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### [Colorado COVID hospitalizations drop below 1,000](#)

“It’s refreshing,” said **Jennifer Singleton**, an emergency doctor at UCHHealth Highlands Ranch [and assistant professor of emergency medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “I think we all certainly needed a foot off the gas, if I could say it that way.”

*9News, Feb. 9, 2022*



### [Denver will soon lift mask mandate for schools](#)

“Coming out of Omicron, we’re now at a different phase of the pandemic,” said **Steven Federico**, director of pediatrics for Denver Health [and associate professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], in a statement. “The focus moving forward needs to be on vaccination — including boosters for teens and adults, as well staying home and getting tested when we’re sick. The lifting of this mandate does not mean that individuals should not or cannot mask.”

*Denver Post, Feb. 9, 2022*



### [Which Kids Are More Likely to Develop MIS-C?](#)

Male sex, Black race, age younger than 12 years, and obesity were all associated with increased odds of MIS-C versus acute COVID-19 infection, reported **Blake Martin**, of the University of Colorado School of Medicine, and colleagues.

*MedPage Today, Feb. 8, 2022*



### [New Study Reveals Common Links Between Those Suffering From Post-COVID 'Long Hauler' Syndrome](#)

She turned to National Jewish Health and its center for post-COVID care and recovery to find the common link between those who experience long-term effects of the virus. “We see young and old. We see folks who had mild acute COVID or severe acute COVID and there was no clear predisposing comorbidity,” **Irina Petrache** [professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] said.

*CBS New York, Feb. 9, 2022*



### [New study testing omicron-specific mRNA vaccine](#)

“So the RNA is spelling out a slightly different protein sequence. And so just change the spelling of it but put it back into the exact same packaging, the exact same formulation and you’re pretty much good to go,” said **Ross Kedi**, who is a professor of immunology at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. “Because they’ve already been through it once, doing an omicron test will be a much shorter process.”

*WFTS (Tampa Bay), Feb. 1, 2022*



### [UCHealth doctor explains who is eligible for fourth dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and will there be a fifth dose?](#)

“It would just be on your list... we recommended a flu shot, we recommended you get a tetanus, and your covid vaccine and you’re up to date or you’re not up to date,” said **Michelle Barron** of UCHealth [and CU School of Medicine].

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



### ['The Right Time': Some Health Experts Support Fewer Mask Mandates](#)

“We are, fortunately, seeing a downturn,” said **Jean Kutner**, Chief Medical Officer at UCHealth’s University of Colorado Hospital [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “That said, we still have a lot of people who are getting sick with COVID. Across the whole state, there are more than 1,000 people who have COVID and are still in the hospital. It is definitely getting better, but it is by no means gone.”

*CBS4, Feb. 4, 2022*



### [Heart to heart: A father and daughter share journeys through open-heart surgery](#)

Recently, both went through open-heart surgery to correct their conditions at the Anschutz Medical Campus. And both benefitted from the [Colorado Adult and Teen Congenital Heart \(CATCH\) Program](#), a partnership of Children's Hospital Colorado and UHealth University of Colorado Hospital on the Anschutz campus. It's one of the largest programs of its kind in the nation.

"It is very uncommon for family members to be diagnosed with adult congenital heart disease and have to have surgery around the same time period," said **Amber Khanna**, associate director of the CATCH Program [and associate professor of medicine]. "[It was a] huge coincidence."

*Rocky Mountain PBS, Feb. 7, 2022*



### [CU Medicine Cancer Center Director Weighs In On 'Cancer Moonshot'](#)

CU Medicine Cancer Center Director **Richard Schulick** weighs in on President Biden's Cancer Moonshot program.

*CBS4, Feb. 3, 2022*



### [Psychiatric Disorders in Pediatric, AYA Cancer Survivors: Impact of Treatment](#)

To discuss this phenomenon and address the unique risks and needs of these patients, we interviewed **Robert Casey**, a pediatric psychologist and director of the Wellness Program at the Center for Cancer & Blood Disorders at Children's Hospital Colorado and an associate professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine Anschutz Medical Campus.

*Cancer Therapy Advisor, Feb. 9, 2022*



### [2 Colorado Patients With High BMIs Receive Successful Robotic Kidney Transplants](#)

"It's virtually impossible to ask a patient to lose 50 pounds when they're tethered to a dialysis machine three times per week," said **Thomas Pshak**, a surgeon with the UHealth Transplant Center [assistant professor of surgery at CU School of Medicine] and the lead on the robotic kidney transplant team.

*CBS4, Feb. 8, 2022*



### [Types, outcomes of pulmonary hypertension differ substantially between children and adults](#)

“Despite advances over the past decades, pulmonary hypertension and related pulmonary vascular diseases cause significant morbidity and mortality in diverse neonatal, pulmonary, cardiac, hematologic and other systemic disorders of childhood,” **Steven H. Abman**, professor in the department of pediatrics and director of the Pediatric Heart Lung Center at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and Children’s Hospital Colorado, told Healio.

*Healio, Feb. 8, 2022*



### [Teens are vaping fentanyl, poison control warns](#)

“One of the things we have noticed recently is we have gotten a fair number of calls to our poison center for young people, adolescents, who have been experimenting with vaping fentanyl,” **Christopher Hoyte** said. Hoyte is the medical director of the Rocky Mountain Poison Center, which is part of Denver Health. He is also an attending physician in the emergency department at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital [and associate professor of emergency medicine at CU School of Medicine].

