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[Fitzsimons Innovation Community growing as life sciences hub in Aurora](#)

The Fitzsimons Innovation Community just north of the Anschutz Medical Campus is drawing scores of new companies that aim to transform the future of health care. The plan calls for 45,000 jobs at full buildout. There is already a \$10 billion annual economic impact in the single square mile. That square mile made up by Anschutz and the [Fitzsimons Innovation Community](#) is the second largest economic driver for Colorado behind Denver International Airport.

WFMZ (Allentown, Penn.), June 24, 2022



[Colorado sees a drop in life expectancy not seen since WWII, driven by COVID and overdose deaths](#)

COVID-19 was the leading cause of death among Hispanics, as well as non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders and American Indian/Native Alaskans, the data show. **Lilia Cervantes**, an associate professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, said she wasn't surprised by the new numbers. "The Latino community makes up the majority of the essential workforce," said Cervantes, who is a member of the Colorado Vaccine Equity Taskforce.

CPR News, June 25, 2022



[Gay Elders Fear Being Shoved Back in Closet in Nursing Care Hunt](#)

Combating bias will take more than an executive order, said **Carey Candrian**, an associate professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and LGBTQ elderly care expert. "There has to be some connection between these larger overarching policies and protections and then the actual training of staff and of leadership, so the protections go all the way down."

Bloomberg Law, June 28, 2022



[Colorado teens reported more depression last year, but no increase in suicidal thoughts](#)

Jessica Hawks, clinical child and adolescent psychologist and clinical director of the Pediatric Mental Health Institute at Children’s Hospital Colorado [and assistant professor of psychiatry at CU School of Medicine], said the data doesn’t fully represent youth mental health in the state, though.

Denver Post, June 28, 2022



[Experts Say We Have the Tools to Fight Addiction. So Why Are More Americans Overdosing Than Ever?](#)

In late 2019, she crossed paths with **Paula Riggs**, a child, adolescent and addiction psychiatrist at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, who seemed to know exactly what that something was. Riggs has spent her career mapping the intersection of mental illness and addiction in teenagers and young adults.

The New York Times, June 24, 2022



[VIDEO: Researchers emphasize normalization of menopause](#)

“The concept of normalizing menopause is not to make light of it,” **Nanette Santoro**, professor and E. Stewart Taylor Chair of OB/GYN at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, told Healio. “It is a life passage that is inconvenient and bothersome at best for most women and can be actually very symptomatic for some. But that is part of what the experience is — it is simply a life passage.”

Healio, June 28, 2022



[Some sheriffs who condemned red flag laws are putting them to use](#)

“A lot of that is because the law enforcement petitions may have been more complete,” said **Marian Betz**, an epidemiologist and deputy director of the Injury & Violence Prevention Center [and professor of emergency medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “They had the information that judges needed to move forward with it.”

CNN, June 27, 2022



[Experts explain why COVID-19 survivors report other complications](#)

“The persistence of high numbers of virus-specific T cells in individuals with long COVID suggests that there may be hidden viral reservoirs that are maintaining and leading to long-term symptoms...,” said the paper’s senior author **Brent Palmer**, associate professor of allergy and clinical immunology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine on the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

The Guardian, June 27, 2022



[Study: After getting hospitalized for COVID, some unvaccinated Latino patients went on to advocate for vaccinations](#)

Lilia Cervantes, one of the researchers, said before they got sick many felt COVID didn’t exist or they didn’t trust information about the virus. “And after being hospitalized, felt like, ‘Wow, yes, I had COVID. I was really sick. I saw other people that had COVID and were also really sick.’ This thing is real,” said Cervantes, an associate professor in the department of medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

CPR News, June 27, 2022



[Colorado doctors work to get more kids vaccinated against COVID](#)

Eric France with the state department of health and **Brandi Freeman** with Children’s Hospital Colorado [and CU School of Medicine] discuss efforts to get more kids vaccinated.

9News, June 27, 2022



[What is Novavax?](#)

“It’s good to have a vaccine on board like Novavax because it’s another option for those that might have contraindications to the other vaccine platforms,” **Ross Kedl**, a professor of immunology and microbiology at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, said in an email. “Some have allergic reactions or more rare concerns like blood clots.”

