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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[I Have Just Months to Live. Instead of Making A Bucket List, Here's What I'm Doing Before I Go.](#) is a beautiful and heartfelt story (published by HuffPost) by our dear friend and colleague, Dr. David Meyer, family physician and health policy researcher in Washington D.C. living with terminal cancer.

The CU School of Medicine's Rural Program is led by Dr. Mark Deutchman, faculty member in the department of family medicine. Included is a [YouTube video](#) about this extraordinary training program for next generation rural physicians. [Check out this story](#) on the University of Colorado website that discusses this hands-on program further.

The third Annual CSTAHR Greg White Lecture will feature Dr. Tanjala S. Purnell, epidemiologist and health services researcher from Johns Hopkins University, who will present - [Sick and Tired: Galvanizing Multi-Stakeholder Efforts to Address Structural Racism and Persistent Health Disparities](#) during which she will describe existing gaps and highlight innovative interventions that help address them, focusing on the power of multi-stakeholder engagement.

Patients4PrimaryCare (P4PC) is a community of patient activists who are passionate about the value of primary care. Because of the worsening clinician shortage and underinvestment in primary care for decades, this crisis has led to the worst health outcomes of all high-income nations. Maret Felzien, our good friend and colleague, and Dr. Lauren Hughes, the Farley Center's state policy director, are working with others to envision a nation made healthier through high-quality primary care for all. [Please check out some poignant personal stories](#) about how much people rely on primary care, the value it brings them, and their concerns going forward.

[Past the Pandemic: Coping in COVID](#) is an interactive ECHO Colorado series from January 19th through February 23rd designed to offer strategies to name,

normalize, and validate worries and experiences during this pandemic and beyond.

[A few highlights](#) is Ben Miller's newsletter (12/22) in which he reviews progress from 2022 and encourages us to keep pushing for more.



[Colorado is spending unprecedented money on homelessness. How long will it take to see results?](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about how two expert panels – one made up of housing officials and the other of people who are homelessness – discuss future plans.

[You are More than Data \(Chicago Life Version\)](#) is a blog post by Dr. Marc Ringel who suggests that the whole process of EMR development needs to be refocused on meeting the real needs of people on both sides of healthcare's frontlines.

[Engineering for Grief](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Mark Earnest, a friend and colleague at the University of Colorado, in which Mark shares how his father processed grief and continued on.

[CDPHE partners with the Colorado School of Public Health to create gun violence prevention resource bank](#) is a post on the *Colorado School of Public Health* website about how the CDPHE's Office of Gun Violence Prevention is partnering with researchers from the Injury and Violence Prevention Center in the Colorado School of Public Health to create and maintain a resource bank of regularly updated and accurate materials regarding gun violence in Colorado.



[U.S. Health Insurance Coverage and Financing](#) is a perspective piece in *the New England Journal of Medicine* by Sabrina Corlette and Christine H. Monahan who write that no one would purposefully design the health insurance system we have...it is a system built on happenstance, unintended consequences, and gap filling.

[Philadelphia Board of Health vacancy should be filled by mental health expert](#) is an opinion piece in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* by Kate Fox about how the author believes adding someone trained in mental illness and addiction to the board would be an important step to tackle the complex public health challenges faced by Philadelphia.

[Apple, Fitbit should use all that data they collect from you to protect public health](#) is an opinion piece in *USA Today* by Douglas Yeung in which he suggests that digital health products stand to benefit a far greater swath of society, even those who aren't wearing wearable apps.

[Florida's mental health care system is a 'mess.' Group will pitch reforms.](#) is a story in the *Tampa Bay Times* by Sam Ogozalek about how the Parkland grand jury found "funding, leadership and services" to be lacking and reported that recommendations are expected soon.

[If You Can't Afford the Cost of Therapy, It's Not Your Fault](#) is a story on *CNET* by Iris Kim about how low-cost clinics, online apps and support groups make mental health treatment more accessible and affordable.



[U.S. life expectancy falls for second straight year as drug overdose and COVID deaths take toll](#) is a post on *Stat News* by Ambar Castillo about how new data from the CDC indicate that the age-adjusted death rate for COVID rose by 22.5% between 2020 and 2021, while death rates from unintentional injuries – one-third of which come from overdoses – rose by 12.3%.

[Community Initiated Care: A blue print for the practical realization of contextual behavioral science](#) is an article on *Science Direct* by Ben Miller and colleagues that discusses how racial inequities and categorical diagnoses limit current programs, and how this program builds on trusted relationships that includes the promotion of social connection as a core component.



[Promising Training Practices to Meet the Needs of Providers & Patients](#) is the third of a four-part webinar series designed to disseminate the Health Center MLP Toolkit providing information and resources on how to start, strengthen, and sustain an MLP.



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