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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[*Black Man in a White Coat: A Doctor's Reflections on Race and Medicine*](#) is part of a year-long lecture series co-sponsored by the Center for Bioethics and Humanities and the Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education to explore how racism directly and indirectly impacts health and health care in the United States. Dr. Damon Tweedy and author of the book by the same name is the speaker October 19th at noon MT.

[*The U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services*](#) awarded Denver Health \$3 million to demonstrate how a regional disaster health response system can improve medical surge and clinical specialty capabilities. This is the third pilot site identified to demonstrate better approaches to disaster medical care. These awards are intended to build multi-state partnerships to deal with health security threats and to ensure medical surge capacity. Previous agreements were with Omaha and Boston.

[*Communicating & Activating Solutions for Mental Health*](#) is an event October 12th at 2pm MT sponsored by the Well Being Trust where experts, including Dr. Ben Miller, from media and advocacy who will discuss the latest research and messaging insights on the role mental health plays in the public and private lives of Americans. Results from a recent study about attitudes on mental health, accessing treatment, and support for government action will be shared.

[*The Big Event for Mental Health*](#) will be a live streamed event October 10th at 8AM MT hosted by the World Health Organization and will last approximately three hours. This is an opportunity to learn how WHO is working to improve the mental health of people in countries around the world, to hear from international leaders as to why they are making mental health a priority, to hear why artists have become advocates, and to hear critically acclaimed musicians perform their most popular music.

[*Hard Call: What Would You Do?*](#) is a one of a kind podcast series presenting

the human stories behind the tough decision we're forced to make about our health created for all, hosted by Dr. Matt Wynia, director of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities.

[*Whose Black Lives Matter? The Political Influence of Racial Appeals on Instagram*](#) is a social justice teach-in. Dr. Chaya Crowder explores the ways in which posts of protest images on Instagram shape public opinion, a CU Diversity, Equity & Inclusion event October 16th 11am-1pm MT. Register by day's end.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[*Students Roll Up their Sleeves \(and Others'\) to Prep for COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign*](#) is a story on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus site by Debra Melani about how the CU pharmacy school answers pandemic's rising demand for vaccinators by prioritizing training, volunteering.

[*No Hugs: How the COVID-19 Pandemic Has Impacted Palliative, Hospice Care*](#) is a story on *Healthline* by Moira McCarthy about how a lack of personal connections is having an ill effect on people in long-term care facilities.

[*UCHealth celebrates release of 2,000th COVID patient*](#) is a story by Deborah Takahara for *2 News* about the tremendous changes that have occurred over the past six months in how hospital staff have cared for patients with COVID infection. They have participated in 38 clinical trials of different ways to treat this virus resulting in better outcomes.

[*Ten Tips for Dismantling Racism: A Roadmap for Ensuring Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion across the Academic Continuum*](#) is an article on the *Society of General Internal Medicine Forum* by Dr. Memoona Hasnain and colleagues who call to action academic healthcare institutions to raise their voices and take concrete, comprehensive action to dismantle racism and truly embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion at all levels. They organize their recommendations in three stages and 10 steps.



POLICY EFFORTS

[*Reimagining Public Health in the Aftermath of a Pandemic*](#) is an essay in the *American Journal of Public Health* by Dr. Jon Samet and colleagues who discuss the fallout of the pandemic and raise the question of how we turn the increased attention to public health and epidemiology into sustained actions that will enhance public health and improve health and equity.

[*Diversity emerges as key challenge for coronavirus drug trials*](#) is a story in *The Hill* by Reid Wilson about how the attempt to include people from Black and

Hispanic communities in vaccine trials is running up against rumors and misinformation in minority communities in places like Seattle and New York City, where mistrust remains deeply rooted.

[*Confusion about Trump's COVID-19 infection fits a long pattern of skimpy details about presidential health*](#) is a story in the *Boston Globe* by David Abel about how the president may have been diagnosed earlier, in worse condition than aides had let on so far.

