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[1,000 patients wanted for COVID-19 vaccine trial in Colorado](#)

“Our site here at University of Colorado Hospital is part of a nationwide network called the COVID Prevention Network, which is set up so that it has a cohort of sites that are available to sequentially enroll into multiple vaccine studies,” said **Thomas Campbell**, an infectious disease physician at the CU School of Medicine and University of Colorado Hospital. “If it works, the Moderna vaccine could be a real game-changer for the pandemic.”

9News, July 9, 2020



[Life after coronavirus: Prepare for a long, tiring recovery, some Colorado survivors say](#)

The virus has shown it can cause anything from mild cold-like symptoms to death, and the recovery phase is proving equally hard to pin down. There’s no data yet on how many patients bounce back quickly and how many experience lingering symptoms, but most will eventually recover, said **Connie Price**, chief medical officer at Denver Health and a professor of infectious diseases at University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Denver Post, July 5, 2020



[Covid-19 May Trigger Diabetes in Otherwise Healthy People](#)

It’s still unclear whether the new-onset cases are unique to the novel coronavirus or if they’re occurring in people who might already be prone to developing diabetes when facing systemic infection or severe stress from an illness, such as a cytokine storm, says **Robert Eckel**, president of medicine and science at the American Diabetes Association and professor of medicine emeritus in the division of endocrinology, metabolism & diabetes at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

Elemental, July 7, 2020

[Study shows Gen Z is more concerned about their health than Boomers](#)

“If you want to have the full life you are hoping for on the other side of COVID-19, then resume your doctor appointments, check your health numbers, like blood glucose, and if you have diabetes, your hemoglobin A1c, cholesterol, and blood pressure, and get a plan for preventing heart disease and stroke,” said **Robert H. Eckel**, American Diabetes Association president of medicine and science and an endocrinologist at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

New York Post, July 7, 2020



[Pepsi Center COVID-19 testing site results could take up to 8 days](#)

“I think [people are] scared. I think they’re scared they have the disease. They don’t want to infect other people in their family and also I think people in Colorado are smart,” UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital Director of Critical Care [and CU School of Medicine Professor of Medicine] **Marc Moss** said.

Fox31, July 7, 2020



[Michigan reports largest single-day COVID-19 case count since May](#)

“I’ve been watching that map. Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Texas, New Mexico. From the Colorado standpoint, we’re well aware of what’s going on around us and we’re very anxious,” said **Michelle Barron**, medical director of infection prevention and control at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “The next couple of weeks are critical.”

Detroit News, July 2, 2020



[Colorado’s Hispanics remain hardest hit by COVID-19](#)

Fernando Holguin, the director of the University of Colorado’s Latino Center for Research and Policy Center, focusing on Latino health disparities, said that during the peak of hospitalizations in March and April, he recalls walking through the UCHealth intensive care unit, when he realized just by looking around that the pandemic was spreading rampantly among the minority community. “It seemed like maybe 80% were brown or Black. Most were Hispanic or had Hispanic last names,” Holguin said. “The disparities were really obvious.”

Colorado Springs Gazette, July 6, 2020



[As COVID-19 cases rise, a mental health epidemic among frontline healthcare workers may be growing as well](#)

“The mental health symptoms tend to peak about 12 months after the actual event,” said **Chris Thurstone**, director of behavioral health at Denver’s largest hospital, Denver Health [and associate professor of psychiatry at CU School of Medicine]. In January, a few months before the pandemic hit, Denver Health implemented a program developed at Johns Hopkins called Resilience in Stressful Events (RISE) to help its employees deal with burnout symptoms, unknown to the influx that was to come.

Channel 7, July 7, 2020



[Back to school prep: Guidelines form Children’s Hospital Colorado](#)

“This really was born out of a desire that the group really wanted some more in-depth guidance and some more practical ideas about how to put forth some of the things that are coming from the national level. So, this was really our effort to partner with our local schools here in Colorado,” said **Sam Dominguez**, pediatric infectious disease specialist for Children’s Hospital Colorado [and associate professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine].

