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[Last Year, He Caught COVID. Now, He's Had Colorado's First COVID-Related Lung Transplant](#)

Surgeon **Rob Meguid** [associate professor of surgery at CU School of Medicine] figures he's performed 150 lung transplants in his career. He didn't meet the Raymonds until the day of the operation, but word of Bryan's case had gotten around. Knowing he might be called upon to perform the transplant, Meguid began consulting with other physicians around the country who'd done the surgery on COVID-19 patients.

CPR News, June 22, 2021



[Coronavirus variant threatens to overturn falling case numbers, hospitalizations across Colorado](#)

"The presence of variants is directly correlated to the prevalence of vaccinated persons in the community," said **Richard Zane**, chief innovative officer at UHealth and professor and chairman of Emergency Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. "Vaccines are like a wall. They prevent the variants from coming in. If you're not vaccinated, you're not protected against anything."

The Gazette (Colorado Springs), June 22, 2021



[Should rare cases of heart inflammation put your COVID-19 vaccine plans on hold?](#)

Pei-Ni Jone, a pediatric cardiologist at Children's Hospital Colorado, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, said her facility had treated nine patients, all teenagers or young adults, with similar symptoms. Initially, after their second vaccine dose, they reported common side effects such as tiredness and muscle soreness. "And then two days later, they have chest pain."

Medical Xpress, June 21, 2021

[CDC considers link between rare cases of heart inflammation, COVID-19 vaccines](#)

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WWNY (Watertown, NY) via AP, June 22, 2021



[Colorado doctors praise plan to develop COVID-19 antiviral pill](#)

“We can use a pill as post exposure medication. For example, we do that in influenza patients. In a nursing home, if somebody comes down with influenza – then the other people who have been in association with the person who had the flu – take the pill to prevent them from the influenza,” said **Lakshmi Chauhan**, an infectious disease expert with UHealth [and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

Fox31, June 22, 2021



[Common colds return as fewer Coloradans wear masks and socially distance](#)

“It’s been so interesting because for the last year with COVID, we basically didn’t see anything else and it was such a bizarre thing to see,” said **Michelle Barron**, senior director of infection prevention and control at UHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

Denver Post, June 18, 2021



[CU Regents Vote Down An Effort To Make COVID-19 Vaccines Optional On University Campuses](#)

But the chancellor of CU’s Medical Campus, **Donald Elliman Jr.**, said CU already mandates other vaccinations. “We do mandate the flu vaccine as well and frankly we see this in the same category,” he said....“We thought that in order to ensure a safe environment, this was a necessity,” Elliman said. “So that was our reasoning behind it.”

CPR News, June 17, 2021



[POINT/COUNTERPOINT: Question: Should Colorado be holding vaccine sweepstakes?](#)

Matthew Wynia is a Professor in the Schools of Medicine and Public Health and Director of the University of Colorado's Center for Bioethics and Humanities, located on the Anschutz Medical Campus: "I'm not usually a fan of lotteries — they're a tax on people who are bad at math, my math teacher once joked. But unlike a lottery, which requires buying a ticket, entry into the COVID-19 vaccination sweepstakes is automatic and free for everyone who gets the vaccine. Here's why I'm in favor of them."

Denver Gazette, June 20, 2021



[It took a pandemic, but the US finally has \(some\) centralized medical data](#)

"It's just shocking that we had no harmonized, aggregate health data for research in the face of a pandemic," says **Melissa Haendel**, a professor of research informatics at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and one of the co-leads of N3C. "We never would have gotten everyone to give us this degree of data outside the context of a pandemic, but now that we've done it, it's a demonstration that clinical data can be harmonized and shared broadly in a secure way, and a transparent way."

MIT Technology Review, June 21, 2021



[Could your medication raise your risk for heat-related illness?](#)

When temperatures reach into the 90s, more people seek medical attention for heat-related illnesses, said **Vik Bebarta**, emergency medicine physician and toxicologist at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital [and professor of emergency medicine at CU School of Medicine].

KRON (San Francisco), June 21, 2021



[The search for the Dr. Fauci of climate change](#)

"It's not just about the patient-physician relationship," said **Jay Lemery**, an emergency medicine physician and professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. He believes a doctor's job confronting climate change is equal parts clinician and advocate. To help newly certified doctors step into this role, Lemery started the first and only climate-focused medical education fellowship in the country in 2017.

Grist, June 21, 2021



[For Kids With Mental Health Issues The Pandemic Was ‘Fuel To The Fire.’ What Help Is On The Way?](#)

It’s not uncommon for children as young as five or six years old to struggle with anxiety, said **Jenna Glover**, the director of psychology training at Children’s Hospital Colorado [and assistant professor of psychiatry at CU School of Medicine]. “Especially in the last several years and definitely over the pandemic...we are seeing younger kids...who are already having mental health challenges,” said Glover.



