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## NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

Exciting news from the Farley Center...

Dr. Stephanie Gold, Farley scholar and associate professor in the CU Department of Family Medicine, has been named a 2023 James C. Puffer American Board of Family Medicine fellow by the [National Academy of Medicine](#), a program designed to enable talented, early-career health science scholars to participate actively in the work of the academy and to further their careers as future leaders of the field. So richly deserved, Stephanie.

Dr. Lauren Hughes, Farley State Policy Director and associate professor in the CU Department of Family Medicine, was appointed this week co-chair of the National Academies [Standing Committee on Primary Care](#). This committee will discuss relevant primary care data and information and will serve as a focal point for discussions on priorities in primary care policy to inform HHS's initiative on primary health care. This committee is in good hands...congratulations, Lauren.

[Climate Change, Mental Health Top Issues as New ColoradoSPH Dean Takes Reins](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* website by Matthew Hastings about the opportunities seen by Dr. Cathy Bradley in raising public health's profile and collaboration across disciplines and institutions.

[Time for Family Medicine to Stop Enabling a Dysfunctional Health Care System](#) is an editorial by Dr. Kurt Stange in *Annals of Family Medicine* that suggests clinicians are burned out by under value and that now is the time to invest in developing primary care that is able to serve as the foundation of an effective, sustainable, and fair health care system.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[In Pueblo, where 60% of high school students report vaping, efforts to curb youth tobacco use are getting creative](#) is a *CPR News* story by Tony Gorman that reports that the conversation about tobacco products,

especially flavored ones like menthol, is not only about nicotine's deadly effects or the impact on local economies. It's about ethics, optics and equity.

[PATHWEIGH integrates weight loss into primary care. Here's what it's all about.](#) is a story in *UCHealth Today* by Todd Neff about a program offered in 66 UCHealth primary care clinics in Colorado and Wyoming designed to help people lose and manage their weight over the long term that is the polar opposite of a fad diet.

[The Hidden Link Between Workaholism and Mental Health](#) is a story in *The Atlantic* by Arthur C. Brooks that suggests long hours on the job can temporarily ease the symptoms of depression and anxiety, but how you're better off leaving the office and facing your feelings head on.



[The Primary Care Centers Roundtable: Translating Research into Impactful Policy](#) is an article in the *Annals of Family Medicine* by Jennifer DeVoe, Lauren Hughes, Deb Cohen and colleagues about a group of primary care research and policy center directors who have been meeting since 2017 to identify ways how we might better bridge research and policy.

[U.S. education chief advocates for more workforce development programs in high schools](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Erica Breunlin about how Miguel Cardona, U.S. Education Secretary, and Gov. Jared Polis headlined a workforce summit at the Community of College of Aurora where educators and employers explored how to better prepare students for in-demand jobs. And how the 2021 NASEM report, "Implementing High-Quality Primary Care: Rebuilding the Foundation of Health Care has accelerated the Roundtable's efforts.

[Judge blocks Colorado age requirements for guns because – wait for it – no one had such a law in 1791](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Mike Littwin who suggests that "our right-wing, Trump-McConnell – delivered Supreme Court has been doing all it can to make passing any beneficial gun laws that much harder."

[End of affirmative action makes it harder for medical schools to fix community health inequities](#) is a *CPR News* story by Paolo Zialcita about how in a world without affirmative action its absence will mostly be felt among the most selective programs in the nation, including medical schools like the University of Colorado Anschutz School of Medicine.



## RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[The Impact of Interpersonal Continuity of Primary Care on Health Care Costs and Use: A Critical Review](#) is a review article by Andrew Bazemore and colleagues in the *Annals of Family Medicine* that summarizes the range of peer-reviewed literature relating continuity to health care costs and use, information critical to assessing the need for continuity measurement in value-based payment design.

[Variation in the Ecology of Medical Care](#) is an article published 20 years ago in the *Annals of Family Medicine* by Larry Green, Farley Center scholar, and colleagues that called out how substantial unexplained variation in the ecology of medical care raises important questions about the equity and the effectiveness of the health care system of the United States. And how this model and its variation can continue to inform and stimulate further examination and assessments of the adequacy and appropriateness of health care for all Americans.

[COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy Left Small Primary Care Practices on the Sidelines](#) is an article in *Health Affairs* by Shiyong Hao and colleagues that reports on the experience of small primary care practices participating in a national clinical registry with COVID-19 vaccines and vaccination data.



## MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[Environmental Scan of Medical-Legal Partnerships in Health Centers](#) is the report that resulted from the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership's and the George Washington University's scan of MLPs operating in Federally Qualified Health Centers and look-alike programs (health centers). It explains how these health centers use the MLP approach to increase their capacity to screen patients for health-related legal needs and close the justice gap for low-income and underserved communities.

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