CU Anschutz medical school sees 35% increase in applications from last year

Jeffrey SooHoo, the School of Medicine’s associate dean for admissions, said that because applications for this year were only submitted a few months after the pandemic arrived in the U.S. in earnest, he’s skeptical of how big a role the “Fauci effect” played. “I think there might be a small signal there but I don’t think it’s the bulk,” he said.

Aurora Sentinel, Jan. 22, 2021

Coloradans ‘Should Be Proud’ Of Declining COVID Cases, Hospitalizations

“We’ve done a good job of listening to what we’re supposed to do: wearing masks, washing our hands, maintaining social distancing,” said Marc Moss, Director of Critical Care for UCHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “I think maintaining those requirements is probably why we’re seeing fewer cases.”

CBS4, Jan. 26, 2021

Colorado husband and wife, who are medical experts, encourage Black community to get coronavirus vaccine

Kweku Hazel, a surgical fellow for UCHealth’s University of Colorado Hospital, and his wife Cynthia Hazel, a researcher for the Omni Institute, have been reaching out to Black and underserved communities throughout the Denver metro area trying to reassure members that the vaccine is safe.

Channel 7, Jan. 21, 2021
Wealthier and whiter neighborhoods in Denver have higher vaccinations rates

[UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital] Chief Medical Officer Jean Kutner said the hospital is hosting vaccination clinics at places where certain communities already congregate. On Sunday, the hospital vaccinated nearly 250 people at the Shorter Community AME Church in Denver, which serves predominantly Black parishioners. UCHealth hosted a similar vaccination clinic at Salud Family Health Center in Aurora on Jan. 14 and 15, helping vaccinate about 500 people.

*Denverite, Jan. 22, 2021*

How Many Vaccine Shots Go to Waste?

Data on wasted doses is routinely monitored in childhood immunizations in large part because it is required by the federal Vaccines For Children program, which provides innoculations to millions of children not covered by private health insurance, said Sean O’Leary, a professor of pediatric infectious diseases at University of Colorado Medicine.

*Rolling Stone, Jan. 21, 2021*

UCHealth unblinds Moderna COVID-19 vaccine participants

“They are still very committed to the trial and are still very much willing to continue to participate in the trial,” said Thomas Campbell [professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] who oversees the trial at UCHealth.

*9News, Jan. 25, 2021*

While ill effects of 2nd COVID shot are stronger, front-line workers say it’s better than the alternative

“It’s not pleasant for most people but it’s not going to kill them either,” said Michelle Barron, Senior Director of Infection Prevention at UCHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “With all vaccines, you look at the risks and the benefits. The risk of getting COVID is still pretty high and the benefit of getting this vaccine is that it will probably prevent you from getting COVID, or if you do get the virus, it will be significantly milder.”

*Denver Gazette, Jan. 26, 2021*
Richard Zane, chief of emergency medicine at UCHealth, said mass vaccinations like the one planned for next weekend are one of three ways health care providers can administer vaccines. The shots can also be given from fixed clinics, like doctors’ offices, or from mobile clinics, which can travel to harder-to-reach communities. “The sooner we are all vaccinated, the sooner we can put this in our rearview mirror,” he said.

Denver Post, Jan. 24, 2021

Richard Zane, Chief of Emergency Medicine for UCHealth, called the trial run a success Sunday morning. “We spent a lot of time, down to the micro detail, to make sure this was going to go right, and we’re happy that it’s a sunny day and that people are coming and that they feel good about it,” Zane said.

CBS4, Jan. 25, 2021

“The faster and broader we vaccinate, the faster we get back to normal,” said Richard Zane, chief innovation officer for UCHealth.

Fox31, Jan. 27, 2021

“We felt the pilot went extremely well,” said Richard Zane, Chief innovation officer for UCHealth.

CBS4, Jan. 27, 2021

“It was a very efficient way to vaccinate patients,” said Richard Zane, the chief innovation officer of UCHealth. “We received tremendous feedback from our patients about how smoothly it went and how happy they were with the experience.”

