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[Judge declines to block CU Anschutz's vaccination policy](#)

A federal judge declined to halt enforcement of the University of Colorado's vaccination policy for the Anschutz Medical Campus, finding the university's interest in keeping people safe from COVID-19 outweighs the objections of a handful of staff and students.

"It is simply not the case that a medical campus is required to put patients and others in a healthcare environment at risk to accommodate these plaintiffs," Moore wrote in [a Jan. 27 order](#). "And during this pandemic, which has placed unprecedented burdens on healthcare workers, the court finds the public interest is not served by adding to that burden additional uncertainty about colleagues' vaccination status."

Denver Gazette, Jan. 29, 2022



[Pfizer asks FDA to allow COVID-19 vaccine for children under 5](#)

"What we're seeing right now is still a lot of hospitalizations and unfortunately some deaths in this age group," said **Sean O'Leary** of the University of Colorado, who is on the AAP's infectious disease committee. If the FDA clears vaccinations for these youngsters, "that's going to be really important because all of those hospitalizations and deaths essentially are preventable."

PBS News Hour via AP, Feb. 1, 2022

[Here's what needs to happen for children under 5 to get the COVID-19 vaccine](#)

"The FDA uses data submitted by the manufacturer. ACIP can use all kinds of other data to consider in their deliberations," **Sean O'Leary**, vice-chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Infectious Diseases, told CNN on Tuesday.... "At that point, then, it just depends on getting the vaccine shipped into places that they're going to be delivering the vaccine," said O'Leary, who is also a

professor of pediatric infectious disease at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and works with Children's Hospital Colorado.

KCCI (Des Moines, Iowa) via CNN, Feb. 2, 2022



[COVID vaccines don't work for some people. For them, the pandemic remains terrifying.](#)

One of the National Jewish doctors on the study, **Shu-Yi Liao** [assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], called the results “a novel finding” among COVID research. “Initially people thought, ‘I’m fully vaccinated; I’m safe,’” he said. “But right now that’s not necessarily the truth.”



“National Jewish is a place where we want everyone to know their risks,” said **Anthony Gerber**, [associate professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] another doctor on the study. “We do testing so we can help people do better and live better.”



The experience made **Michael Wechsler** at National Jewish [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] think about a new way of treating high-risk patients. “We should probably be testing patients for antibodies and identifying who is at risk and giving boosters and or extra boosters to those individuals based on their antibody levels,” he said.

Colorado Sun, Jan. 31, 2022



[A New Study Finds a Link Between Long-Haul COVID Symptoms and Mitochondria Damage](#)

That was one thing that **Irina Petrache**, chief of the division of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine at National Jewish Health [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], noticed early on in the pandemic. “As the first survivors of COVID emerged, it became clear that many of them suffered from prolonged illness,” Petrache tells POPSUGAR.

PopSugar, Feb. 2, 2022



[How to properly store at-home COVID-19 tests so they stay accurate](#)

Though at-home tests are convenient, **Michelle Barron**, senior medical director of infection prevention and control for UCHHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] in Colorado, warned they're only accurate about 80 percent of the time.

The Hill, Jan. 27, 2022



[Why COVID-19 has provided a timeless lesson in ethics](#)

A webinar, "Ethics and Equity in Crisis Standards of Care," produced by [Project Firstline](#)—the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's national training collaborative for infection prevention and control—featured a presentation by **Matthew Wynia**, professor of medicine and public health and director of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Colorado.

AMA, Feb. 1, 2022



[Don't Give Up on Your Pandemic Resolutions Just Yet!](#)

Annie Caldwell's daughter used to be obsessed with the *Berenstain Bears*, a collection of children's books that revolved around a family of altruistic ursines. That was fine with Caldwell, a psychology researcher at the CU Anschutz Health and Wellness Center who loved the fables' morality lessons.



Decisions are not made in a vacuum, says **Dan Bessesen**, the director of the CU Anschutz Health and Wellness Center. The context of your life—your friends, work-related stress, your proximity to the office candy bowl—informs how you behave.



"Our thinking was, 'Maybe this is a way of helping people sustain behavior,'" says **Kevin Masters**, the director of clinical health psychology at the CU Anschutz Health and Wellness Center.

5280, February 2022



[Comparing preprints and their finalized publications during the pandemic](#)

Casey Greene of the University of Colorado School of Medicine, a co-author on the Nicholson et al. study, adds, “Collectively, our studies both provide evidence supporting the reliability and use of preprints both during a global pandemic and for general scientific outputs.”

