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**After what scientists learned from COVID vaccines, a look at the future of mRNA technology**

“Scientists are always skeptical and always very aware of the problems and hurdles along the way,” said David Bentley, the co-director of the RNA Bioscience Initiative at Anschutz Medical Campus. “And it’s the courageous creative people that take on those difficult challenges.”

9News, June 2, 2021

**Next Question: You got COVID. You got the vaccine. How immune are you?**

Jodi wanted to know if she has “extra immunity” for getting the vaccine, since she already had COVID. We asked UCHHealth’s Michelle Barron [professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

9News, June 1, 2021

**‘Vaccinations have already shown their power’: Health experts weigh in on life after being fully vaccinated**

“You have that layer of protection and there certainly can be breakthrough cases, but they are very uncommon,” said Michelle Barron, Senior Medical Director of Infection Prevention and Control at UCHHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

9News, June 1, 2021
**Will Paying People To Get Vaccinated Against COVID-19 Work? What You Need To Know About Colorado’s Million Dollar Vaccine Sweepstakes**

“There’s really two reasons why people get vaccines, right?” said Matthew Wynia, director of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. “They’re either getting the vaccine to protect themselves or they’re getting the vaccine to protect others.”

*KUNC (Greeley), May 27, 2021*

**The Rare Disease Report Podcast: Cystic Fibrosis**

Jordana Hoppe has been involved in numerous publications regarding both CF and pulmonary populations. Currently, she teaches pediatric pulmonology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and Children’s Hospital Colorado and is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and American Thoracic Society.

*HCP Live, May 28, 2021*

**Survey results report a knowledge gap regarding early-onset CRC screening among PCPs**

“The burden of CRC in young patients is increasing; in an effort to address this changing epidemiology, multiple professional societies are considering recommendations to lower the starting age of CRC screening from 50 to 45 years old,” Anjali Parekh, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, said.

*Healio, May 28, 2021*

**Novel rRNA Assay Pinpoints Drugs That Shorten Time to TB Cure**

“Our team was motivated by a crucial roadblock to shorter TB treatments: lack of accurate markers of treatment effectiveness,” Nicholas Walter of the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora told Reuters Health by email. “For decades, the conventional readout has been how drugs affect the burden of M. tuberculosis bacteria capable of growing in culture.”

*Medscape, June 1, 2021*
What Happens To Your Heart When You Drink Coffee

According to the lead researcher, David Kao of the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical School, stated in a news release: “Coffee and caffeine are often considered by the general population to be ‘bad’ for the heart because people associate them with palpitations, high blood pressure,” he said. “The consistent relationship between increasing caffeine consumption and decreasing heart failure risk turns that assumption on its head.”

Eat This, Not That!, June 1, 2021

More mass shootings spark outrage – but don’t forget the daily deaths, either

Opinion column by Emmy Betz, an emergency physician and researcher at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, where she directs the Firearm Injury Prevention Initiative. She also co-founded the Colorado Firearm Safety Coalition, and Megan Ranny: “Indeed, a focus on mass shootings obscures the tremendously higher daily toll of firearm deaths and injuries involving only one or two people.”

The Hill, May 28, 2021

Todd Saliman, CU’s chief financial officer, named interim university president

Todd Saliman, the University of Colorado’s chief financial officer, was named interim president of the four-campus, multibillion-dollar CU system Tuesday ahead of the looming departure of President Mark Kennedy. The university’s elected Board of Regents voted unanimously to make the appointment at a short midday meeting.

Denver Post, June 1, 2021