[*In a First, New England Journal of Medicine Joins Never-Trumpers*](#) is a story in *The New York Times* by Gina Kolata about how the editors in the world's leading medical journal said the Trump administration "took a crisis and turned it into a tragedy," the first time the journal has expressed a partisan view. [*Dying in a Leadership Vacuum*](#) is that editorial in *NEJM* by the journal editors referenced above.

[*Healing Our Nation: State-Based Solutions for Connecting People to Mental Health Care and Addiction Recovery Services*](#) is a post on the *United States of Care* site that stresses how states should develop policies that improve all five major entry points through which people access mental health and addiction recovery care: 1) the health care system, 2) the education system, 3) the justice system, 4) the workplace, and 5) communities.

[*Mental Illnesses May Soon Be the Most Common Pre-Existing Conditions*](#) is an article on the *Kaiser Family Foundation* site by Cynthia Cox about how if the ACA is overturned, mental illness could become one of the most common pre-existing conditions.

[*Trump's Claim He 'Saved' Preexisting Conditions Part Fantasy, Part Delusion'*](#) is a story by Shefali Luthra on the *Kaiser Health News* site about how Trump repeatedly seeks to align himself with saving the ACA element, that of protecting people with pre-existing conditions; yet all he does is the opposite of that.

[*When Reimagining Systems of Safety, Take a Closer Look at the Child Welfare System*](#) is a post on the *Health Affairs Blog* by Sarah E. Wakeman and colleagues who encourage us to broaden our lens and critically appraise not just police but also other systems that may similarly criminalize Blackness and poverty. They argue that the child welfare system is one such system that requires honest reflection and reform.



[*CU Anschutz Announces Unique Technology to Rapidly Screen New Drugs, Therapies*](#) is a story on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus site by Julia Milzer about a new technology made possible by a gift from the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences that can cut the screening time for new drug therapies by half.

[*Alarming Data Show a Third Wave of COVID-19 Is about to Hit the U.S.*](#) is a

story on Time.com by Chris Wilson and Jeffrey Kluger who write about clear signs of a third resurgence bearing a close resemblance to what we saw in early June. Dr. Jon Samet is quoted as saying, “A single and coordinated strategy might have brought us to a different place.”

[*Regeneron antibody cocktail used in clinical trials to fight COVID-19 at UCHHealth*](#) is a story by Ryan Haarer for *9 News*, which found evidence (n=275) that there was some potential benefit for people with COVID-19 illness, particularly for those who had not yet developed their own natural antibody response.

[*Gun Deaths in Young People: A Poverty Thing?*](#) is a story on *Med Page Today* by Elizabeth Hlavinka about studies that show that firearm deaths in children and young adults were vastly more common in the poorest versus richest U.S. counties.

[*How Do COVID-19's Annual Deaths and Mortality Rate Compare to the Flu's?*](#) is a story on *Good Rx* by Dr. Mandy Armitage several weeks ago about how such a comparison may not be an apples to apples comparison given that they are caused by different kinds of viruses, and deaths are not counted in the same way.

[*This chart shows just how much COVID-19 has affected mental health in America*](#) is a story on the *World Economic Forum* site by Katie Jones who reports on data collected by the National Pandemic Emotional Impact Report that looks at the impact of coronavirus on mental health in America.

[*Mental health: time to invest in quality*](#) is an editorial in *The Lancet* about how it's past time to invest in thought, time, and a commitment to change. There is an ethical imperative for investment, both to redress historic wrongs done to vulnerable communities and to right current inequities.

[*Active Minds' Student Mental Health Survey – Active Minds*](#) provides survey data that shows 89% of college students surveyed are experiencing stress or anxiety as a result of COVID-19, with one in four students reporting that their depression has significantly increased since March.



[*Toolkit: A planning, implementation, and practice guide for building and sustaining a health center-based MLP*](#) is a toolkit written by folks at the National Center for Medical Legal Partnership specifically for the health center community but much of the guidance and resources will be applicable to teams in other health care settings.

[*Pregnancy and Pesticides: A Study as Old as its Subjects Reveals Health Concerns*](#) is a story on KALW San Francisco by Angela Johnston about a study of pesticide exposure, the first and longest of its kind. Links were found between exposure and respiratory illness, developmental disorders, and attention problems like ADHD.



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