Phys.org, Feb. 1, 2022



[Doctor creates tool to help people of color screen themselves for cystic fibrosis](#)

A lung doctor based in Denver says the disease she treats is sometimes misdiagnosed because of a patient’s race. Now, **Jennifer Taylor-Cousar** hopes a new tool will empower patients to screen themselves for cystic fibrosis and advocate for themselves to receive appropriate medical care. Taylor-Cousar is a pulmonologist at National Jewish Health [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

9News, Feb. 1, 2022



[Ophthalmologist advocates for LGBTQ+ members to be able to donate cornea tissue](#)

Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine **Michael Puente** originally began researching the topic in 2019 when he came across it during his residency. “I read about a young boy who had committed suicide due to being bullied because he was gay,” said Puente, who is an ophthalmologist at Children’s Hospital Colorado’s North Campus in Broomfield. “His mother said he was allowed to donate all organs aside from his eyes solely because he was gay.”

Boulder Daily Camera, Feb. 2, 2022



[Tobacco publishing ban for researchers at industry-owned firms](#)

Respiratory societies worldwide have banned researchers directly funded by tobacco companies for more than a decade, says **Gregory Downey**, a pulmonologist at the University of Colorado and president-elect of the ATS. Now, the organizations have extended that ban to researchers working for firms acquired by tobacco companies.

Nature, Jan. 28, 2022



[5 years into Colorado's medical aid-in-dying programs, access is still an issue and researchers say educating doctors could help](#)

Eric Campbell is a researcher at the University of Colorado Hospital [and CU School of Medicine]. His team wanted to better understand the relationship between physicians and MAID 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.

CPR News, Jan. 28, 2022



[Late-stage colon cancer showing up in more younger adults. 'Get screened,' doctor urges](#)

Researchers from the University of Colorado School of Medicine examined data from 100,000 people with adenocarcinoma, an aggressive form of cancer that's more likely to be caught in later stages.... "Studying cases of adenocarcinoma alone is important because those are the ones we're trying to prevent with screening and risk factor identification," said study author **Jordan Karlitz**, chief of gastroenterology at Denver Health Medical Center, according to [ABC News](#).

USA Today, Jan. 27, 2022

[Late-Stage Colon Cancers Increasing Among Young Americans](#)

Delayed detection probably plays a big role in why young adults are often diagnosed with advanced disease, said senior researcher **Jordan Karlitz**, chief of the gastrointestinal division at Denver Health Medical Center [and associate professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Jan. 31, 2022



[Among Young Adults, More Women Than Men Have Ischemic Strokes](#)

Michelle H. Leppert, from the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Aurora, and colleagues conducted a systematic review to reconcile and synthesize existing evidence of sex differences among young adults with ischemic strokes. Nineteen studies that reported on sex-specific stroke incidence among young adults were identified, three of which reported overlapping data.

HealthDay, Jan. 27, 2022



[Ischemic Stroke Rates Higher in Young Women Than Young Men](#)

“One of the take home messages from this study is that stroke happens across the entire age spectrum, including young adults even if they do not have traditional risk factors,” study co-author **Sharon N. Poisson**, associate professor of neurology at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Denver, told *theheart.org* | *Medscape Cardiology*.

Medscape, Jan. 27, 2022



[What Was Causing This Newborn’s Startling Seizures?](#)

Case study by **Julia Michie Bruckner**, a pediatrician at Children’s Hospital Colorado [and instructor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine]: “The hospital’s doctors, nurses and social workers helped ensure Sophie’s mother had support to provide food and vitamins for herself and her daughter....Sophie no longer moved strangely, now seizure-free thanks to enough calcium and vitamin D. She was able to safely return home to her siblings, who were eager to get to know their sweet new sister.”

Discover, Feb. 2, 2022



[Unintentional drug overdoses led to 200,000 years of lost life in US preteens and teens who died between 2015 and 2019, study shows](#)

Often, though, that’s where the system falls short, according to **Paula Riggs**, a professor and director of the Division of Addiction Science, Prevention and Treatment in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. “Less than 10% of kids go to treatment with the standard screening, brief intervention, referral to treatment model that we’re using,” said Riggs, who wasn’t involved in the new study. “They do a great job screening, but the referral to treatment part is not working. It’s broken.”

CNN, Jan. 31, 2022



[Children’s Hospital psych unit full, ER overwhelmed](#)

“They’re struggling in a way we haven’t seen before,” **Jenna Glover** [associate professor of psychiatry at CU School of Medicine] said. To make matters worse, child therapists across the state are overwhelmed, turning away patients left and right.

