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['I figured I was dying': Innovative heart pump gives Colorado man new life](#)

In 2011, doctors put a Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD) in Cliff Phillips' chest....**Larry Allen**, Cardiologist at UHealth University of Colorado [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], explained that UHealth is the only hospital in Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming providing heart transplantation and artificial heart devices.

9News, Aug. 22, 2019



[Researchers Examine Altitude's Role In Depression And Suicide](#)

Emmy Betz is an emergency physician and researcher at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. She also just wrapped up a stint on the Colorado Suicide Prevention Commission. She says it's really important to look at other factors. **BETZ:** Things like access to firearms, access to behavioral health care, the sort of potential stigma in the society around asking for help.

NPR, Aug. 19, 2019



[Why do women get statins less frequently than men?](#)

"If you can better understand reasons behind sex differences in care, you can target those issues to help decrease the sex differences in the future," said **Prateeti Khazanie**, an assistant professor of cardiology at the CU School of Medicine.

Medical Xpress, Aug. 19, 2019



[UHealth expert talks plague after outbreak in prairie dogs in Commerce City](#)

Michelle Barron, director of infection prevention at UHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], was asked whether it makes sense to ban camping on the grounds near Dick's Sporting Goods Park for the Labor Day weekend Phish concerts. "The way you get plague, or get infected with plague, is you get bitten by fleas and if you're camping, you're going to be sitting in the grass or are in the areas where the fleas are potentially going to be."

9News, Aug. 21, 2019



[Why European Restaurants Are Much More Vigilant About Food Allergies](#)

That points to a difference between Europe and the U.S., says **Carina Venter**, an allergy specialist at the CU School of Medicine. "I don't think the European system is necessarily flawless," Venter says, "but it would be good if, in America, we could go toward a more European way, where it is mandated to provide more information."

NPR, Aug. 19, 2019



[So, Let's Talk About That Whole Fertility and Age 35 Thing](#)

"Declining fertility around the age of 35 is not just guesswork," **Joshua Johnson**, assistant professor in the division of reproductive sciences at University of Colorado, tells SELF.

Self, Aug. 22, 2019



[Thousands of veterans fear "burn pits" exposed them to lethal disease](#)

Occupational medicine doctor and pulmonologist **Cecile Rose** [professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] is the principal investigator of a five-year lung study funded by the Department of Defense. "I think our study is really designed to understand what the spectrum of lung diseases are that can occur following these inhalational hazardous exposures," she said.

CBS This Morning, Aug. 17, 2019



[Helping kids deal with back to school anxiety](#)

It can be a tough time for some kids as summer ends and the new school year starts. **Jessica Malmberg**, a child and adolescent psychologist at Children's Hospital Colorado, joined us to talk about what parents need to watch out for.

9News, Aug. 9, 2019



[360 Perspective: Mental Health Days](#)

Jason Williams, of Children's Hospital Colorado [and CU School of Medicine], said, "I haven't read any studies on mental health days, but there is good evidence to suggest that when one's mental health is well taken care of their academic studies, social relationships, and ability to take part in after school activities including drama, music, and sports are all impacted in a positive way."

KOAA (Colorado Springs), Aug. 8, 2019



[Bedridden Teen Suffers from Rare Disease Turning Him Into Stone: 'It's Only Getting Worse'](#)

According to **Margarita Saenz**, a clinical geneticist at Children's Hospital Colorado [and associate professor of clinical practice at CU School of Medicine] who treats Jaiden, the first case of the syndrome was reported in 1971. Since then, only a few dozen people around the world have been diagnosed. "What's happening is almost a scarring — a fibrotic change to the skin itself," said Saenz.

People, Aug. 16, 2019



[AAP continues to recommend fluoride following new study on maternal intake and child IQ](#)

"There are thousands of articles pointing to the safety of community water fluoridation and we need to continue to look at the impacts, but this study doesn't change the benefits of optimally fluoridated water and exposure to fluoride," said **Patricia A. Braun**, professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado and chair of the AAP Section on Oral Health Executive Committee.

AAP, Aug. 19, 2019



[Making the Leap to Patient Decision Aid Adoption](#)

Daniel Matlock, CU School of Medicine Aurora, said, “What they’ve done in the decision-aid world is pretty innovative. The key thing I think that’s hard to do is to link it to the electronic medical record and have it populate the tool directly and the amount of barriers they had to overcome to make that happen is pretty impressive. So my initial reaction was, ‘Wow, that’s great.’”

Medscape, Aug. 19, 2019



[Largest Private Gifts to Higher Education, FY 2019](#)

Thirty-two private gifts valued at \$50 million or more were announced by colleges in the United States and abroad from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019. No. 10 on the list is \$120 million gift from Anschutz Foundation providing support for new health-sciences building, research, faculty recruitment and retention, technology transfer, and other programs.

The Chronicle of Higher Education, Aug. 18, 2019



[Editorial: Denver needs to get scooters under control](#)

Eric Lavonas, an emergency room physician for Denver Health Medical Center [and professor of emergency medicine at CU School of Medicine], told The Denver Post that he sees injuries almost every day ranging from scratches to broken bones and traumatic brain injuries. “There are a lot of people getting injured and a lot of serious injuries,” Lavonas said. “Helmets can reduce most but not all serious head injuries. Most people on bicycles wear helmets, but very few people on scooters are wearing them.”

Denver Post, Aug. 17, 2019



[‘We Do It For The Children’: Superheroes Rappel From Roof Of Children’s Hospital](#)

Superheroes from the Marvel and DC universes came together in Aurora to cheer up young patients being treated at Children’s Hospital. The real heroes behind the masks are members of the Aurora Police Department SWAT team — and they showed off some super skills by rappelling down the side of building on Thursday. Photo credit: Aurora Police Department.

CBS4, Aug. 22, 2019