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['White Coats For Black Lives': Health Care Workers And Students Kneel For George Floyd](#)

A group of medical workers and students at the C.U. Anschutz Medical Campus knelt for 10 minutes Friday, in honor of George Floyd and other victims of excessive force. "What we cannot continue to live without is justice. We need justice. When crimes are committed, there needs to be repercussions and that is the only way to get this racism to stop," said medical student **Jeremy Ansah-Twum**.

*CBS4, June 5, 2020*

[Denver protests against racism and police violence, day 12](#)

**Jeremy Ansah-Twum**, a second-year medical student at the University of Colorado, said he sees more health professionals and students who study health care getting active in this movement for racial justice. "This past week has been incredible," he said. "It's been a huge response from not just our black citizens but our white counterparts and all different races coming out here to support our cause of racial equality in the justice system, in healthcare and in all areas of life."

*Denverite, June 8, 2020*

['White Coats For Black Lives': Medical professionals kneel in solidarity across Denver metro area](#)

Across town in Aurora at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, hundreds gathered there in silence as well. "People across the nation are crying out for justice, and we are seeing direct reaction because of those protests," said **Jeremy Ansah-Twum**, a second-year medical student.



"What America has been doing to the African-American community and to those of minority, this is just unacceptable," said **Patrick Mahar** of Children's Hospital [and CU School of Medicine].



“We understand that black folks have faced an unbelievable amount of discrimination and hatred built into a system of society,” said **Noelle Northcutt** [assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

*Fox31, June 5, 2020*



### [Colorado Springs healthcare professionals took a knee for justice](#)

“We here are saying loudly that we are white coats for black lives — Healthcare is this intersection of individuals, community members, we have this platform to cultivate healing,” medical student **Oluwatosin (Tosin) Adebisi** said.

*Fox21 (Colorado Springs), June 5, 2020*



### [Academic medical leaders and learners reflect on police brutality, racism, and the path forward](#)

**Jeffrey Druck**, President of the Academy for Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Medicine; professor of emergency medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine: “So, after crying for George Floyd, and the now innumerable number of people unfairly treated due to their skin color, and wondering how we move forward from yet another atrocity, I am positive of one thing: We can get there. It will be a long road, and that road starts with recognition of our biases and trying to work against them.”

*AAMC, June 5, 2020*



### [Childhood Vaccinations Drop During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

One unintended consequence of families sheltering at home is that children’s vaccination rates have gone way down....That could mean new outbreaks of measles and whooping cough, even while we’re struggling with COVID-19. Joining Ira to talk about decreasing vaccination rates are two pediatricians, James Campbell, professor of pediatrics at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, and **Amanda Dempsey**, professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado.

*Science Friday, May 29, 2020*



### [Vaccine Bill Draws Republican Ire After It Is Scheduled For Sunday Debate](#)

**Sean O'Leary**, a pediatric infectious disease specialist at Children's Hospital Colorado [and CU School of Medicine], said the state has since "seen dramatic drops in vaccination because of all the social and physical distancing measures" and people's [infection concerns about visiting their doctors](#). "So our vaccination rates in Colorado have already taken a hit because of COVID-19," O'Leary said. "So it's really important that we do everything we possibly can to bring those rates up. And I think this bill would go a long way towards doing that."

*CPR News, June 5, 2020*



### [As Playgrounds Start to Reopen, Here's How to Keep Kids Safe](#)

But for very young children, say 2 or 3 years old, wearing a mask can sometimes be counterproductive, said **Sean O'Leary**, the vice chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Committee on Infectious Diseases and an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and Children's Hospital Colorado. For example, if your child is continually touching their face and readjusting the mask, "they might become infected themselves," O'Leary said.

*The New York Times, June 11, 2020*



### [Lung Cancer in a Time of COVID-19](#)

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths worldwide, and metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) is the deadliest form, with a 5-year survival rate of just over 5%.

Because lung cancer arises in the lining of the airway, close to the site where oxygen is absorbed into the bloodstream, cancer cells are easily transported to other parts of the body, aiding metastasis.



Nonetheless, thoracic oncologists at the University of Colorado Cancer Center in Aurora who specialize in the treatment of advanced NSCLC say there is room for optimism. In this six-part series, distinguished professor **Paul Bunn** and his colleagues **D. Ross Camidge** and **Erin Schenk** discuss how to choose the optimal treatment for a patient on the basis of pathologic findings, disease staging, and biomarker testing.

