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**Crusader Against Child Abuse Wants Victims To Speak Up**

He has worked to end child abuse for decades, but has seen little change. Now, Richard Krugman [professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine] is co-founder of a foundation he hopes can finally make strides in tackling this national problem….He believes research, education, training, prevention and advocacy are the answer. “People say you’ll never end it in our lifetime. If we all work together we can do it,” he said. Meanwhile, he’s doing all he can to drive his message home. His Colorado license plate reads … NOABUSE.

CBS4, Dec. 10, 2019

**Politics Unplugged**

“She was absolutely rock solid in her identification. Her body language said ‘Mommy, that’s him,’ and she sort of reeled back,” said Richard Krugman, who was Lori Poland’s pediatrician at the time at the Kempe Center. “She was a little scared.” … Now a mother of three and a therapist herself, she’s committed to making a difference for that three-year-old girl, launching the National Foundation to End Child Abuse and Neglect, teaming up with her childhood doctor, they want to treat child abuse not just as a social issue, but mental and public health issue like suicide and breast cancer.

Channel 7, Dec. 8, 2019

**Hundreds of parents say kids wrongly taken from them after doctors misdiagnosed abuse**

Richard Krugman, a professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and a leading figure in the field of child abuse prevention, said some of the criticism of child abuse pediatricians from defense lawyers and dissenting medical experts has been “over the top.”

NBC News, Dec. 5, 2019
### Epilepsy's Next Frontier

The dilemma for many patients with tough-to-treat epilepsy is that for the most part, “The new drugs do what the old drugs do,” says Amy Brooks-Kayal, a pediatric neurologist at Children’s Hospital Colorado and the University of Colorado. “We play whack-a-mole—we’ve got a bunch of different epilepsies popping out of different holes caused by different things, and we try to whack all of them with the same hammer.”

*Science, Dec. 12, 2019*

### Vitamin D boost fails to help deficient ICU patients

“There had been research suggesting you should do this in this population but there was, pretty definitively, no evidence for the benefit of testing for vitamin D deficiency or treating it,” chief author Adit Ginde, vice chairman of emergency medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, told Reuters Health.

*M.D. Alert via Reuters Health, Dec. 11, 2019*

### Mila Makovec Now First Ever To Receive FDA Approved Drug For 1 Person

Julia Vitarello’s daughter, Mila Makovec, was diagnosed with a rare form of Batten Disease three years ago. “They lose their ability to see, they lose their ability to communicate eventually. To walk, and control their muscles. They also develop seizures and ultimately it’s a fatal condition,” said Scott Demarest, an Assistant Professor of Pediatric Neurology at Children’s Hospital Colorado [and CU School of Medicine].

*CBS4, Dec. 11, 2019*

### Infancy Nurse Visit Program May Reduce Public Benefit Costs

David L. Olds, from the University of Colorado, and colleagues conducted an 18-year follow-up of 618 of 742 low-income mothers with no previous live births.

*Physician’s Briefing, Dec. 3, 2019*
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<td>In a nod to biology, some Denver-area school districts look to later start times for middle, high school students</td>
<td>Lisa Meltzer, who studies sleep at National Jewish Health [and is associate professor of family medicine at CU School of Medicine], said most people experience a change in their internal clocks around puberty, so their bodies don’t release melatonin, a hormone that causes sleepiness, until an hour or two later than a younger child or adult’s body would begin to wind down.</td>
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<td>Tiny doll shoes up a little girl’s nose lead to big medical bill</td>
<td>“People don’t really have a good grasp of the anatomy of the nose, because a lot of people think it’s just like a tube,” said Melissa Scholes, an ear, nose and throat specialist with the University of Colorado School of Medicine. “It’s a big cave once you get past the nostrils. So once things get back far enough, you kind of lose them.”</td>
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<td>Trampoline-related pediatric fractures increased 2008 through 2017</td>
<td>Nancy Hadley-Miller, from the Children's Hospital Colorado [and CU School of Medicine], and colleagues write: “The recent increase in fracture incidence coincides with an increase in the popularity of recreational and sporting trampoline parks. As these new avenues of participation become increasingly popular, future advocacy and injury prevention campaigns should potentially broaden their focus to address the changing locale of pediatric trampoline fractures.”</td>
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<td>Despite Obesity Epidemic, Doctors Don’t Prescribe Obesity Drugs</td>
<td>“Weight-loss medications are rarely prescribed to eligible patients,” say the authors of a newly published study of prescribing patterns in more than 2 million Americans from 2009 to 2015. The study by David R. Saxon, an endocrinologist at the University of Colorado, found that overall, only 1.3% of eligible patients filled a prescription for an antiobesity medication, and prescribing rates ranged from 0.6% to 2.9%.</td>
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Kevin K. Brown, MD, Named Chair of the Department of Medicine at National Jewish Health

Kevin K. Brown received his medical degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School and was Chief Medical Resident at Providence Medical Center. He completed fellowships at Maine Medical Center and at National Jewish Health. He also is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Pulmonary Sciences and Critical Care Medicine at CU School of Medicine, and at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York.

P&T Community, Dec. 11, 2019

What medical students can learn about health from animals

In a neighboring state, Colorado State University and the University of Colorado have partnered to explore if activated mesenchymal stem cells in dogs can be used to overcome antibacterial resistance to chronic implant and wound infections, which is driven in part by the increasing prevalence of drug-resistant bacteria.

AAMC, Dec. 11, 2019

Leadership Gaffes and How Their Worst Day at Work Can Help

“Our goal is to help folks with common things that go wrong that might not be taught in the books or the lectures,” said seminar moderator Peter Sachs, vice chair of the Department of Radiology at the CU School of Medicine. “We also realize this is extremely complicated stuff, so everybody's going to make mistakes. You learn as you go.”

Medscape, Dec. 12, 2019

Radiologists encouraged to move away from shielding patients at RSNA

Rebecca Marsh took the stage of the Discovery Theater at McCormick Place, banjo in hand. But she wasn’t merely entertaining the crowd of radiologists with a musical interlude, she was encouraging them to end the practice of patient shielding in radiology. Marsh, an imaging physicist affiliated with the University of Colorado Hospital [and associate professor of radiology at CU School of Medicine] performed a rendition of Woody Guthrie’s “So Long, It’s Been Good To Know Yuh.”

In April 2019, Marsh’s study, “Patient Shielding in Diagnostic Imaging: Discontinuing a Legacy Practice,” co-authored with Michael Silosky, also of University of Colorado [and CU School of Medicine], was published in the American Journal of Roentgenology.