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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Colorado Primary Care Response: COVID-19](#) contains findings from survey report #4, conducted by SNOCAP and the Practice Innovation Program for the period May 1-11 that highlights the stories of frontline clinicians and their staff in Colorado. Results from the first three surveys can be accessed here as well.

The results from the [Green Center's Series 9](#) Quick COVID-19 survey are now available, n=2,774 clinician respondents. More than 50% report no payments received in the last month of virtual care, 18% report billing denied. For those of you who wish to contribute to this week's survey (due May 18th), you can access the form [here](#).

[The Public Health Crisis Survival Guide: Leadership and Management in Trying Times](#) is a book by Joshua M. Sharfstein, faculty member of the Bloomberg School of Public Health, who writes about surviving and thriving during public health crises with practical advice for recognizing and navigating the same.

[Second Chances: How to Handle a Revision](#) is a seminar by Dr. Christine Hartmann May 18th, 11am-12pm MT who will be presenting a practical, 6-step process to decrease your stress level and increase your likelihood for future success when resubmitting manuscripts.

[Introduction to Mindfulness](#) is part II of a two-part series led by licensed counselor and certified yoga instructor, Mandy Doria to be streamed May 18th, 1PM MT to demonstrate mindfulness techniques.

[Media's Perspective on Mental Health During COVID-19](#) is a Well Being Trust webinar May 27th, 11AM MT. Ben Miller and contributors from the frontlines will discuss how COVID-19's mental health impacts are being covered by the media and what it means for our communities.

[COVID-19: A Unique Threat to Mental Health](#) is a podcast by Drs. Steven Berkowitz and Neill Epperson from the CU Anschutz Department of Psychiatry

in which they discuss the current pandemic compared to other disasters, including the September 11 attacks.

[*Implementing A Successful Telehealth Program*](#) is an ECHO series that begins June 1st. This weekly series that airs at noon MT.

A graphic with a blue background. At the top, there are silhouettes of a diverse group of people in various colors (green, purple, blue, pink). Below the silhouettes, the text "COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION" is written in white, all-caps, sans-serif font.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[*Choices for the “New Normal”*](#) is an opinion piece by Dr. Don Berwick on *JAMA Network* who suggests that we frame the new, post-COVID-19 normal not as predictions, but as a series of choices. And how the pandemic highlights at least 6 properties of care for durable change...tempo, standards, working conditions, proximity, preparedness and equity.

[*Colorado doctors now have plenty of experience battling coronavirus – and they’re getting better at it*](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jesse Paul about how a patient in Arvada may have benefited from new treatment techniques that doctors are using to help COVID-10 patients, as well as a greater well of experience.

[*Practicing Patient Care in an Era of Unknowns*](#) is a story on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus site by Debra Melani who reports on COVID-19 challenges shared by doctors on the front lines, and their creative comebacks.

[*That Discomfort You’re Feeling Is Grief*](#) is an interview in the *Harvard Business Review* by Scott Berinato with David Kessler, the world’s foremost expert on grief, who shares his thoughts on why it’s important to acknowledge the grief you may be feeling at this moment in time, how to manage it, and how he believes we will find meaning in it.

[*Mind the Brain: Mental Health in the Time of COVID-19*](#) is a weekly series featuring faculty experts from the CU Anschutz Department of Psychiatry, this one will be presented by Dr. Patrick Fehling who talks about addressing the needs of the active recovery patient, the sub-threshold drinker, and the non-alcoholic heavy drinker at risk for health consequences as a result of this pandemic.

[*Mystery Inflammatory Syndrome in Kids and Teens Likely Linked to COVID-19*](#) is an NPR story by Maria Godoy who alerts parents to symptoms (persistent high fever over several days and significant abdominal pains with repeated vomiting, after which the child does not feel better) that may be linked to COVID-19.

[*3 Things to Know about Coronavirus and Coloradans*](#) is a post on *In Good Health*, the Colorado Health Foundation’s blog that captures some of the ways that Coloradans are being affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

[*Practicing medicine in Cripple Creek is ‘dream come true’ for this doctor*](#) is a story in *UCHealth Today* by Cary Vogrin about Dr. Robert Reid, the only family doc serving communities in southern Teller County, classified as a medically

underserved area by the U.S. DHHS.



