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Dr. Frank deGruy, *Distinguished Professor of Family Medicine*, and Farley Center senior scholar, was celebrated last week for his latest honor (distinguished professorship). Frank has concentrated on transforming primary care by integrating behavioral health care, partnering with community health and public health resources, and engaging patients and their families in the care process.

[Freeman Appointed to HRSA Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry](#) is a post on the *CU Department of Pediatrics* website about a new appointment for Farley Center faculty member, Dr. Brandi Freeman. She will play a vital role in providing valuable insights and recommendations on training in primary care medicine.

[Children's Hospital Colorado opens first Spanish-speaking surgery clinic](#) is a post in the *Longmont Leader* by Macie May about how two in-person consultation days will be offered at Children's Hospital Colorado and the north campus location in Broomfield each month.

[Trauma Informed and Preventive Care for Newcomer Women](#) is an ECHO webinar March 26, 9AM MT geared for medical clinicians who provide care or who want to learn more about providing care for newcomers, including refugees, immigrants and migrants.

[Improving Your Communication Will Improve Your Practice, Your Research, Your Teaching, \(and sometimes even\) Your Life](#) is a hybrid Levitt Distinguished Speaker presentation by Dr Susan McDaniel, Dr. Laurie Sands Distinguished Professor Families & Health at the University of Rochester Medical Center, April 10, 12-1:30PM MT on the Anschutz Medical Campus. This presentation will center on the complex skills involved in effective communication as a foundation of medical practice, education, and research.

[Rage bait](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller about the dangers of emotionally charged online content.

[Community Engagement Forum](#) is a hybrid event April 26, 11AM to 1PM MT

that provides the opportunity to learn about the application of CBPR principles to advance health equity with communities. It is co-sponsored by ACCORDS and the Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute.



[Leaving Colorado foster care is a fraught time for young adults](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* about how 200 kids age out of foster care in Colorado annually, and how a lack of support puts them at risk for costly outcomes such as incarceration and homelessness.

[Alzheimer's Disease – Managing Stages of Dementia](#) is an opinion piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* (video) by Dr. Nathaniel A. Chin and colleagues that defines the stages of dementia and the effect of each stage of the disease, including available medications and potential side effects. This piece also emphasizes the importance of advance care planning for persons with mild cognitive impairment and providing support to care partners.

[Physicians, Spirituality, and Compassionate Patient Care](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Daniel P. Sulmasy about how illness raises questions beyond science...questions of a transcendent nature...mind, body and soul are inseparable.

[What I Do Not Tell the Medical Student](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Erica Andrist about “the illusion that sustains us by promising, even untruthfully, that someday such fearless mastery will be ours. Perhaps our patients also, at least sometimes, need to believe in this illusion.”

[Nourishing communities: Mobile nurses help people choose healthier options in southern Colorado grocery stores](#) is a post on *UCHealth Today* by Todd Seip about how nurses in southern Colorado aim to make people healthier by providing information and education about healthy eating and shopping.

[Aurora school teams up with experts at Anschutz Medical Campus to foster future medical careers and better understanding of the brain](#) on *UCHealth Today* by Mary Gay Broderick about the innovative program, Aurora Science & Tech, located on the Anschutz Medical Campus. Nearly 800 students in grades 6-10 participate in this program where science, technology, engineering and math take center stage.

[Expanding Services for Expectant Mothers](#) is a story on the *CU Anschutz College of Nursing* website by Molly Smerika about a project that focuses on treating mental health by boosting support and resources. The program also

implements several new processes at the CU Center for Midwifery in Longmont to improve the clinic's ability to identify patients in need of mental health services through referrals, as well as ensuring proper follow-up care.



[Bill banning purchase, sale and transfer of so-called assault weapons in Colorado clears its first hurdle](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Jesse Paul about a bill that has made it out of the House Judiciary Committee this week. A similar measure was rejected in its committee hearing in the Colorado legislature last year.

[A Western Slope program is helping older Coloradans maintain independence](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Nancy Lofholm about a national program, PACE, which gives Medicaid-eligible seniors an alternative to nursing homes.

[The Ad Council, Coalition of Health Systems and Hospitals Tackle America's Most Urgent Public Health Crisis: Gun Violence](#) is an article on the *Ad Council* site about how health care CEOs pledge \$10 million toward nationwide public awareness and education campaign aimed at reducing firearm deaths, injuries and impact of gun violence on youth in America.

[The Pitfalls of Ascribing Moral Agency to Corporations: Public Obligation and Political and Social Contexts in the Commercial Determinants of Health](#) is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Eduardo J. Gómez and colleagues that encourages the following policy points: 1) government and civil society should be held more accountable for creating food and beverage regulatory policies rather than assigning moral agency to the food and beverage industry, 2) nutrition policymaking institutions should ensure civil society's ability to design regulatory policy, and 3) government policymaking institutions should be isolated from industry interference.



[A New Standard for Categorizing and Collecting Non-Claims Payment Data](#) is a blog post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Vishaal Pegany and colleagues that describes a new approach developed by the California Department of Health Care Access, an attempt to grapple with and understand total health care spending.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[Learning Collaborative: MLP as a Community Health Strategy to Improve Maternal Health Access and Outcomes](#) is a webinar April 2, 11-12:30PM MT designed to equip participants with an increased understanding of how social drivers impact maternal health and how to use MLPs to improve maternal health outcomes for patients and communities.

[Partnering with Legal Services Providers to Enhance Behavioral Healthcare Access and Outcomes](#) is a webinar April 10, 11AM MT that aims to equip staff from health centers, civil legal services, and behavioral health disciplines with strategies to enhance behavioral health access and outcomes through the integration of legal services.

[Law Clinic Students Use Legal Skills to Support Seniors' Health](#) is an article on *UC Law San Francisco* that highlights student intervention to help an elderly man retain his vital in-home care visits. Beyond legal assistance, the students provide companionship and support, addressing seniors' social isolation.

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