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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Temperatures Rising, Inside and Out](#) is the title of Ben Miller's newsletter this week in which he writes how our mental health is being affected by climate change.

[The Dreyfus Affair: A Lesson for Our Time](#) is a hybrid event February 7th noon to 1PM MT at the Fulginiti Pavilion on the Anschutz Medical Campus sponsored by the Center for Bioethics and Humanities. This presentation about a French Jewish army captain falsely accused of providing military secrets to Germany is grave warning about the consequences of racism and antisemitism.

[NEJM Evidence](#) is a new digital journal from NEJM Group that presents innovative original research and fresh, bold ideas in clinical trial design and clinical decision-making.

[Governor Polis Announces Dr. Morgan Medlock as Behavioral Health Commissioner](#) is a presser about Gov. Polis's new cabinet appointment, part of his administration's transformational changes related to behavioral health in Colorado.

[MPH grad takes on timely issues with inaugural public health fellowship](#) is a story about Justice Onwordi, among the first group of young professionals selected for the national Public Health Fellows Programs, jointly sponsored by American Public Health Association and Kaiser Permanente.

[Casa Bonita Names Dana Rodriguez as New Executive Chef](#) is a story about the reprisal of Casa Bonita, a longtime, local gem, recently purchased by South Park creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone who say they will "change nothing and improve everything," which is music to the ears of locals.

['SNL' comics Pete Davidson, Colin Jost plan to turn Staten Island Ferry into](#)

[NYC's hottest club](#) is a story on *Oregon Live* about how the comics and comedy club owner, Paul Italia, are turning the iconic ferry into a comedy club. How fun!

[Looking Inequity in the Eye with Dr. Carey Candrian](#) is a story in *Westword* by Cleo Mirza about Dr. Candrian's photography work that showcases intimate portraits of nearly three dozen LGBTQ women aged 59 to 85 years on display at Fulginiti Pavilion at the Anschutz Medical Campus.



[The Omicron's Variant Is Impacting Young People's Mental Health](#) is a story by Fortesa Latifi for *Teen Vogue* who writes about how COVID has changed the lives of so many kids and what lies ahead.

[Amid pandemic, experts say addressing children's mental health is key](#) is a story by Maya Rodriguez for WPTV that discusses the instability within the nation's school districts, including temporary closures, and the impact on our children.

[How to help a stranger on the street in a mental health crisis](#) is a story in the *LA Times* by Faith E. Pinho who talks with experts who give advice about how to recognize a stranger in mental distress and how to help without adding harm.

[Colorado wants more mental health providers for Medicaid patients. But getting approved can take months](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown that reports how therapists, psychologists and others complain they must wait months to get approval to take Medicaid patients at a time when Colorado is trying to increase the number of providers who serve needy patients.

[Coffee shop helps Chicagoans get therapy free of cost](#) is a story by Sean Lewis for *WGN9* about a community innovation that strives to meet the mental health needs of people.



[Reengineering GME in a Pandemic – Looking Back, and Forward](#) is an opinion piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Debra F. Weinstein in which she calls out the pandemic's key effects on GME and her recommendations for moving forward.

[Four ways lawmakers want to improve Washington's mental health system](#) is a story in the *Seattle Times* by Hannah Furfaro and Esmey Jimenez who write that Gov. Inslee is proposing a \$4.2 billion in new spending to address gaps in a

mental and behavioral health care system that has historically resided alongside the traditional medical system.

[The Intersection of 911 and 988: Decriminalizing Mental Health Crises](#) is a post on *The Health Care Blog* by Ben Wheatley who writes about how 15 prominent organizations, including NAMI and Well Being Trust, took a consensus approach to imagine and make happen a new emergency phone system intended to ensure that every person experiencing a mental health crisis will receive a mental health response, not handcuffs.

[A mental health hold can help Coloradans in crisis. But for many who are seriously ill, that's where the help stops.](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Thy Vo that addresses how mental health advocates want to overhaul the state law for 72-hour involuntary holds. But helping people with serious mental illness will require a lot more than that.



Two new reports showing the distribution of what physician assistants are doing in the health professions workforce, most of which is in specialty, not primary care areas: [2020 Specialty Supplement Report on Secondary Specialty](#) and [2020 Statistical Profile of Certified Physician Assistants by Specialty](#).

[Colorado Universal Preschool Recommendations](#) is a report that is the culmination of intensive work by stakeholders across the state of Colorado, including the Early Childhood Leadership Commission, the Transition Advisory Group, the TAG subgroups, the Transition Working Group, and participants of listening sessions, town halls and other engagement events. The vision is for an infrastructure investment that aims to create a system to support Colorado's families for generations to come. Read the [news brief here](#).

[The Mental Health Toll of Trump-Era Politics](#) is an opinion piece in *The New York Times* by Michelle Goldberg who discusses how the state of politics keeps her up at night, and sites a study from Kevin B. Smith, chair of the political science department at the University of Nebraska, that suggests the universe of people who find our politics a torment might be much larger than the author realized.

[Strengthening Patient-Centered Addiction and Mental Health Care in the United States](#) is a story in *Health Affairs* by Ben Miller and colleagues that discusses a toolkit (created by Mannat Health, ASAM, and Well Being Trust) dedicated to the SUD crises; CDC study results since the toolkit's publication that indicate that drug overdose deaths exceeded 100,000 in a single year in the United States; gaps in addiction care; and strategies for improvement in care.

[What types of mental health apps actually work? A sweeping new analysis finds the data is sparse](#) is an article posted on *Stat News* by Mario Aguilar about a meta-review that examined 14 meta-analyses that focused specifically

on randomized control trials for mental health interventions, and found universal shortcomings in study design.

[The Association between School Closures and Child Mental Health during COVID-19](#) reports the findings of a survey on *JAMA Network* by Dr. Matt Hawrilenko and colleagues that suggests that older and Black and Hispanic children as well as children from families with lower income who attend school remotely may experience disproportionate mental health difficulties.



[Medical-Legal Partnerships: A Legal Prescription for Improving Health](#) is a post on the University of Houston site by Chris Stipes who writes about a lunch and learn series that examined a growing health care innovation.

[Health Center-Based Medical-Legal Partnerships](#) is a report on the National Center for Medical Legal Partnership site by Alanna Williamson and colleagues about how these partnerships have the potential to resolve some of the most intractable social problems faced by our nation's vulnerable and underserved patients.



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