*Fox31, Feb. 9, 2022*



### [Children’s Hospital Colorado appoints Mental Health-in-Chief amid mental health emergency](#)

**K. Ron-Li Liaw** is the first Mental Health-in-Chief for the hospital system. “I’m coming at this both as a child psychiatrist and also a mom of three kids, and we’ve been navigating this for almost three years, virtual learning, school closures, quarantining; all of the disruptions of the day to day life as a child,” Liaw said.

*Rocky Mountain PBS, Feb. 5, 2022*

### [Children’s Hospital Colorado’s 1<sup>st</sup> mental health-in-chief on the now or never moment facing the US](#)

Question: The role, mental health-in-chief, is a unique C-suite role for health systems in the U.S. How did this position materialize? **K. Ron-Li Liaw**: I do applaud Children’s Hospital of Colorado's leadership under our CEO Jena Hausmann and department chair for psychiatry, C. Neill Epperson, MD, at the university’s medical school.... The role is designed to bring mental health research and discovery to our clinical continuum of care, training programs and workforce development initiatives.

*Becker's Hospital Review, Feb. 7, 2022*



[Facing surge of mental health patients, Children's Hospital experts urge parents to check in with kids](#)

The demand and waitlist for Children's services is "unreal," said **Jenna Glover**, a child and adolescent psychologist [and associate professor of psychiatry at CU School of Medicine]. Young Coloradans visited Children's ER more than 6,500 times in 2021 for mental health reasons, the system said.



**Jessica Hawks**, a child and adolescent psychiatrist and a director for the hospital's mental health institute [and assistant professor of psychiatry at CU School of Medicine], said warning signs for children include irritability, acting out more, isolating more, changing their eating and sleeping habits, and a lack of motivation or interest in usual activities.

*Denver Gazette, Feb. 4, 2022*



[Patients struggle to access Colorado's aid-in-dying law 5 years later](#)

But less than half at 48% were willing to be the consulting physician or act as the attending physician, both of which are required under law, according to a [published study](#) conducted by researchers at the University of Colorado medical school. "One of the conclusions of our research is that there's a need for education, not just for physicians who haven't done this," lead researcher **Eric Campbell** [told](#) Colorado Public Radio.

*Axios Denver, Feb. 9, 2022*

[Access still an issue in Colorado's aid-in-dying programs](#)

**Eric Campbell** is a researcher at the University of Colorado Hospital. His team wanted to better understand the relationship between physicians and medical aid in dying beyond just popular assumptions. "Often other types of information inform the policy debate and that's anecdote, that's allegation. They're important information, but they're not science," Campbell said.

*Denver Post, Feb. 6, 2022*



### [If You Have Vertigo, This Doctor Has A Trick That May Help](#)

So for the days where walking in a straight line seems more like walking through a corn maze, **Carol Foster** an Otolaryngologist and the Director of the Balance Laboratory at the University of Colorado Hospital has an easy fix!

*Totally the Bomb, Feb. 3, 2022*



### [Strength Training vs. Cardio: Which Is Better for Heart Health?](#)

“Maintaining a healthy weight is part of the equation to help with lots of those different risk factors,” **Andrew M. Freeman**, director of cardiovascular prevention and wellness with National Jewish Health [and associate professor of clinical practice at CU School of Medicine], tells LIVESTRONG.com.

*LiveStrong, Feb. 9, 2022*



### [Anesthesia Care Team May Be Quicker for GI Endoscopy](#)

“We have increased patient access to our GI unit by making these modifications,” said **Adeel Faruki**, a senior instructor of anesthesiology and fellow in operations at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

*Medscape, Feb. 9, 2022*



### [Annual Flu Vaccine in Children Builds Strong Immune Response](#)

The observation that children have a greater propensity than adults to generate bNAbs is an important one, said **Jenna Guthmiller**, postdoctoral fellow at the University of Chicago and incoming assistant professor in the Department of Immunology and Microbiology at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

*Medscape, Feb. 7, 2022*



### [Study: Women Aged 35 and Younger Are 44% More Likely Than Men to Have Strokes](#)

In the study, **Sharon Poisson** and **Michelle Leppert**, both from the department of neurology at the University of Colorado's School of Medicine, looked at just the occurrences of the strokes that are caused by blood clots that travel to the brain, not what caused them.

*Pharmacy Times, Feb. 4, 2022*



### [Pediatric Rheumatologists Discuss the Current State and Future of Precision Medicine in Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis](#)

What is the current state of progress on the potential role of a precision medicine-based approach in JIA? **Robert Fuhlbrigg**, professor of pediatric rheumatology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and section head of pediatric rheumatology at Children's Hospital Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus: On the one hand, the advent of biologic DMARDs has had a transformative effect on treatment of JIA.

*Rheumatology Advisor, Feb. 4, 2022*

### [Toxicologist: Drugs, 'excited delirium' didn't kill Floyd](#)

In testimony Wednesday, **Vik Bebartha**, an emergency physician and toxicologist and professor at the University of Colorado in suburban Denver, bolstered the prosecution's contention that Floyd died because of how Officer Derek Chauvin pressed his knee down on the Black man's neck for 9 1/2 minutes as he pleaded "I can't breathe."

*ABC News via AP, Feb. 10, 2022*