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[CU Cancer Center named National Pancreas Foundation Center of Excellence](#)

“We have one of the highest volumes of taking care of pancreatic cancer patients in the country,” says **Richard Schulick**, Director of CU Cancer Center and Chair of the Department of Surgery at the CU School of Medicine. “This has allowed us to develop specific expertise in the management of the disease.”



“First, our patients are treated in a multidisciplinary setting. The same day 25-30 experts discuss the case and work together to make a judgement. A patient comes in the morning and doesn't know anything about what he has, then comes back in the evening with a complete plan in place,” says **Marco Del Chiaro**, CU Cancer Center investigator and Chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology at the CU School of Medicine.

News-Medical, Jan. 8, 2020



[Kansas Mom Stacy Stucky Breathing Easier After Complex Surgery at UCHealth](#)

Stacy didn't want a sedentary life, so the Kansas mother and teacher came to UCHealth and pulmonologist [and CU School of Medicine assistant professor] **Peter Hountras**. “That's where the clots were,” Hountras said referring to Stacy's CT scan. The clots were obstructing blood flow and affecting Stacy's heart. “Her heart was not able to keep up with what her body wanted to do,” said Hountras.

CBS4, Jan. 7, 2020



[Healthy babies exposed to Zika in the womb may suffer developmental delays](#)

Because there was variability between individuals, “looking at a population enables one to see overall trends,” says neurologist **Ken Tyler** of the CU School of Medicine, who was not involved in the research. “We need to aggressively follow all children whose mothers were exposed to Zika during pregnancy to understand the nature of their neurological delays.”

Science News, Jan. 6, 2020



[This flu season could be one of the worst in years, CDC says](#)

“Our ward has been full for several weeks of kids with influenza, it’s been a bad and early season,” **James Gaensbauer**, a pediatric infectious disease specialist at Denver Health [and assistant professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], said.

Channel 7, Jan. 8, 2020



[What parents should know about RSV, the illness that looks like a cold but isn’t](#)

“There is a vaccine which is actually an antibody treatment that we give to the most vulnerable premature infants, those that are in their first year of life and were born very prematurely,” says **James Gaensbauer**, a pediatrics and infectious disease specialist at Denver Health [and assistant professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine]. “But it’s not an ideal thing, you have to give a shot every month for every five months that is typically the season.”

KXLF (Butte, Mont.), Jan. 9, 2020



[Opioid Use By Teens a Red Flag for Other Dangers](#)

But it’s important for doctors and parents to know these behaviors commonly go hand-in-hand, said lead researcher **Devika Bhatia**, a resident physician at the CU School of Medicine....“Our study indicates that [teenagers] who misuse prescription opioids are significantly more likely to engage in all of the risky behaviors we examined,” Bhatia said.

Doctors Lounge, Jan. 6, 2020



[Enterovirus vaccine reduces severe HFMD cases by 60%](#)

Kevin Messacar, a pediatric infectious disease physician and researcher at Children's Hospital Colorado and the University of Colorado, told Healio that it is unclear whether a recent 2018 outbreak of EV71 in Colorado was a sporadic incident or "foreboding of future circulation in the United States."

Healio, Jan. 7, 2020



[SVC112 molecule acts specifically against head and neck cancer stem cells](#)

"Proteins are the keys to initiating genetic programs in the cells to tell them Now you grow, now you stay put, now you metastasize. And those proteins are called transcription factors." **Antonio Jimeno**, study co-senior and director of the Head and Neck Cancer Clinical Research Program and a co-leader of the Developmental Therapeutics Program at CU Cancer Center.



"Many groups have linked the production of transcription factors to the survival and growth of cancer stem cells, but inhibitors have just been too toxic - they come with too many side effects. Definitely our studies suggest that this drug could be an advantage over existing drugs. It inhibits protein synthesis in a way that no other drug does and that's why we're excited," says **Tin Tin Su**, who is also co-leader of the CU Cancer Center Molecular and Cellular Oncology Program.

News-Medical, Jan. 8, 2020



[Trump's 'Remain in Mexico' policy is traumatizing kids. Bring asylum seekers here to heal.](#)

Opinion column by **Steven Berkowitz**, professor of psychiatry and the director of the Stress, Trauma, Adversity Research and Treatment Center at the CU School of Medicine, and co-author: "As these children and parents arrive at our doorstep seeking asylum, as is their legal right, it is wrong for this administration to knowingly place them in dangerous environments when safe alternatives exist and their presence in the United States has no negative impact on our society. It is our duty to protect them."

USA Today, Jan. 6, 2020