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<td>“This is really the light at the end of the tunnel,” said UCHHealth’s chief innovation officer, Richard Zane.</td>
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<td>“We’re excited about the mass vaccine event,” explained Jean Kutner, UCHHealth’s chief medical officer. “And as we are issuing invitations to make vaccine events we’re giving them the choice because we want people to be able to access whatever location is more convenient for them.”</td>
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<td>22-year-old COVID ‘long hauler’ fights symptoms 11 months after infection</td>
<td>“This is a real phenomenon but we’re still trying to understand exactly who it happens to and why it happens to particular patients,” said Sarah Jolley, director of the clinic [and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. Jolley says they often see long-term symptoms in young patients who were in good health before COVID-19. Symptoms typically include exercise intolerance, fatigue, shortness of breath and persistent cough.</td>
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**Diabetes prevention program saving lives during COVID-19 crisis**

“Outcomes related to hospitalizations for COVID-19, admission to the intensive care unit in need for assisted ventilation and death is two to three times higher than people who live with diabetes than those who don’t,” said Robert Eckel, a current professor of medicine with the University of Colorado, Anschutz and former president of the American Diabetes Association.

*WTKR (Norfolk, Va.), Jan. 25, 2021*

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**Physicians Should Encourage Age-Appropriate Influenza Vaccination**

A team, led by Jessica R. Cataldi, Adult and Child Consortium for Health Outcomes Research and Delivery Science, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and Children’s Hospital Colorado, examined family physicians’ and general internal medicine physicians’ perceptions, knowledge, and practices for use of the 2 influenzas types during the 2016-2017 and 2018-2019 influenza seasons.

*HCPLive, Jan. 27, 2021*

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**Doctors, Patients Reflect On Dr. Justina Ford Day, Honoring Denver’s First Licensed Black Female Doctor**

“Some of the root causes stem from the history of this country and health care. Just like anything, when you build something and add other pieces in afterwards, they never fit just right,” said Jacqueline Ward-Gaines. Ward-Gaines is the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Educational Lead at the University of Colorado Department of Emergency Medicine.

*CBS4, Jan. 22, 2021*

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**Many LGBTQ Seniors Don’t Get The Health And End-Of-Life Care They Need. Some Coloradans Are Working To Change That**

That’s common for older LGBTQ adults, said Carey Candrian, an assistant professor and researcher at the University of Colorado. And many feel isolated, she added. “And I just get chills when I say that, because I think for people who don’t identify as LGBT, I think it’s so easy to forget the work that hiding requires,” Candrian said.

*CPR News, Jan. 22, 2021*
| **What You Need to Know About CBD Side Effects**
| CBD that you buy at the drugstore and CBD you get at a medical marijuana dispensary are not the same either, which means the side effects could be different, points out Maureen Leehey, director of the Movement Disorders Division at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.  
| *HealthCentral, Jan. 25, 2021* |

| **Colorado Melanoma Foundation – Dr. Neil Box – January 14, 2021**
| Learn sun safety tips and resources at COMelanoma.org and find out how you can reduce your risk of skin cancer. Neil Box, associate professor of dermatology at CU School of Medicine, discusses the importance of self-skin exams, what to look for, and when it's time to call a dermatologist.  
| *9News, Jan. 14, 2021* |

| **Placental function can illuminate future disease: Study**
| “We've known for some time that many major diseases in adults like diabetes and cardiovascular disease are at least partly caused by problems during foetal life,” said researcher Thomas Jansson, Professor at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. “For example, it has been shown that 50 per cent of all Type-2 diabetes in young adults are caused by exposure to the intrauterine environment in pregnant women with obesity and/or gestational diabetes.”  
| *Sify.com, Jan. 23, 2021* |

| **Colorado women experiencing hypertension during pregnancy could have cognitive issues later in life**
| “There have been studies looking at this before, but mostly they have concentrated in the past on a more severe hypertension that women experience in pregnancy,” said Meggan Zsemlye, an OB-GYN at UCHealth [and professor of clinical practice of obstetrics and gynecology at CU School of Medicine].  
| *Fox31, Jan. 26, 2021* |
Some Inflammatory Diseases Linked to Stroke-Associated Pneumonia

Layne Dylla, from the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Aurora, and colleagues examined the correlation between chronic inflammatory diseases and SAP using data from the 2015 to 2017 National Inpatient Sample.

HealthDay, Jan. 28, 2021

Rural health care is in crisis – here are 5 innovative ways Biden can help it transform

Article by Lauren Hughes, state policy director Farley Health Policy Center and associate Professor of Family Medicine, and a co-author: “Rural hospitals have struggled with financial troubles for years. Over the past decade, more than 130 have closed, forcing residents to drive farther or delay needed care. Now, the COVID-19 pandemic has many of them wondering whether rural health care systems will survive.”

The Conversation, Jan. 25, 2021

Q&A: Why future doctors must learn Holocaust’s awful lessons

In an interview, AMA member Matthew K. Wynia, professor of medicine and public health and director of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Colorado in Aurora, explored why the medical profession’s role in the Holocaust is essential learning for medical students in 2021.

AMA, Jan. 26, 2021