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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

Mary Krugman, PhD, wife of Dr. Dick Krugman, former dean of the CU School of Medicine and member of the Farley Center Steering Committee, died April 12th. Mary left her mark in impressive ways as former director of nursing, innovation and outcomes. She co-created the concept of graduate nurse residency programs that have been widely adopted as a best practice across the country. She mentored dozens of nursing colleagues over the 23 years in her role and served as interim dean of the CU College of Nursing. Our heartfelt wishes go out to Dr. Krugman and his family at this incredibly sad time.

A memorial tribute to Dr. Stephen Berman will be held at 3:30PM May 1st at the Krugman Conference Hall. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

[Helping Individuals Navigate Recovery, Pregnancy, and Early Parenthood](#) is a story on the University of Colorado College of Nursing site by Bob Mook about a perinatal peer support doula program that offers resources for parents struggling with addiction.

[Newcomer Health](#) is an ECHO series designed to increase medical providers' knowledge of the resettlement and health issues of newcomers, including refugee, immigrant and migrant populations (resettlement pathways, evidence-based screening recommendations, and more common diagnoses and treatment approaches for pediatric and adult populations).

[A Colorado hero died fighting the Nazis. He's finally been recognized back home.](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Kevin Simpson about a special tribute to Major General Maurice Rose (a local WWII hero and for whom Rose Hospital was named) led by Gov. Polis that ended up at the general's statue near the state Capitol. General Rose's granddaughter was in attendance.

[A moment for philanthropy](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller about how our health foundation community can rise to meet the moment.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Colorado's effort to attract more federal broadband funding seems to be working](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Tamara Chuang about how after challenging thousands of incorrect data points on a national map, Colorado stands to gain millions of dollars more in federal funding essential to improve subpar internet service for its rural and urban households in an effort to provide digital equity. This week's broadband summit in Colorado and attended by David Aylward, senior scholar at the Farley Center addressed. Megan Gernert, manager of the Broadband Data Program at the state agency told the participants at the summit that "all 1,500 availability challenges were accepted."

[VIDEO: Minority Health Awareness Month highlights care practices for Hispanic patients](#) is a video in which Dr. Lilia Cervantes, associate professor at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, discusses what physicians may not consider when treating Hispanic patients.

[CU Anschutz is working to curb suicidal thoughts and behavior among teen girls](#) is an NPR story by Michael Lyle about efforts under way to attract more students to the College of Nursing's psychiatric nurse practitioner program as well as an effort to educate parents on how to spot the warning signs in their children.

[Mainstreaming Wastewater Surveillance for Infectious Disease](#) is a perspective piece in the *New England Journal of Medicine* by Michelle M. Mello and colleagues that focuses on community-level surveillance, which involves sampling at wastewater treatment plants that collect sewage from communities ranging from a few hundred to a few million people.

[The Dobbs Decision – Exacerbating U.S. Health Inequity](#) is a perspective piece in the *New England Journal of Medicine* by S. Marie Harvey and colleague about how this decision will perpetuate and exacerbate health inequity, which has a long history in the United States.

[April 13, 2023: 'Black men in white coats' increases diversity in medicine](#) is a CPR story by Chandra Thomas Whitfield is a link to two Colorado Matters' stories about black men in white coats, a national initiative with representation in Colorado as well, designed to increase diversity in medicine.



POLICY EFFORTS

[Bill that would have banned sale of so-called assault weapons in Colorado is rejected, even after attempt to dramatically strip it down](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Elliott Wenzler and Jesse Paul about the failed vote on House Bill 1230 that came after more than 12 hours of testimony and hundreds of witnesses.

[Mixed Signals in Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Well-Being Indicators in the United States: A Call for Improvements to Population Health Monitoring](#) is an essay posted on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Nathaniel Anderson and colleagues that assesses the available information on population-level mental health and well-being for young people in the United States and explores candidate reasons why the social indicators are moving in the opposite direction from the subjective indicators. The authors recommend how health monitoring can be strengthened to better understand what matters to young people, and design appropriate supports for their thriving.

[Colorado School of Public Health delivers comprehensive review on physical and mental effects of high THC concentration cannabis to Colorado Capitol](#) is about a systematic review mandated by HB21-1317.

[What Coloradans need to know about renewing Medicaid as many face losing their coverage](#) is a guide on *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about how to navigate losing Medicaid coverage.

[Ousted Behavioral Health chief cites “lack of support” from governor’s office](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about Dr. Morgan Medlock’s exit as chief of Colorado’s new Behavioral Health Administration, citing conflicts she experienced during her short tenure.

[I’m an ER doctor: Here’s what I found when I asked Chat GPT to diagnose my patients](#) is a story on *Medium* by Dr. Josh Tamayo-Sarver who set out to determine how the program would perform in a real-world medical situation given the news that ChatGPT successfully passed the U.S. Medical Licensing Exam. The results were fascinating but also disturbing.

[Colorado leads states in storing guns outside of the home](#) is a story covered by *Scripps News* by Elizabeth Ruiz about how gun shops, training centers and police stations are places people can store guns outside of their homes to reduce gun violence and suicide attempts. This is an initiative spearheaded by Dr. Emmy Betz, a professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.



[Assessing the Effectiveness of Policies to Improve Access to Primary Care for Underserved Populations, Case Study Analysis: Detroit, MI](#) is a case study, fourth in a series, presented on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Maanasa Kona and colleagues that assesses the effectiveness of various policy initiatives to expand access to primary care in the region (Detroit), particularly for underserved populations.

[How Advances In Artificial Intelligence Improve Health Care](#) is a *9 News* story that includes comments by Dr. Dulcy Wolverton from UCHealth about how researchers are beginning to look at how AI can help in the health world.

[Mental health crisis in Colorado jails, report shows hospitals aren’t complying](#)

[with price transparency law: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW](#) is a post on *Colorado Politics* about how not one of the 32 of the state's largest hospitals' website analyzed by an advocacy group had fully complied with the federal law, according to the nonprofit Patients/RightsAdvocate.org



[Using Legal Services as Part of a Community Strategy to Improve Maternal and Child Health: 2023 Learning Collaborative](#) provides links to a four-part course during which participants considered specific aspects of establishing an MLP that focuses on maternal health and are encouraged to share best practices as well as challenges along the way.

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