Fox31, Feb. 2, 2022



[Children's Hospital Colorado holding mental health town hall Wednesday](#)

Children's Hospital Colorado will be holding a virtual open forum Wednesday evening to discuss child and youth mental health. The forum will be moderated by **K Ron-Li Liaw**, the hospital's new mental health-in-chief.

Aurora Sentinel, Jan. 31, 2022



[Surrogate Endpoints Acceptable in AML Trials, Says FDA](#)

"The central finding of the article, that both EFS and the CR rate are reliably associated with improved OS, is of immediate relevance and indicates that these parameters represent acceptable and appropriate surrogate end-points for clinical trials of AML," say Courtney DiNardo, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas, and **Daniel Pollyea**, University of Colorado, Aurora, Colorado, in an accompanying editorial.

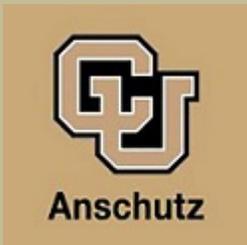
Medscape, Jan. 31, 2022



[Active Clinical Trials of Interest in Endometrial Cancer Explore Novel Up-Front Approaches](#)

Comparing the use of novel immunotherapeutic approaches with standard chemotherapy in the frontline setting represents a key focus of research in the endometrial cancer paradigm, according to **Bradley R. Corr** [an assistant professor of the gynecologic oncology team in the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at University of Colorado (UC) Anschutz Medical Campus].

OncLive, Jan. 27, 2022



[In-Home Cancer Care Enabler Reimagine Raises \\$25 Million](#)

Other strategic investors joined in on the funding round as well, including: the CU Healthcare Innovation Fund, a strategic healthcare fund affiliated with the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, and City of Hope, a National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center.

Home Health Care News, Jan. 30, 2022



[HealthRhythms lands UHealth partnership, \\$11M investment to scale up AI-based mental health app](#)

“Widespread utilization of HealthRhythms’ technology will transform how we care for patients with mental health concerns,” said **Neill Epperson**, chair of the University of Colorado Department of Psychiatry at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, in a statement.



The real “breakthrough” with HealthRhythms’ app is that it allows all types of providers across all specialties to integrate behavioral health into their care “without needing to be mental health experts,” said **Richard Zane**, chief innovation officer at UHealth and chair of emergency medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.



“Our vision is to have HealthRhythms on the phone of every patient who consents to it across the entire UHealth system,” said **Kimberly Muller**, executive director of CU Innovations, a strategic healthcare fund affiliated with the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

Fierce Healthcare, Feb. 2, 2022



[Getting More Out Of Your Mentoring Relationship](#)

Vineet Chopra, Robert W. Schrier Chair of Medicine, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, and Author, [The Mentoring Guide: Helping Mentors and Mentees Succeed](#): “Remember, when your mentees succeed, you succeed. Your way of thinking, the ideas you have helped crystallize, and your legacy grows with those you mentor. The best mentoring relationships are ones where you get as much as you give!”

Forbes, Feb. 1, 2022



[More Than an Inspiration: Para Wheelchair Curler Oyuna Uranchimeg on Resilience and Who Inspires Her](#)

As the only two women on the team, she looks to alternate **Pam Wilson** as somewhat of a role model. “I admire Pam. I look at her and all that you can accomplish in life — regardless of your age,” she said about her 66-year-old teammate. Wilson was also injured in a car accident that left her partially paralyzed.

In addition to curling, Wilson also competed in swimming, track and field, and basketball — and even was a national skiing champion, all following her accident. At one time, she contemplated the Paralympics.

She decided on medical school instead, becoming the first medical student in the country to do a residency at the University of Colorado School of Medicine in a wheelchair. “Pam put herself through medical school and became a doctor,” Uranchimeg revealed. “I can’t help but be inspired by her. And I want to be just like her at her age!”

Team USA, Feb. 2, 2022



[Coloradans In Space: Who Are The 5 Active Astronauts Who Call Colorado Home?](#)

Kjell Lindgren is a Colorado-educated astronaut, with a Bachelor of Science degree from the Air Force Academy, a Masters of Science from Colorado State University and a Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Colorado.

CBS4, Feb. 2, 2022



[Experts advise precautions with heavy snow, dangerous cold](#)

Tod Olin, a pulmonologist at National Jewish Health [and associate professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], braved the snow and cold on his bicycle Wednesday morning. “This is fun for me,” he said. “It’s not a drag.” Olin encountered plenty of snow-packed streets on his commute to work, but there was less traffic.

Fox31, Feb. 2, 2022