Fox21 (Colorado Springs), July 3, 2020



[New G4 Flu: UHealth Warns ‘Really Horrific New Flu’ Could Come Through This Fall](#)

“There’s hundreds, probably thousands of flus that are circulating at any given time,” said **Michelle Barron**, UHealth Medical Director of Infection Prevention and Control. “There are flus that exist throughout the world, some affect humans, some affect pigs, some affect birds.”

CBS4, July 3, 2020



[A Paralyzing Childhood Disease Is Set to Surge This Summer, but Coronavirus Precautions Could Stop It](#)

“This year really depends on how strictly the measures are put into place and if people comply with them. But there is a good chance, based on the data that’s been analyzed and just thinking theoretically, that we could social-distance away an EV-D68 outbreak this year, which would be fantastic,” **Kevin Messacar**, a pediatric infectious disease physician and researcher at Children’s Hospital Colorado and the University of Colorado, told Gizmodo. Messacar was also one of the first doctors to study the emergence of AFM when it started spiking in 2014.

Gizmodo, July 7, 2020



[July Is The Month With The Most Grill-Related Injuries](#)

“We take care of patients all the way from Montana through to New Mexico,” said **Arek Wiktor**, a Burn Surgeon at UCHealth [and assistant professor of surgery at CU School of Medicine]. “We have specialized nurses, nutritionists, physical therapists, pharmacists, it’s an entire team to optimize the care for the burn patient. It’s not just about saving a life; it’s about getting patients back to their quality of life before the injury.”

CBS4, July 6, 2020

[2020 4th of July weekend was one of the busiest ever at UCHealth Burn Center](#)

“This year we had a record number of admissions and consultations because of the amount of people doing fireworks at home,” said **Arek Wiktor**, a burn surgeon.

Fox31, July 8, 2020



[The Major Symptoms of Alcohol Use Disorder – and the 3-Step Treatment Process](#)

Put simply, AUD is a medical condition characterized by a compulsive loss of control over alcohol use, leading to life problems and functional decline, says **Patrick Fehling**, a psychiatrist at UCHealth Center for Dependency, Addiction and Rehabilitation (CeDAR) [and associate clinical professor of psychiatry at CU School of Medicine].

LiveStrong, July 5, 2020



[Monday Medical: Pre-pregnancy care](#)

Teresa Harper, a maternal and fetal medicine specialist with University of Colorado School of Medicine on the Anschutz Medical Campus who also sees patients at UCHealth Women’s Care Clinic in Steamboat Springs via virtual visits, outlines what preconception care is and how it can make a big difference in pregnancy.

Steamboat Pilot & Today, July 6, 2020



[UCHealth Highlands Ranch turns one](#)

“If you look at our number of covid patients compared to other hospitals, our numbers have generally been lower,” said **Radhika Acharya**, medical director of the cancer center [at Highlands Ranch Hospital and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “I think it was because we were early adopters so we could keep our patients safe.”

Highlands Ranch Herald, June 30, 2020



[Children’s Hospital Colorado helps Lander student with irregular heartbeat](#)

Like Casper, Lander has a pediatric specialty clinic that Children’s doctors travel to every couple months, which is where Platz met pediatric cardiologist **Michael Schaffer** [professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine]. “Seeing people face to face is huge when it comes to communication and putting someone at ease. She (Platz) mentioned how comfortable she was and that’s kind of one of our goals, cause it’s scary,” said Schaffer.

Wyoming News Now, July 6, 2020



[CU Anschutz Medical Campus’ innovation fund secures \\$50M](#)

CU Healthcare Innovation Fund [secured](#) \$50 million in committed capital to invest in early stage healthcare companies. The CU Healthcare Innovation Fund, which is affiliated with the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, also partners with UCHealth, Children’s Hospital Colorado and CU Medicine.

Becker’s Hospital Review, July 7, 2020



[Colorado health system in top 20 for hospitals ranked on care, civic leadership](#)

The University of Colorado Hospital Authority, based in Aurora, ranks among the top 20 U.S. hospitals, according to the Lown Institute Hospitals Index.... The index compares 3,300 hospitals nationwide on 42 performance indicators across three categories. The categories are civic leadership (assessing commitment to community health, equity and inclusion), value of care (measures use of unnecessary services) and quality of care (evaluates patient outcomes, satisfaction and safety).

Denver Business Journal, July 7, 2020