David Brumbaugh, Chief Medical Officer at Children’s Hospital Colorado and a pediatric gastroenterologist [and associate professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], said he saw the faces behind those numbers. “We had kids backing up in our emergency department waiting [for] hours...days, for the type of acute mental health interventions that they needed,” he said.

CPR News, June 19, 2021



[Doctors warn of red flags for eating disorders in children, teens](#)

“It has been a steady stream of pretty high volume, much more than we’ve seen in previous years and really devastating,” said **Jennifer Hagman**, the Director of the Eating Disorder Program at Children’s Hospital Colorado [and professor of psychiatry at CU School of Medicine].

9News, June 21, 2021



[After a high-risk pregnancy amid the pandemic, one family finally spending Father’s Day together](#)

“The high-risk nature of this comes not only in potentially losing one baby but potentially losing both or leaving one baby with brain injury,” **Henry Galan**, who works in maternal-fetal medicine at Children’s Hospital Colorado [and professor of obstetrics and gynecology at CU School of Medicine], said. “Twin to twin transfusion affects about one in 4,000 to one in 5,000 pregnancies in general, it affects about 10% of identical twins.”



“She needed to be watched very closely,” **Franklin Chow**, Director of Laborist Program at Children’s Hospital Colorado [and senior instructor of obstetrics and gynecology at CU School of Medicine], said.

Channel 7, June 18, 2021



[“Everything will be OK”: Colorado Springs family inspiring hope after life-changing surgery](#)

“She’s likely going to be able to walk, her nerves aren’t damaged, it looks like she won’t need a shunt which is what we would expect. Her ventricles are normal in size, and all of that is taken into context of her being a premature baby,” said **Ken Liechty**, the Sandy Wolf Chair in Maternal-Fetal Surgery [at Children’s Hospital Colorado and professor of surgery at CU School of Medicine].

KOAA (Colorado Springs), June 17, 2021



[More Kids In Juvenile Courts Are There For Violent Crimes. Anger Management Classes Can Help Low-Level Offenders. But Others Need More Intervention](#)

Jessica Hawks, a clinical and adolescent psychologist and an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, said there isn’t much research on the effectiveness of court-ordered anger management classes, partly because there isn’t one consistent way to teach the classes.

CPR News, June 17, 2021



[Consider air quality index, individual health to determine time spent outdoors](#)

The general rule of thumb is the worse the air quality is then the shorter amount of time residents should spend outdoors, said **Todd Bull**, director of the Center for Lungs and Breathing at UHealth Pulmonary Vascular Disease Clinic part of Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora. “It doesn’t take much exposure. If you have underlying respiratory disease, even a short exposure can result in significant worsening of breathing,” said Bull, who works in pulmonary disease and critical care medicine.

Steamboat Pilot & Today, June 24, 2021



[Hold Off on Approving Anal Cancer Drug, Advisors Tell FDA](#)

“With a response rate of 14%, and only half of that population showing a significant durable response, it is certainly problematic, and doesn’t predict clinical benefit,” said **Christopher Lieu**, of the University of Colorado. “I think everyone feels the pressure and stress of trying to improve treatment options for what is essentially an orphan disease, but unfortunately the response is simply too low to support the indication at this time.”

MedPage Today, June 24, 2021



[Obesity in Teens Raises Adult Diabetes Risk, Even After Weight Loss](#)

The message is clear: “We need to act sooner,” said **Andrew Freeman**, director of cardiovascular prevention and wellness at National Jewish Health [and associate professor of clinical practice of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “What you eat early in life has an impact on what happens to you down the road,” said Freeman, who was not involved with the new research. “Rather than pay things lip service, we need to say, ‘Here’s what you need to do and here’s how to do it.’”

HealthDay, June 21, 2021



[Confronting gender bias in Nature’s journalism](#)

The idea for the study was developed in consultation with *Nature*, but the authors, **Natalie Davidson** and **Casey Greene**, both computational biologists at the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Aurora, worked independently to design and conduct the study.

Nature, June 22, 2021



[Long-term dupilumab treatment of OCS-dependent asthma reduced OCS use](#)

“Dupilumab reduced oral corticosteroid use over time compared with the parent study baseline in patients who were rolled over into TRAVERSE,” **Michael E. Wechsler**, professor of medicine at National Jewish Health [and CU School of Medicine], told Healio.

Healio, June 22, 2021



[Sotagliflozin reduces deaths, time spent in hospital for some patients with diabetes](#)

Previously, the SOLOIST-WHF trial showed that sotagliflozin reduced cardiovascular deaths as well as hospitalizations and urgent visits for heart failure among patients with diabetes who were recently hospitalized for worsening heart failure, **Michael Szarek**, a visiting professor in the division of cardiology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, told Healio Primary Care.

Healio, June 21, 2021