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[Thornton Teenager Has ‘New Life’ After Complicated Double Organ Transplant](#)

“Hi, you’re looking good,” said **Shikha Sundaram**, a hepatologist at Children’s [and CU School of Medicine], as she greeted her longtime patient, LaShawn Prince. La Shawn got a big hug.



But multiple blood transfusions made finding organs his body wouldn’t reject nearly impossible. “He had antibodies against pretty much 99 to 100% of the population,” explained **Margret Bock**, nephrologist at Children’s [and CU School of Medicine].

*CBS4, Feb. 24, 2020*



[Is it safe to travel to high altitudes when pregnant? Yes, to a point](#)

When you’re pregnant, your body should typically acclimate to the lower oxygen levels, thereby ensuring your baby continues to receive adequate oxygen. So, for women who are healthy and have a complication-free pregnancy, traveling up to 8,000 feet above sea level is generally considered safe says **Annie Porter**, an obstetrician in the Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship Program at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

*Insider, Feb. 24, 2020*



### [Can I get pregnant with PCOS? Yes, but there are risks](#)

“They are also at higher risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy,” says [Nanette Santoro](#), professor and E. Stewart Taylor Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

*Insider, Feb. 21, 2020*



### [Coronavirus vs. flu in Colorado](#)

UHealth Director of Infection Prevention **Michelle Barron** [professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] discusses the impact of coronavirus vs. the flu this winter.

*9News, Feb. 21, 2020*

### [How Denver has prepared for possible coronavirus outbreak](#)

We asked a similar question of **Michelle Barron**, the medical director of infection prevention at UHealth, about what social isolation would look like: “Most of it would probably involve limiting big public gatherings, so if a Phish concert was happening, perhaps that would be asked to be canceled. So, a lot of it is what we call social distancing where you just don’t have hundreds of people or thousands of people en masse, in close proximity to each other.”

*9News, Feb. 26, 2020*

### [Health expert answers your questions about Coronavirus](#)

**Michelle Barron**, the director of infection control and prevention at UHealth, answers your questions about the coronavirus.

*9News, Feb. 26, 2020*

### [Coloradans should prepare for the coronavirus like they would a snowstorm, health officials say](#)

“It’s appropriate to say we will probably see more cases in the U.S. and throughout the world, but I don’t think that should set off an alarm,” said **Michelle Barron**, the medical director of infection control and prevention at UHealth University of Colorado Hospital.

“In the hospital setting, we use them when we’re taking care of children who have coughing, cold, runny noses,” said **Chris Nyquist**, medical director for infection prevention control at Children’s Hospital Colorado [and professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine]. “One of the challenges is, nationwide and internationally, there’s limited



supplies for the masks, so it's really important for people to use them appropriately."

*Denver Post, Feb. 27, 2020*



['Not our first rodeo with new germs': To prep for coronavirus, hospitals use lessons learned n past epidemics](#)

"Everybody is trained on how to use the personal protective equipment, but we are doing additional what we call 'just in time' training for front-line staff, so they can practice again how to put on the masks, make sure they have the right fit and really feel confident with the personal protective equipment that they're putting on," said **Heather Young**, an infectious diseases physician and medical director of infection prevention at Denver Health [and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

*NBC News, Feb. 26, 2020*



[Senate committee moves immunization bill as hundreds pack first hearing](#)

"To get an exemption in other states, you have to jump hoops," said **Sean O'Leary**, a pediatric disease specialist with Children's Hospital Colorado [and CU School of Medicine]. "Currently we have the easiest process to get exempt. All a parent has to do is sign the form."

*Colorado Politics, Feb. 20, 2020*



[Aurora ponders funding hospital intervention group to stem rising violence](#)

Hospital officials say they're alarmed at the number of violence-related injuries. "I came here from Baltimore expecting to sort of relax a little bit, and that has not been the case," **Catherine Velopulos**, associate professor at the CU School of Medicine told council members last week.

*Sentinel Colorado (Aurora), Feb. 26, 2020*



### [Your Health Family: A dental perspective on raising the legal smoking age](#)

**Grace Houser**, a pediatric pulmonologist with Children’s Hospital Colorado, Colorado Springs, [and assistant professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], says, “We know from studies of traditional cigarette use that there [are] significant chronic harms including heart disease and lung disease, lung cancer and other types of cancers.”