*Medscape, June 2, 2020*



### [Antibody Tests Show UHealth Workers Have Lower COVID-19 Infection Rates Than General Public](#)

UHealth did validation testing with people known to be positive and negative for the virus to prove the specificity of the tests, said **Richard Zane**, UHealth’s chief innovation officer and chair and professor of emergency medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

**Michelle Barron**, medical director of infection prevention and control at UHealth University of Colorado Hospital [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], encourages everyone to continue to be mindful of steps people can take to reduce exposure to and transmission of COVID-19.

*CBS4, June 5, 2020*

### [UHealth now testing every admitted patient for COVID-19](#)

“I think we’re hoping we’re ahead of this curve, but widespread testing is kind of the key to that,” says **Michelle Barron**. Barron is UHealth’s Medical Director for Infection Prevention and Control, and says the new policy went into place Monday.

*Fox31, June 9, 2020*

### [What To Expect When You’re Expecting Results From A Coronavirus Test](#)

After any potential exposure to COVID-19 it’s important to wait five to seven days — or until you show symptoms — to get a test, said **Michelle Barron**, medical director for Infection Control and Prevention at the University of Colorado Hospital on the Anschutz Medical Campus.

*CPR News, June 11, 2020*



### [Exploring the Links Between Coronavirus and Vitamin D](#)

The study looked at colds, influenza and respiratory infections caused by a variety of viruses. It did not include the novel coronavirus. But it did look at milder infections caused by other strains of coronavirus, said **Adit Ginde**, a professor of emergency medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and the study's lead author.

*The New York Times, June 10, 2020*



### [Does the Immune System Play a Role in Parkinson's Disease?](#)

"It has long been suspected that immune alterations are an important part of the development of PD," says **Maureen Leehey**, professor of neurology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

*Health Central, June 8, 2020*



### [Colorado fitness center helps to build up cancer survivors](#)

On the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, there's a factory known to churn out warriors, a fitness center just for patients battling cancer.

*9News, June 10, 2020*



### [How to Find Affordable Mental Teletherapy Now](#)

All these mental health impacts may be long-lasting, says **Jay H. Shore**, professor of psychiatry and family medicine at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. "When we have national disasters, we anticipate increasing mental health issues, particularly anxiety, depression, addictive disorders, and trauma disorders," he says.

*Consumer Reports, June 4, 2020*



### [CU neurosurgery department chair discusses latest brain tumor treatments](#)

Roughly 80,000 will be diagnosed with a brain tumor this year. **Kevin Lillehei**, chair of the CU Department of Neurosurgery discusses the latest treatment options.

*9News, May 22, 2020*



### [Up-Front Stereotactic Radiosurgery an Option for SCLC Brain Mets](#)

“This study suggests that the trade-offs inherent to first-line SRS without WBRT, including a shorter time to new brain metastases without an apparent difference in overall survival, may be similar to other settings where SRS alone is already well established,” lead author **Chad Rusthoven**, of the Department of Radiation Oncology, University of Colorado School of Medicine, told *Medscape Medical News*.

*Medscape, June 10, 2020*



### [Not a Myth – Contraceptives Can Cause Weight Gain](#)

“For years, women have said that birth control causes them to gain weight but many doctors failed to take them seriously,” said lead study author **Aaron Lazowitz**. He's assistant professor of obstetrics/gynecology and family planning at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

*U.S. News & World Report, June 8, 2020*



### [UCSF, U of Colorado develop 3D imaging tool that uses facial scans to diagnose genetic diseases](#)

“We have designed a prototype with significant potential to become a clinical tool around the world,” said **Richard Spritz**, director of the human medical genetics and genomics program at University of Colorado medical school.

*Becker's Hospital Review, June 8, 2020*



### [Potential New Standard for High-Risk, Pediatric B-Cell Lymphoma](#)

“These outstanding results support rituximab as a new standard-of-care therapy for young patients with advanced B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma,” co-author **Thomas Gross**, of University of Colorado Cancer Center and Children's Hospital Colorado, said.

*MedPage Today, June 5, 2020*



### [Is It Bad to Wear Sweaty Workout Clothes All Day?](#)

Depending on your skin type, problems could range from simply an unpleasant odor to fungal infections, according to **Whitney High**, [professor of dermatology at CU School of Medicine] who specializes in dermatopathology at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital.

*Runner's World, June 8, 2020*



### [Meet Lt. Gen. Nadja Y. West; from an orphan with an uncertain future to 44<sup>th</sup> Army Surgeon General](#)

Once an orphan with an uncertain future, **Lt. Gen. Nadja Y. West** transformed herself into a person willing to do whatever she could do – a model of confidence that made her one of the faces of black excellence. . . . After she completed a second residency in dermatology at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center and University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver, CO, West then served as Chief, Dermatology Service at Heidelberg Army Hospital, Germany.

*Face 2 Face Africa, June 9, 2020*