on the foundation's policy agenda for the year.

[*Trump pushes forward conservative transformation of Medicaid*](#) is a story on *Politico* by Rachel Rouben and Dan Diamond about how a new block grant program, rejected by Congress just three years ago, will face swift resistance from Democrats and expected legal challenges.

[*There Is No "Silver Bullet" for Mental Health: The Problem of the IMD Exclusion*](#) by Ben Miller and Emma Sandoe was listed by *Health Affairs* as one of the five most-read Grant Watch Blog posts of 2019.

[*The Public Option Institute*](#) is an initiative of the Wynne Health Group with support from Arnold Ventures that will document and analyze implementation of the first two public option programs in the country (Washington and Colorado), and recommend best practices. Open enrollment is slated for fall 2022.

[*Rural America's Health Crisis Seizes States' Attention*](#) is a story on the Pew site by Michael Ollove about how big ideas are needed to truly change the trajectory of rural health.



[*Surgeon General Releases First Report Focused on Smoking Cessation in 30 Years*](#) is a story in *CU Anschutz Today* by Dr. Jon Samet, dean of the Colorado School of Public Health and Farley Center partner, who served as an editor of the Surgeon General's recent report, which reviews and updates evidence on the importance of quitting smoking.

[*Spousal Caregivers are Caregiving Alone in the Last Years of Life*](#) is an article in *Health Affairs* by Katherine A. Ornstein and colleagues who analyzed survey data and published this manuscript that highlights the urgency of considering the family unit when planning community-based care for people with serious illness.

[*The Decline in Rural Medical Students: A Growing Gap in Geographic Diversity Threatens the Rural Physician Workforce*](#) is an article in *Health Affairs* by Dr. Scott Shipman and colleagues (another Farley Center partner) about a study about the 15-year decline in the number of rural medical students, culminating in rural students' representing fewer than 5% of all incoming medical students in 2017. The authors call to action policy makers and other stakeholders to recognize the risk to rural access created by this trend.

[*Linking Public Safety and Public Health Data for Firearm Suicide Prevention in Utah*](#) is an article in *Health Affairs* by Catherine Barber and colleagues about a case-study that identified opportunities for firearm suicide prevention. Diverse stakeholders, particularly gun owners, together find common ground on firearm suicide prevention and in using linked data to support and guide their efforts.

[*Translating Knowledge into Action to Prevent Type 2 Diabetes: Medicare Expansion of the National Diabetes Prevention Program Lifestyle Intervention*](#) is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Carlye Burd and colleagues that analyzes factors that supported the translation and national implementation of a lifestyle change intervention to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes in individuals with prediabetes.

[*Life expectancy up for first time in four years, while drug overdose deaths drop by 4%*](#) is a story in *USA Today* by Jayne O'Donnell and colleagues about how lower death rates in heart disease, cancer and accidental deaths caused a slight increase in life expectancy in the United States.

[*How Palliative Care Remade End-of-Life Care at New York Hospitals*](#) is a story by Robert Preidt for *US News* about a study that shows providing palliative care in hospitals led to a 10% reduction in intensive care unit use by dying patients.

[Understanding Communities of Deep Disadvantage](#) is a posting on the *University of Michigan Poverty Solutions* site that discusses a study about what disadvantage looks like in America, and where the nation's most disadvantaged communities are located.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[Legal Partnering for Child and Family Health](#) is an issue brief from the Center for the Study of Social Policy that focuses on the important role that legal interventions can play in accelerating access to concrete support in times of need for families with young children.

[Legal Council Condemns Fifth Circuit Court's Decision in Health Care Repeal Lawsuit](#) is a posting on the Legal Council for Health Justice (30-year organization) site by Dani Hunter about how the council took a stand against the health care repeal act.



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