*KOAA (Pueblo), Feb. 20, 2020*



### [Children’s Hospital Colorado Study Shows Increase In Trampoline Injuries](#)

**Gaia Georgopoulos**, a pediatric orthopedic surgeon at Children’s Hospital [and associate professor of orthopedics at CU School of Medicine], performed surgery hours later, putting two plates and six pins in Nell’s leg. For about four weeks, the toddler wore a cast that went from her ankle to her ribs. “It doesn’t take a lot of force,” Georgopoulos said. “Just the impact of them coming down and the tramp coming up is enough to break their bones.”

*CBS4, Feb. 22, 2020*



### [Horse riding plus brain-building exercises may help kids with autism, ADHD](#)

The results are preliminary, noted **Robin Gabriels**, program director for neuropsychiatric special care at Children’s Hospital Colorado and a psychiatry professor at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. “I look forward to the researchers conducting a randomized clinical trial to more definitively determine if equine-assisted activities combined with their curriculum effectively improves motor skills compared to therapeutic riding by itself,” said Gabriels.

*Reuters, Feb. 26, 2020*



### [Cocoa a Novel Rx for Peripheral Artery Disease?](#)

Also commenting on the study for *theheart.org | Medscape Cardiology*, **William R. Hiatt**, professor of medicine, division of cardiology, University of Colorado School of Medicine in Aurora, said that, “while potentially interesting, I think it is too early to determine if cocoa is clinically effective to treat claudication.”

*Medscape, Feb. 26, 2020*



### [Penn got \\$258 million in foreign money, and there may be more it hadn't disclosed](#)

**Eric Campbell**, a professor of medicine and bioethics expert at the University of Colorado, said it's not surprising that global drug companies would be involved with a major research university such as Penn. "When it comes to research grants, they are generally viewed as acceptable and there are very elaborate infrastructures for managing them at universities," Campbell said.

*Philadelphia Inquirer, Feb. 24, 2020*



### [Physicians' Equity in Company Marketing Cosmetic Drug Faces Ethical Questions](#)

**Eric Campbell**, a professor of medicine and director of research at the University of Colorado medical school's Center for Bioethics and Humanities, agrees that Jueveau's business model is "something that is of concern."

*Inside Sources, Feb. 10, 2020*



### [Colorado med school's 'parenting elective' cuts new mom, dad stress for pediatric residents](#)

A med school class elective that turns pediatric residents' parenting of their own infants into a structured training program has [succeeded](#) in giving residents more time with their newborns while alleviating the stress of lost income. In 2010, the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Aurora created a four-week, non-core elective to address the lack of leave for physicians completing their pediatric residencies.

*Becker's Hospital Review, Feb. 21, 2020*



### [LIFE FORCE After two decades of success, Fitzsimons Innovation Community plots an even bigger bioscience footprint](#)

When **Robin Shandas** was teaching in Boulder, he often ran into a problem. As head of the University of Colorado's bioengineering department, he found that being in Boulder made it difficult to collaborate... That situation changed markedly, however, when the bioengineering department moved across the street from the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. "The way we set up, they can see patients, then walk across the street to teach students, then walk back to the clinic," Shandas said. "That type of experience, there's not that many places around the country with that level of access."



The Center for Surgical Innovation (CSI) started across the street on campus, but as it grew it needed to develop a larger lab that could accommodate more people, said **Sarah Massena**, business director for CSI. In 2015, it moved into 4,500 square feet in Bioscience 1. “We have very quickly grown out of that lab, because the demand for people who want to train with us has increased a lot,” Massena said.

*Denver Business Journal, Feb. 27, 2020*



**[AROUND TOWN: Leadership Pikes Peak honors alumni community leaders](#)**

The Modeling the Way Community Leadership Award, for an LPP alumni “whose leadership in their professional career has motivated their colleagues, friends, family, and/or community members to get involved,” went to **Erik Wallace**, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Colorado Springs branch, associate dean.

*Colorado Springs Gazette, Feb. 23, 2020*