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[Low-Income Housing Community Gets Geriatric Medicine Clinic On Site](#)

Hundreds of older adults, who live in an affordable housing community in Denver, no longer have to worry about how to get to the doctor. University Of Colorado Geriatric Medicine has set up a clinic right on site. It is a new type of partnership bringing medical services directly to a low income community. “It’s my haven, it’s my haven,” said Marlene Leddick. Marlene loves living at Kavod Senior Life.

CBS4, Aug. 24, 2020



[Colorado, Black Retiree Among First To Participate In COVID-19 Vaccine Trial](#)

“If it’s effective and safe, then it could be a game changer,” said **Thomas Campbell**, infectious disease physician and principal investigator for the study at UHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. He understands minorities’ reluctance to participate. “There have been abuses in the past,” Campbell said, “what we would consider to be unethical experimentation.”

CBS4, Aug. 25, 2020

[UHealth to enroll 100 people per week in Moderna’s Phase 3 COVID-19 vaccine trial](#)

“All the data, so far, for this particular vaccine — from the earlier stage trials — looks very promising,” said UHealth infectious disease expert **Thomas Campbell**.

Fox31, Aug. 25, 2020



[COVID-19 plasma research well underway in Colorado as Trump fast-tracks wider use](#)

"We have actually sent convalescent plasma out of state to areas with higher needs," said **Kyle Annen** is the medical director of transfusion services at Children's Hospital Colorado, based on the University of Colorado's Anschutz Medical Campus. "We have shipped it to Utah, California and Illinois. It's going where all the cases are right now."

Denver Post, Aug. 26, 2020



[An 'Unprecedented' Effort to Stop the Coronavirus in Nursing Homes](#)

"These patients are so underserved," said **Rebecca Boxer**, medical director of clinical trials at the Kaiser Permanente's Institute for Health Research in Colorado [and associate professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. "They do not get access to innovative new drugs and trials."



"There just isn't a culture in nursing homes that is attuned to doing research and clinical trials," said **Mathew Wynia**, director of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Colorado.

The New York Times, Aug. 20, 2020



[Young Adults' Pandemic Mental Health Risks](#)

Maya Haasz, an assistant professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, said that for the past few years, every child over age 10 who comes to the emergency room at Children's Hospital Colorado, where she is an attending physician, is screened for suicide risk, using a questionnaire.

The New York Times, Aug. 24, 2020



[How to spot signs of stress because of COVID-19 as students return to school](#)

Because kids in different age groups can exhibit different signs, we asked **Jessica Hawks**, a clinical psychologist and Clinical Director of Outpatient Services [and assistant professor of psychiatry at CU School of Medicine], to give parents the tools they need to ensure their child is getting attention.

KRDO (Colorado Springs), Aug. 25, 2020



[Starting Saturday restaurants can serve alcohol until 11 p.m.](#)

“Alcohol kind of softens the nervous system,” UHealth Psychiatrist **Patrick Fehling** [associate clinical professor of psychiatry at CU School of Medicine] said. “Very often, people’s judgement can wane in their choices.”

Fox31, Aug. 21, 2020



[No mask exemptions for kids with asthma from Children’s Hospital Colorado](#)

Monica Federico, the medical director of the asthma program at the hospital [and associate professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], says many parents are concerned that masks will make it more difficult for their kids with asthma to breathe, but she says that’s not the case, and those kids need to wear the masks.

Fox31, Aug. 23, 2020



[Is your throat scratchy from Colorado’s wildfire smoke or coronavirus? Here’s how to tell.](#)

Fernando Holguin, a pulmonary sciences professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, said it’s unclear whether poor air quality can put people at greater risk of catching the coronavirus....Holguin, who also is director of asthma clinical and research programs, said many of his patients have struggled since the wildfires started.

Colorado Sun, Aug. 25, 2020



[Smoke Or COVID-19? Lung Experts Call On Coloradans To Pay Attention](#)

Anthony Gerber, a lung specialist with National Jewish Health [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] has gotten numerous calls about the air quality from patients.

