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[Supporting Those Impacted by Wildfires](#) is a message from Chancellor Don Elliman about resources for those affected by Colorado fires, along with a link for those who wish to make a gift to help those impacted.

[Prioritizing maternal mental health](#) is this week's letter from Ben Miller about why we can't afford to ignore this problem.

[Colorado medical school 1st in US to adopt new training model](#) is a story in the *Becker Hospital Review* by Paige Twenter about how the University of Colorado School of Medicine is adopting a new approach to training doctors. Rather than brief stints in each specialty exclusively its students concurrently train in multiple specialties, which aims to eliminate the fragmentation in clinical experiences.

[Foothills Clerkship Phase](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz School of Medicine* website about a longitudinal clerkship during the second year of medical school that allows students to work with the same preceptor in each specialty all year providing longitudinal teach, mentorship and assessment; and follow a cohort of patients from all specialties that they follow through primary care, subspecialty clinics, inpatient, and emergency settings throughout their year in the program.

[Philip Morris International is coming to Colorado. Let's not rejoice](#) is an opinion piece in *The Colorado Sun* by Dr. Jon Samet who announced how the tobacco company's new facility in Aurora will bring in jobs and tax revenue, but cautions...at what cost to Colorado's health?

[Denver psychiatrist-turned-soldier deploying to help treat service members](#) is a *KDVR* story by Jeremy Hubbard about Dr. Christian Thurstone, director of behavioral health at Denver Health, is deploying to the Middle East in August to help treat the behavioral health of his fellow soldiers.

[Family Engagement Strategies for Early Autism Intervention](#) is a Colorado ECHO series September 11-November 6 on Wednesdays 3:30-4:30PM MTs

geared for those who have communication, social interaction, play and/or behavioral concerns, particularly those demonstrating an autism profile.

[Managing Rheumatic Conditions in Primary Care: Using eConsult Data to Answer Your FAQs](#) is a Colorado ECHO series September 10-October 15 on Tuesdays 12-1PM MT. Topics will include positive ANA tests, gout, fibromyalgia, osteoarthritis, regional musculoskeletal conditions and heritable connective tissue diseases.



[“Where am I going to live?”: Questions for Colorado doctors amid choking smoke and ozone](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Michael Booth about an increasing despair expressed by people due to increasing ozone and particulate alert days as the Front Range climate heats up and wildfires add to the volatile mix. The author talks to Dr. David Beuther, a pulmonologist at National Jewish Health as this situation escalates.

[How to protect yourself from awful smoke and ozone and high temps impact fight against avian flu](#) is a 25-minute podcast during which John Ingold and Michael Booth share tips on how to protect yourself from Colorado awful smoke and ozone, and how high temperatures are also impacting the fight against avian flu in dairy cattle.

[Providers, patients would benefit from hospice telehealth extension, doc offers](#) is a post on the *McKnights Senior Living* website by Rachael Zimlich about how hospice care has benefited from remote care and telehealth since COVID. Dr. Sean Oser, primary care physician and medical director in Colorado, shares his experience in providing hospice care via telehealth.

[Mile High Smog: Understanding Colorado’s Air Pollution](#) is an article on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* website by Matthew Hastings about Colorado’s air pollution, caused by a complex combination of sources, geography and weather patterns.

[Depression is not a normal part of aging. How staying engaged helps older adults remain healthy and avoid loneliness](#) is a story covered by Mary Gay Broderick for *UCHealth Today* about how older adults have some of the lowest levels of mental illness relative to all other adults. The author interviewed Dr. Samantha Farro, director of the integrated behavioral health program at the UCHealth Seniors Clinic.

[A prescription for nature deficit disorder: head outside](#) is a *UCHealth Today* story by Dan England who talks with James Lutz, a licensed professional counselor for UCHealth Greeley Medical Center, who emphasizes the

importance of nature to well-being.



[A Narrative Review of the Development and Outcomes of ABMS Member Board Continuing Certification Programs, 2000-2024](#) is a review published last week by ABMS and tells the story of physician certification from 1916 before presenting the evidence for revising physician certification into its current form as “Continuing Certification.” It is pertinent to more than a million physicians and all patients. The policy issues center on progress in education, technology, and medical knowledge—that require and enable this progressive approach to helping doctors stay current and get help in learning what they need to know to improve their practices and provide evidence-based healthcare.

[A Hexagonal Aim as a Driver of Change for Health Care and Health Insurance Systems](#) is an article from *The Milbank Quarterly* by Pierre-Henri Bréchat and colleagues about the immense challenges faced by countries around the world, and the authors indicate that a 5th and 6th aim are necessary to achieve an improved health system.

[Bipartisan support was high, party-line voting was rare in Colorado’s 2024 legislative session](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Sandra Fish about how only three of the 519 bills that became law lacked Republican support. But no House Democrat voted “yes” for all those bills.

[A Legacy of Cruelty to Sexual and Gender Minority Groups](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Jessica Halem and colleagues that is part of a “recognizing historical injustices in medicine and the journal” series. To protect themselves from further harm, LGBTQ+ people have avoided care at deadly costs.

[From Evidence to Policy – Finding Authoritative Sources of Information on Health](#) is an editorial in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Drs. Eric J. Rubin and Victor J. Dzau about a new series launched by the National Academies of Medicine and the New England Journal of Medicine, which will bring the key information from reports on a range of national and international issues to broad readership to better support science getting turned into healthy policy.



[The Public Health Community Must Stand Up for Greater Resources Devoted to Criminal Justice Research](#) is an opinion piece in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Harold A. Pollack and Eshan Dosani about how incarceration-related research is particularly under-resourced given the high numbers of people imprisoned with some form of SUD. The authors write that those who benefit from generous NIH funding have a special responsibility to ensure such efforts receive proper support.

[CU Researcher Utilizes Qualitative Methods for Improved Health Care](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz ACCORDS* website by Melissa Santorelli about how the ACCORDS qualitative researchers use narrative analysis to understand individuals' social reality to improve health outcomes.



[MLP+ Grant Recipient Toolkit](#) are a set of resources from the DHHS Office of Community Services: An Office of the Administration for Children & Families. [Click here](#) to access their resource library.

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