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[Gun violence against Denver teens, children is increasing](#)

The hospital is a good setting for intervention because the victims are often scared and vulnerable and question their life choices, said **Katherine Bakes**, [professor of emergency medicine at CU School of Medicine] who founded the program [at Denver Health]. “It’s where people who are at risk of violent injuries become visible,” she said.

*WRAL (Raleigh, N.C.), Sept. 15, 2019*



[Leukemia cure? New approach to kill cancer](#)

“We’ve never seen a drug work like this, to target any type of cancer cell, let alone a stem cell,” said **Dan Pollyea**, clinical director of leukemia services, at the University of Colorado Cancer Center, Anschutz Medical Campus. The drug kills a protein called BCL2, which feeds the leukemia stem cells. When the protein dies, so does the stem cell. “This is a completely new way to kill a cancer,” Pollyea said.

*KSAT (San Antonio), Sept. 16, 2019*



[New cancer treatment helps Colorado mother of 6](#)

“The take-home message here is: if you have lung cancer, you need to have your tumor tested for these genetic alterations because there can be very promising therapy that can last years,” said **Robert Doebele** [associate professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

*Fox31, Sept. 17, 2019*



### [IUDs can lower a woman's risk of developing ovarian cancer by more than 30%, study finds](#)

The team, from the CU School of Medicine, says that doctors should consider cancer risk when prescribing IUDs, and other contraceptives, to their patients....“We know that ovarian cancer is the deadliest of gynecologic cancers. Anything we can do to decrease that risk is very important,” said lead author **Lindsay Wheeler**, a gynecologic oncology fellow at the University of Colorado Cancer Center.

*Daily Mail (London), Sept. 13, 2019*



### [Colorado's living organ donors celebrated as heroes for saving lives](#)

“Colorado is very unique in that we have a relatively high proportion of what we call ‘altruistic non-directed,’ a person who has no one in particular in mind that they want to donate to, but they just want to do something to help someone who is in need of an organ,” said **Elizabeth Pomfret**, chief of transplantation at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital [and professor of surgery at CU School of Medicine].

*Fox31, Sept. 19, 2019*



### [Physician's communication style can influence HPV vaccine rates, study finds](#)

“A physician recommendation is one of the most important factors in vaccine acceptance by parents,” said **Allison Kempe**, lead author and professor of pediatrics at the CU School of Medicine. “However, we’re seeing a lack of understanding from healthcare providers about the need for vaccination early in adolescence and high rates of refusal on the part of parents. The vaccine is underutilized, with less than half of American adolescents completing the vaccination.”

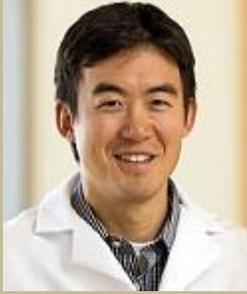
*Becker's Hospital Review, Sept. 16, 2019*



### [Study Pins A Big Price Tag On Climate Change Related Health Costs](#)

“We need to train medical professionals in fluency and a common vocabulary on these issues,” says **Jay Lemery**, a professor at the CU School of Medicine. “How do we do that? We really need to tackle it from...all aspects of medical education through codifying a curriculum that we can implement in the schools of medicine and schools of public health....”

*WAMC (Albany, NY), Sept. 18, 2019*



### [Doctors: Toddlers could get severely sick, die from drinking vape juice](#)

KRDO crews traveled to Children’s Hospital Colorado to speak with vaping specialist and [CU School of Medicine] Assistant Professor of Pediatrics **G Sam Wang**. Wang says it can be extremely dangerous if a small child drinks vaping juice. “Typically, those e-cigarette cartridges can have high amounts of nicotine. It doesn’t take much before a small child can get sick.”

*KRDO (Colorado Springs), Sept. 18, 2019*



### [DPD: Drunk scooter rider rushed to hospital after hitting cop, crashing into parked car in Denver](#)

“We’re seeing people injured from scooter crashes almost on a daily basis,” said Denver Health ER Physician **Eric Lavonas** [professor of emergency medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “Fortunately, most of these are fairly minor — broken wrists or broken arms — but we’ve seen people with life-threatening brain injuries. It’s really gotten to be a big problem.”

*Channel 7, Sept. 14, 2019*



### [FDA committee votes to approve peanut allergy treatment that had clinical trials at National Jewish Health](#)

**BJ Lanser**, a pediatric allergist at National Jewish Health [and assistant professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], ran one part of the clinical trial. “It’s the first option we have for the treatment of food allergies, so from that standpoint, absolutely this is a big deal. This is groundbreaking,” he said.

*Fox31, Sept. 16, 2019*



### [UCHealth’s Wellness Effort Includes EHR Optimization Sprints](#)

“We work with clinicians and staff to discover and improve critical intersections between the EHR and clinical workflows to create a more satisfying provider, staff and patient experience,” said **Amber Sieja**, senior medical director of informatics at UCHealth [and associate professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

*Healthcare Innovation, Sept. 13, 2019*



### [Rural track residency program continuing in Fort Morgan](#)

Salud Family Health Centers recently hosted an open house in partnership with Colorado Plains Medical Center, to welcome the newest residents to the program and introduce them to the Fort Morgan community. In 2018, Salud launched the Salud Rural Track Residency Program, in partnership with the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

*The Fort Morgan Times, Sept. 18, 2019*



### [Marcy and Bruce Benson named 2020 Citizens of the West](#)

The National Western Stock Show is proud to announce **Marcy** and **Bruce Benson** as the 2020 Citizens of the West. This prestigious annual award recognizes those who embody the spirit and determination of Western pioneers and perpetuate the West's agriculture heritage and ideas.

*The Fence Post, Sept. 17, 2019*