POLICY EFFORTS

[*Reexamining Medicare Payment Reforms in Light of COVID-19*](#) is an article on the *NEJM Catalyst* by Christopher F. Koller and Patrick H. Conway who highlight the need for payment reform in the post-COVID era to include a third standard (beyond cost of care; quality of care) - epidemic mitigation.

[*Will I Need an “Immunity Passport” to Travel?*](#) is a story on *Fodors* that raises the question, “should your health determine where you get to travel?” A consideration in the mix as the world begins to reopen is to have an immunity passport...assurance that a person has become immune to SARS-CoV-2.

[*The Coming Mental-Health Crisis*](#) is a piece in *The Atlantic* by Norm Ornstein, Ben Miller and Kavita Patel who stress how Congress must rethink the American approach to mental-health care during the pandemic and do much more to help providers adapt.

[*Why the U.S. Health Care System Failed the Coronavirus Tests*](#) is a piece on *Foreign Policy* by Prabhjot Singh about how America needs a medical microgrid focused on treating patients where they are. Without locally focused care, doctors will continue to fail those who need them most.

[*Mental Health Care Must Be Essential Part of COVID-19 Response: UN*](#) is a story on *VOA News* by Lisa Schlein about how the UN urged nations to reform, strengthen and invest more money in their mental health care systems, given that psychological trauma will remain after COVID-19 is gone.

[*Act Now to Get Ahead of a Mental Health Crisis, Specialists Advise U.S.*](#) is an NPR story by Yuki Noguchi that references last week’s report by the Well Being Trust and the Robert Graham Center that estimates that the increase in deaths of despair from alcohol, drugs and suicide could increase by 75,000 as a result of COVID-19, if steps are not taken now to mitigate them.

[*Will We Face Depression-Era Job Losses? Let’s Not Find Out*](#) is an opinion piece in *The New York Times* by Angela Glover Blackwell and Darrick Hamilton about how Congress should enact a federal jobs guarantee: a public option for a job with living wages and full benefits on projects that meet long-neglected community needs.



RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[*What COVID-19 Antibody Tests Can and Cannot Tell Us*](#) is an article in *Scientific American* by Stacey McKenna that indicates antibody tests could help scientists understand the extent of COVID-19’s spread, but due to

limitations in testing accuracy and a plethora of unknowns about immunity itself, they are less informative about an individual's past exposure or protection against future infection.

[*Several coronavirus clinical trials, same key questions: 'Is it safe?' 'Does it work?'*](#) is a story in *UCHealth Today* by Todd Neff about how the CU School of Medicine faculty and researchers and UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital folks are working together to bring experimental therapies to patients in quick order.

[*Organization projects 'deaths of despair' to jump due to economic fallout, stress of COVID-19*](#) is a story by Justin Boggs for *The Denver Channel* about a study that looks at the human toll that unemployment and joblessness is having on Americans, concluding that a 1% increase in unemployment causes a 1.3% increase in the national suicide rate.

[*YouTube as a source of information on COVID-19: A pandemic of misinformation?*](#) is an article in *BMJ Global Health* by Heidi Oi-Yee Li and colleagues about a study that showed more than 25% of the most viewed YouTube videos on COVID-19 contained misleading information, reaching millions of viewers worldwide.

[*COVID-10: Notes from the Front Line, Singapore's Primary Health Care Perspective*](#) is an article in the *Ann Fam Med* by Wei Han Lim and Wei Mon Wong who describe the framework for how their primary care clinics in Singapore respond to this pandemic in hopes that others may find solutions to their unique needs.

[*The Impact of Chronic Underfunding on America's Public Health System: Trends, Risks, and Recommendations, 2020*](#) is a post on *Trust for America's Health* site by Rhea Farberman and Brianna Kelley about a report that found a continuing pattern of underfunding of these vital programs, and the urgency for the nation to prepare for increasing public health challenges.

[*75,000 Americans at risk of dying from overdose or suicide due to coronavirus despair, group warns*](#) is a CNN story by Mallory Simon who reports on an analysis and [*an interview CNN's Wolf Blitzer did on The Situation Room with Ben Miller*](#) that call out taking stock of the current crisis, predicting the potential loss of life and deploying local community solutions; it's possible to prevent the impending deaths of despair.



[*Webinar: Tapping into Medicaid financing streams*](#) is presented by the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership & Manatt Health, and provides strategies for medical legal partnerships.

[*The Response*](#) provides strategies for how legal services help the health care system address social needs. And [*MLP in Action: A Utilities Case Study*](#) is an

MLP patients-to-policy story.



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