CBS4, Aug. 26, 2020



[Online Therapy, Booming During the Coronavirus Pandemic, May Be Here to Stay](#)

“In February of 2020, before COVID-19 really hit our country, telepsychiatry was beginning to be widely available but only sporadically adopted,” says **Jay Shore**, a professor at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and the chair of the American Psychiatric Association’s Telepsychiatry Committee. “Now it’s been a tsunami. At the University of Colorado maybe 10% to 20% of [mental health] visits were over video before. Now, outside of inpatient stuff, we’re at like 100%.”

Time, Aug. 27, 2020



[What to do when your COVID-19 test results confuse you](#)

Richard Zane with UHealth [and chair of emergency medicine at CU School of Medicine] said there are a couple of scenarios that play out when one person in a household tests positive for coronavirus, but no one else does.

9News, Aug. 21, 2020



[PolitiFact: Ron DeSantis says COVID-19 is a lower risk for school-aged kids than flu](#)

Sean O’Leary, professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, said the growing number of U.S. deaths could be another reason to think about COVID-19 and children. “We do know for sure that schoolchildren are major drivers of influenza epidemics in the community and, though that is not as much the case with COVID, it doesn’t mean they can’t spread it,” he said.

Tampa Bay Times, Aug. 20, 2020



[A Young Athlete’s Breathing Problems Weren’t Asthma. What Were They?](#)

Pediatric pulmonologist **J. Tod Olin** at National Jewish Hospital, an EILO specialist [and associate professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], says it’s likely that as many as a third of people who believe they have asthma are either incorrectly diagnosed or also suffer from EILO and don’t know it.

NPR, Aug. 26, 2020



[Non-hormonal Treatment For Menopausal Symptoms Offers Hope Of Relief](#)

“An effective alternative to estrogen for the treatment of hot flashes is needed to provide better care,” said **Nanette Santoro**, chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, and an author of the study published online this week by the journal Menopause.

Medical Dialogues, Aug. 25, 2020



[Vague language plagues radiology reporting, with chest and inpatient imaging the top offenders](#)

Ambiguous terms can result in poor patient care, overutilization of resources and may open radiologists up to potential litigation, according to **Andrew L. Callen**, with University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, and colleagues.

Health Imaging, Aug. 21, 2020



[VA Out-of-System Access to PCI Linked to Higher Mortality](#)

“Whether it’s within the VA or outside the VA, the assessment of interventional quality is paramount to ensure that patients receive the best possible care, veterans or nonveterans,” said **Stephen Waldo**, who is affiliated with both the University of Colorado School of Medicine and the Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center.

Medscape, Aug. 24, 2020



[Dr. Schenk on the Evolving Treatment Landscape in Lung Cancer](#)

Erin Schenk, assistant professor of medicine and medical oncology, Division of Medical Oncology, University of Colorado Cancer Center, discusses the rapidly evolving treatment landscape in lung cancer.

OncLive, Aug. 25, 2020



[Going Dropless After Cataract Surgery Thrills Patients](#)

Ophthalmologist **Richard Davidson** at UHealth Sue Anschutz-Rodgers Eye Center removed the cataract in one of her eyes in late May, he operated on the other eye two weeks later.

CBS4, Aug. 26, 2020



[Healthy People 2030: HHS Prioritizes Socioeconomic Disparities, Overall Well-Being](#)

Whereas much of Healthy People 2020's focus was on individual health behaviors, the new set of targets pays more attention to overall well-being, a "very important area" that is related in part to the consequences of diabetes, heart disease, and stroke, commented **Robert Eckel**, of the University of Colorado in Aurora.

MedPage Today, Aug. 20, 2020



[CU System generated just under \\$14.2B for state economy, report says](#)

An annual report commissioned by the University of Colorado Board of Regents says the educational and health care system provided \$14.198 billion to the state's economy in the 2019 fiscal year.

Daily Camera, Aug. 20, 2020



[CU President Mark Kennedy: Campus changes we're seeing reflect fundamental shift in higher education](#)

Opinion column by CU President **Mark Kennedy**: "The ways in which students are consuming higher education have changed given the world's rapid digitization. Increasingly, students want an in-person experience and online offerings, and we are primed to deliver both. In service to our students and our institutions, we must dispel the myth that online education is somehow subpar. When done well, it is neither lesser in quality nor cost than traditional in-person teaching as it, too, entails instruction, planning, expertise, engagement, time and care."

Denver Post, Aug. 27, 2020