CNET, June 24, 2022



[CU Anschutz researchers identify drugs that curb Alzheimer's symptoms](#)

New research at the [CU Anschutz Medical Campus](#) finds two FDA-approved drugs improve cognition in patients with Alzheimer's disease. The surprising findings came after scientists screened hundreds of drugs to see which blocked formation of the amyloid plaques in the brain that lead to Alzheimer's. **Noah Johnson** and **Huntington Potter** are trying to get to the root of what causes Alzheimer's disease.

CBS4, June 29, 2022



[Dr Viral Shah on Uncovering Findings About T1D, Bone Fracture Risk, and Osteoporosis](#)

There are gender differences in bone fracture risk, osteoporosis, and type 1 diabetes that are still being explored, according to **Viral Shah**, an endocrinologist and associate professor of medicine and pediatrics at the Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes, Adult Clinic School of Medicine at the University of Colorado Anschutz campus.

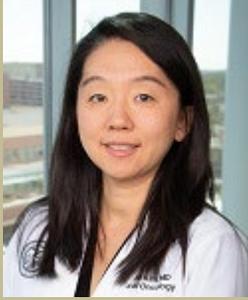
AJMC, June 30, 2022



[Lattes and gummies: Food science inspires a new approach to treating gut and liver injury](#)

Producing adequate amounts of the foam for humans and ensuring it meets the Food and Drug Administration's safety standards will take some more work, said **Joseph Onyiah**, an assistant professor of gastroenterology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine who was not involved with the study.

STAT, June 29, 2022



[Toby Keith's Stomach Cancer Diagnosis Shines Light on a Less Common Cancer](#)

Sunnie Kim, a University of Colorado Cancer Center member and assistant professor of medical oncology in the CU School of Medicine, researches stomach and gastroesophageal junction (GEJ) cancers. She is leading an upcoming clinical trial studying a chemotherapy-free drug treatment regimen for patients with stage IV stomach and GEJ cancers.

Cancer Health, June 24, 2022



[What To Do If Your Child Breaks A Bone Playing At The Park](#)

Depending upon what parents have on them at the time, creating a splint at the park can be difficult. But if there are newspapers that can be rolled and tied or duct-taped to the injured area, towels that can support the broken bone, or even branches, according to the [University of Colorado](#) [Section of Wilderness and Environmental Medicine], they should be used. The goal is to keep the injury as immobile as possible, by whatever means possible.

Moms, June 27, 2022



[Round Table: In-office needle arthroscopy has potential to transform outpatient care](#)

For this *Healio Round Table*, three experts representing foot and ankle, hand and sports medicine, discussed their experiences with IONA, answer the most common questions about the technology and share their vision of the future for IONA. **Rachel M. Frank**, an associate professor of orthopedic surgery, and director of the Joint Preservation Program, department of orthopedic surgery at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, is one of the experts.

Healio, June 28, 2022



[Greater Risk of Retinal Tears after Cataract Surgery Linked to Better Preoperative VA](#)

“Careful counseling is important, and postoperative follow-up is advised for patients identified preoperatively as being at an elevated risk of retinal tears, given the large rate of asymptomatic retinal tears and high rate of progression to retinal detachment,” wrote study author **Karen Christopher**, University of Colorado School of Medicine.

HCPLive, June 29, 2022



[FDA expands Breyanzi approval for relapsed or refractory large B-cell lymphoma](#)

“Breyanzi represents a remarkable advance over a nearly 30-year standard of care, providing significantly improved efficacy with a well-established safety profile,” **Manali Kamdar**, lead investigator of the TRANSFORM study and clinical director of lymphoma services in the division of hematology, hematologic malignancies and stem cell transplantation at University of Colorado Cancer Center, said in a Bristol Myers Squibb-issued press release.

Healio, June 27, 2022



[CU's 'Twins' to be inaugural inductees into Buffs 'Legacy Wing'](#)

Former CU football players Jim Hansen and **Eric McCarty** will be the first chosen inductees in 35 years. McCarty, a finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship, is in his 19th year working with the CU athletic department after joining the school's sports medicine team in 2003. He's also a team doctor with the Colorado Avalanche.

9News, June 28, 2022



[Former Colorado lieutenant governor named CEO of Denver Health](#)

The single finalist for the top executive role at Denver Health has been confirmed as the hospital's new CEO. Former Colorado Lt. Gov. **Donna Lynne** will take over the job when CEO Robin Wittenstein retires at the end of August. Her retirement was made public in January.

Denver Business Journal, June 24, 2022