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[2023-2024 Respiratory Season Vaccine Update is an ECHO session](#) October 6th, 12-1PM MT during which an overview of current vaccine recommendations available for Fall 2023: RSV, COVID-19 and influenza vaccinations for adult and pediatric patient populations will be provided.

[Perinatal Mental Health: An Interdisciplinary Approach](#) is an ECHO series September 15th, 8:30am to 5 pm MT intended to support clinicians who care for pregnant patients in the evaluation and treatment of common mental health conditions and substance use disorders presenting in the perinatal period.

[Were you satisfied with your health care experience?](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller about how this question is tough to answer.

[Program Merges Bioethics and Public Health in Search of Justice](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* site by Kiley Carroll that announces a new CU public health ethics and law program that aims to pave the way to change. Dr. Daniel Goldberg, director of education at the Center for Bioethics and Humanities, director of the Public Health Ethics & Law Program at the Colorado School of Public Health, and director of education for the Farley Health Policy Center launched the new Public Health Ethics & Law Program to better explore the interplay of public health law and ethics as well as opportunities for improving health justice.

The CU Anschutz Medical Campus, Child Health Associate/Physician Assistant Program just welcomed the class of 2026, which included 44 members. This training program is known to be one of the best in the country.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Pfizer's RSV vaccine to protect babies gets greenlight from FDA](#) is an *NPR* story by Sydney Lupkin about a shot that can be given to mothers in their third trimester to protect their newborns from lower respiratory tract disease caused by RSV.

[New vaccines to prevent COV ID-19 are coming this fall. What vaccines should you get, and is it safe to get COVID-19, RSV and flu vaccines at the same time?](#) is a story on *UCHealth Today* by Todd Neff about how these vaccines can be taken at the same time, why they are important, and what's new with vaccinations this fall.

[Inefficiencies in American health care are a real pain. I know.](#) is a story on *The Colorado Sun* by Mario Nicolas who discusses how his attempt to address foot pain has led him down a multiple-month process that highlights how inefficient our health care system remains.



POLICY EFFORTS

[Lori Poland reflects on her 1983 kidnapping, amazing rescue from an outhouse pit and the effect on her life](#) is a story by Kevin Vaughan for *9 News* about her Lori's abduction and its effects on her life. And her good fortune of meeting and collaborating with Dr. Dick Krugman, former CU SOM dean and head of the Kempe Center as well as a Farley Center steering committee member.

[A record 530 people died by firearm suicide in Wisconsin last year. These gun stores hope to change that.](#) is a story on *Stevens Point Journal* by John Diedrich about a powerful grassroots effort among gun shops to safely store guns for people with no questions asked, a movement that has spread to more than 20 states. In Wisconsin, a bill was introduced earlier this year to bolster the gun stores' anti-suicide efforts.

[How Massachusetts Medicaid Is Paying for Primary Care Teams to Take Care of People, Not Doctors to Deliver Services](#) is an article on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site about a five-year demonstration project in which a value-based payment model for primary care providers participating in an accountable care

organization program was launched. The Massachusetts Medicaid agency requires the providers to meet standards for access and team-based, integrated care, while providing more flexibility in the delivery of care.

[Two years after Colorado banned legacy admissions, the state's public colleges and universities say the only real change is perception](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Elliott Wenzler that indicates “that shift may be encouraging more first-generation students to apply.”

[Turning CMS into a Health Technology Assessment Organization](#) is a perspective piece by Drs. Peter J. Neumann and Sean R. Tunis published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* about how CMS (previously HCFA) has evolved from paying for care delivered largely by privately run physician practices and hospitals and not meddling in the practice of medicine to now reflecting the fact that the agency not only pays claims but is also now committed to improving services. With advances and changes, CMS faces many challenges, perhaps foremost among them navigating a political landscape fraught with questions about government intrusion into the practice of medicine and long-standing concerns about barriers to innovation and “rationing” of health care.



[Colorado health experts say return to some physical activity soon after concussion helps recovery](#) is a *CBS News* story by Gabriela Vidal about a new study in the *British Journal Sports Medicine* that reports on strong evidence to support doing physical and mental activity sooner after receiving a concussion may actually help a person recover quicker.

[As the mental health crisis in children and teens worsens, the dire shortage of mental health providers is preventing young people from getting the help they need](#) is a post on *The Conversation* by Dr. Steven Berkowitz, professor of psychiatry, CU Anschutz Medical Campus, that cites study data indicating how young people are increasingly stressed and traumatized needing earlier intervention, yet there is a drastic shortage of child and adolescent psychiatrists and other providers.

[What could make water on farms more efficient? Artificial intelligence, according to one researcher.](#) is a post in *The*

Colorado Sun by Shannon Mullane about how Perry Cabot, an extension professor at Colorado State University, was quoted as saying, “This is the data-mining year. This is the year I’m looking for the nuggets.”

[A big takeaway from Colorado school testing data: Boys are recovering faster from COVID than girls](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Erica Breunlin about how scores on state standardized tests given in spring reflect a mix of students gaining ground and still struggling coming out of the pandemic



[The National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership and Association of Clinicians for the Underserved Launch New Partnership to Increase Access to Justice and Health Equity](#) is a post on the *National Center for Medical Legal Partnerships* site about a new partnership that aims to improve health equity, increase access to justice, and strengthen the health care workforce.

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