



FRIDAY'S FEATURES

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[When evidence met innovation](#) is this week's letter from Ben Miller about "a love story in two parts." Sometimes common sense and diverse forms of evidence can offer more practical insights than strictly controlled studies.

[CU's School of Medicine in Aurora is getting a new dean, and he wants his staff to disagree with him](#) is a *CPR News* story by Elaine Tassy about Dean John Sampson's preferred style of operating.

[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.



[A Denver pediatrician helped make some of the biggest pandemic vaccine decisions. Here's what he thinks now.](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and whether and how vaccines should be given. Dr. Matthew Daley weighs in.

[How the restaurant drama 'The Bear' mirrors working in a hospital](#) is an opinion piece on *Stat News* by Abraham Nussbaum who believes the "accurate

portrayal of the demands of a restaurant kitchen” in the television series, *The Bear*, can also be seen as a characterization of work in a hospital, in which physicians are simultaneously gaining remarkable skills and enduring career-altering abuse.



[Proponents of 8 proposed Colorado ballot measures fail to turn in signatures by Monday’s deadline](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jesse Paul about the measures that won’t make it on this fall’s ballot.

[Rural eConsult Program Expected to Grow with New Federal Funds](#) is a story on the *CU Anschutz School of Medicine* website by Kara Mason about a \$403,000 appropriation secured by Rep. Jason Crow that will expand crucial specialty medical care to health centers across rural Colorado.

[Policy Recommendations for Coordinated and Sustainable Growth of the Behavioral Health Workforce](#) is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Briana S. Last and Erika L. Crable about policy opportunities to sustain behavioral health workforce growth to meet demand while supporting fair wages, labor protections, and rigorous training.

[Larimer County’s mental health center lays off 75 people, blames rise in uninsured and Medicaid reform](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about how three of Colorado’s community mental health centers have laid off employees this summer causing a gap in care for some of the most vulnerable patients and increasing concerns about how far the fallout will spread after a seismic shift in Medicaid funding.

[Policy Recommendations for Coordinated and Sustainable Growth of the Behavioral Health Workforce](#) is an article on *The Milbank Quarterly* by Briana S. Last and Erika L. Crable about how a historic shortage of around 250,000 licensed providers is expected by 2025, which means that fewer than half of individuals in need of treatment can access care.



[Births in metro Denver are falling faster than much of the country. Here’s what it means for the future.](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Erica Breunlin about how CDC data shows the number of babies born dropped 6.3% from 2021 to

2022 and what that means for school systems.

[Long COVID Defined](#) is an article in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. E., Wesley Ely, Lisa M. Brown, MPH and Dr. Harvey V. Fineberg for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Committee on Examining the Working Definition for Long COVID. This article is about the process, definition given limitations of existing knowledge, terminology development, and comparisons with other definitions. The hope is that this definition will facilitate communication among patients, such as those described.

[Case 24 – 2024: A 30-Year-Old Woman with Postpartum Anxiety and Intrusive Thoughts](#) is a case study in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Samantha Meltzer-Brody and colleagues about a patient diagnosed with obsessive-compulsive disorder with onset in the postpartum period.

[State-Level Education Quality and Trajectories of Cognitive Function by Race and Educational Attainment](#) is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Katrina M. Walsemann and colleagues that reported findings from a study indicating that residing in states with higher-resourced education systems during childhood was associated with better cognitive function.

[Military Health Research Reveals Potential Pathway to Reducing Youth Suicide](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Department of Emergency Medicine* website by Kara Mason about new data analysis that finds military-connected youth who have reported suicidal ideation and suicide plans are less likely to report carrying firearms than their civilian peers.



[Integrating Legal Services into North Carolina's Medicaid Waiver: Case Study](#) is a post on the *National Center for Medical Legal Partnership* website by Kate Marple about the growing interest in utilizing Medicaid funds to facilitate legal aid, especially when provided through medical-legal partnership.

[Introduction to Performance Measurement & Evaluation for Health Center Medical-Legal Partnerships](#) is a webinar August 29, 11M-12PM MT that will feature tools designed to strengthen the sustainability and impact of medical-legal partnerships, positioning the approach as a key strategy for healthcare delivery system transformation and population health improvement.

[Can Medical-Legal Partnerships Do More to Advance Reproductive Justice After *Dobbs*?](#) is an article in the *AMA Journal of Ethics* by Medha Devanagondi Makhoulouf and Natasha Rappazzo that describes the distinct advantages of

MLPs for reproductive justice (RJ) advocacy and argues that intentionally adopting RJ practices can help MLPs better their clients' needs.

[What Are Epidemiological Foundations for Integrating Legal Services into Health Care Settings?](#) is an article in the *AMA Journal of Ethics* by Adrienne W. Henize, MD and Andrew F. Beck, MD, MPH that considers medical and public health ethical frame works to guide protected information sharing, promote optimal service delivery, and achieve the best possible medical-legal outcomes.

[Why MLP Legal Care Should Be Financed as Health Care](#) is a forum summary in the *AMA Journal of Ethics* by William M. Sage and Keegan D. Warren about how expanding the impact of MLPs requires secure funding, and how policy makers should accept MLP services a form of clinical care and fund them accordingly.

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