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[Specialty drugs are saving lives in Colorado and beyond. But who should pay for them?](#)

“For personalized medicine to truly be successful in the United States, we need to have payers on board,” said **Kathleen Barnes**, director of the Colorado Center for Personalized Medicine on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. “There is no question that we have a crisis in the United States with more commonly prescribed drugs often costing more than they should. But for rare diseases, one can understand why it’s so costly for a pharmaceutical company to make a drug that they are not going to be able to market to very many patients.”

*Colorado Sun, Feb. 4, 2020*



[Young Survivor Has Powerful Message On World Cancer Day](#)

Mac was diagnosed with a rare, soft tissue cancer known as Rhabdomyosarcoma. **Nick Cost** and **Carrye Cost** – a husband and wife team [who are faculty of the CU School of Medicine] – worked hard to find a solution that would save Mac’s life while limiting the harmful consequences that can come with any cancer treatment. ... “For Mac, radiation was a better option because it’s allowed him to preserve all of his normal organ function and allowed him to be the amazing active kid you see today,” said Carrye.



*CBS4, Feb. 4, 2020*



### [Attracting residents to rural medicine](#)

The CU School of Medicine's rural track cultivates a sense of community even before medical school begins. Incoming students are invited to participate in a weeklong interdisciplinary rural immersion experience during the summer before classes start. What's more, mutual support is maintained long after medical students have left the program. "We keep in touch with all our graduates, some of whom have gone on to become rural preceptors for our program," explains **Mark Deutchman**, director of the rural track program.

*AAMC, Feb. 3, 2020*



### [People traveling through DIA wear masks as coronavirus spreads in China](#)

"The goal is to prevent it from going beyond the borders but obviously that can be challenging because people can travel," said **Michelle Barron**, an Infectious Disease Specialist at UCHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. "The challenge is that you have individuals who may have already left the country before they realized that they were incubating this."

*9News, Jan. 30, 2020*



### [Coronavirus explodes into global health emergency](#)

"It (the virus) was finally genetically coded by the end of December," **Gaby Frank**, Medical Director for the Biocontainment Unit at Denver Health [and associate professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine, said]. "On December 31st, they identified that it was the coronavirus."

*La Voz, Feb. 5, 2020*



### ['Lock To Live' Offers Online Tool For Those In Crisis](#)

"Some people might not quite know how to navigate what is the best choice for their family. Do they want to lock things up at home, do they want to store it off-site somewhere or do they want to give it to someone for safe keeping?" explained **Emmy Betz**, an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Colorado School of Medicine at the Anschutz Medical Campus. "Those conversations can sometimes be hard to have with people, so we wanted to create a resource that can provide that information in an unbiased way."

*CBS4, Jan. 30, 2020*



### [Your Healthy Family: Innovative biosticker will monitor patients' vital signs from their home](#)

**Richard Zane**, UCHealth chief innovation officer and chair of emergency medicine at the CU School of Medicine, said: "The use of the BioSticker device for continuous health monitoring enables us to monitor a patient in their home and recognize when a patient may have an exacerbation of illness even before they notice symptoms. This may reduce hospitalizations, reduce emergency department visits, and shorten hospital stays, significantly reducing health care costs for these patients."

*KOAA (Colorado Springs), Feb. 6, 2020*



### [Dedicated Structural Heart Training Pathway in the Works for Surgeons](#)

"Structural heart disease is now truly a subspecialty based within cardiology and cardiac surgery, and the future requires formal training in a comprehensive manner," said **David Fullerton**, (University of Colorado Hospital [and CU School of Medicine]), during his presentation. "No longer will we as a group be able to rely upon the informal approach that we have relied upon to this point."

*TCTMD, Feb. 4, 2020*



### [Patients Restrained in ED Report Dehumanization, Lasting Harm](#)

"These patients' voices remind us that we can learn a great deal about clinical care and about ourselves by listening to the people we meet as patients," **Abraham Nussbaum**, associate professor of psychiatry, University of Colorado School of Medicine, and **Matthew Wynia**, director of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities, University of Colorado, Aurora, write in an [accompanying editorial](#).

*Medscape, Jan. 31, 2020*





### [Survivor raises funds for lung cancer research, wins ticket to Pro Bowl](#)

With her medical treatment working, [**Lisa Moran** is] hoping others will be inspired and donate to lung cancer research happening in Colorado. Moran says the University of Colorado Cancer Center has been leading the path for better diagnoses and treatments, especially for lung cancer. She's hoping people will keep donating to her [campaign](#) and join her fight against cancer. "If somebody thinks 'Well my \$10 won't help,' well it does," Moran said. "Everybody needs to come together."

*KRDO (Colorado Springs), Jan. 30, 2020*