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[Living donor helps 2-year-old survive liver failure](#)

A team at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital took out a small portion of Luis's liver, and **Megan Adams** [assistant professor of surgery] performed the transplant surgery at Children's. "Especially for a small child or a baby, we only need to take probably 10 to 15 percent of the adult's liver, and in both the donor and the recipient, that liver will be regenerated to the size it needs to be within six weeks," Adams said.

*Fox31, Aug. 9, 2022*



[A growing psychiatrist shortage and an enormous demand for mental health services](#)

"Telemedicine lets you get away from the confines of a brick-and-mortar clinic that's open 8 to 5, so you can work expanded hours," says **Matt Mishkind**, an assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora. It also can help reduce burnout by cutting commute times and offering providers diverse patients they otherwise couldn't treat, experts say.

*AAMC News, Aug. 9, 2022*



[Doctors give tips for parents if children are feeling stressed or anxious going back to school](#)

"The start of the school year is always a difficult time for a lot of kids. For younger kids, they are often struggling with separating from family members that they've maybe been seeing every day during the summer. Kids making transitions to middle school and high school often struggle because there is a lot of uncertainty and unknown," said **Sarah Kennedy**, licensed clinical psychologist at Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora.

*KKTV (Colorado Springs), Aug. 9, 2022*



### [Colorado kids improving on routine vaccinations, but still lagging behind pre-pandemic level](#)

**Meg Tomcho**, a pediatrician at Denver Health [and assistant professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], said her office saw a major decline in routine visits in the first months of the pandemic, but that patient volume is now slightly above normal.



The kindergarten vaccination rate is typically lower than the rate for older children, because parents who forgot to schedule shots before their kids started school will often do so after their school reminds them, said **Sean O'Leary**, an infectious disease specialist at Children's Hospital Colorado [and professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine].

*Denver Post, Aug. 10, 2022*



### [Doctors push for children to get vaccinated for COVID-19 ahead of school year](#)

**Michelle Barron** from UCHHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] talks about the importance of young students getting vaccinated before returning to classes this fall.

*Fox32 (Chicago), Aug. 8, 2022*



### [How Long Are You Really Contagious When You Have COVID-19?](#)

**Daniel Pastula**, a UCHHealth associate professor of neurology, infectious diseases and epidemiology for the University of Colorado School of Medicine, told UCHHealth that one reason why it is so contagious is because the virus is "novel," or new to humans, which means our bodies haven't developed a way to fight it yet.

*HealthDigest, Aug. 4, 2022*



### [SARS-CoV-2 Infection Not Associated with Autoimmunity Related to T1D Development](#)

"Long-term follow-up of persons with preexisting autoimmunity is necessary to determine whether SARS-CoV-2 accelerates progression to clinical diabetes," wrote study author **Marian Rewers**, Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes, CU School of Medicine.

*HCP Live, Aug. 9, 2022*



### [How to get monkeypox vaccines and tests in Colorado](#)

“I think it is critical that everyone understand what's going on with this virus,” said **Sarah Rowan**, [associate professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine and] an infectious disease specialist at Denver Health who has been leading the system’s response to the outbreak. “There are communities with higher transmission. But anyone can be exposed.”

*CPR News, Aug. 5, 2022*



### [Teenage burn victim given new outlook on life thanks to ‘spray-on skin’ treatment at UCHealth](#)

Thomas received nearly a dozen skin grafts to various parts of his body. His face got what’s called ReCell, a spray-on skin treatment. **Arek Wiktor** [associate professor of surgery at CU School of Medicine] performed the surgery.

*Channel 7, Aug. 4, 2022*



### [Aurora Fire adding new sedative almost 3 years since Elijah McClain died](#)

**Vik Bebarta**, an emergency physician at UCHealth and professor of emergency medicine at CU, can’t comment on AFR’s decision, but he said droperidol is commonly used in his profession. “It is a different medication completely,” he said. “Ketamine is used for procedural sedation and pain and other things. Droperidol is used for nausea, vomiting and sedation.”

*9News, Aug. 8, 2022*



### [How ‘exposure’ to fentanyl could really be affecting first responders](#)

**Robert Lam** is an emergency physician with UCHealth [and assistant clinical professor of emergency medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “That’s a very uncommon way for an occupational exposure to happen. Where you see the patients that have the worst outcomes are those that actually ingest a drug of abuse,” Lam said.

*Fox21 (Colorado Springs), Aug. 5, 2022*



### [Research Shows Poor Patient Comprehension of Terms Commonly Found in Electronic Health Information](#)

“Our aims were to get a clearer picture of what patients were understanding and not understanding, and to learn more about what educational tools patients would find most helpful,” said **Alexandra Verosky**, a third-year medical student at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and lead author of the study. “We’re seeing this need not just in breast oncology and surgery, but across all areas of health care.”



Verosky and her colleagues, including research mentor and CU Cancer Center member **Sarah Tevis**, Assistant Professor of Surgical Oncology, designed a survey to assess patient understanding of eight terms common in breast pathology reports: malignant, benign, metastatic, neoplasm, negative, mass, carcinoma, and high grade.

*ASCO Post, Aug. 5, 2022*



### [Breast Cancer Treatment Effects on Sex Life a Hidden Burden](#)

Patients want to know what to expect, and what they can do to manage sexual symptoms, said researcher **Sarah Tevis**, of the University of Colorado Cancer Center in Aurora....Of the patients Tevis and her colleagues interviewed, most said they'd received no information about the sexual side effects of treatment.

*U.S. News & World Report, Aug. 8, 2022*



### [Thomas W. Flaig, MD, on Bladder Cancer: New Treatment Options](#)

**Thomas Flaig** of the University of Colorado Cancer Center discusses the rapidly changing treatment landscape for patients with bladder cancer....

*ASCO Post, Aug. 8, 2022*



### [From ‘hospital room of the future’ to remote mental health monitoring, innovation chiefs share top tech ideas](#)

**Richard Zane**, Chief Innovation Officer of UCHealth (Aurora, Colo.): The innovation we are most proud of at UCHealth is building a culture of continuous innovation: adopting digital health and embracing change to provide the best care for our patients.

*Becker’s Hospital Review, Aug. 9, 2022*