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[CU research funding tops \\$1B for sixth straight year](#)

For the sixth time in as many years, researchers at the University of Colorado lured more than \$1 billion in sponsored funding and gifts....Of the four CU campuses, the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus was responsible for \$777.8 million in research funding, with the Boulder campus a close second at \$658 million. CU's Denver and Colorado Springs campuses brought in less than \$30 million combined.

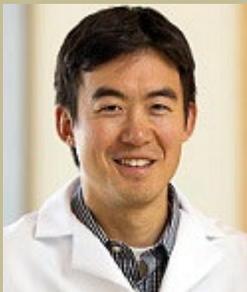
Boulder Daily Camera, Sept. 22, 2022



[Teen drinking is down but marijuana use is up, and more popular, study suggests](#)

The increase in cannabis use could be happening because the risk perception of the drug is steadily dropping, said **Christian Hopfer**, a professor of psychiatry at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, who was not involved in this study. If you ask someone how harmful cannabis is, they'll likely say it's safe and not risky to consume, said Hopfer, who is also the medical director at the Center for Dependency, Addiction and Rehabilitation in Aurora, Colo.

USA Today, Sept. 28, 2022



[What is rainbow fentanyl? Colorful pills drive new warnings about deadliest drug in the US](#)

"It's just coming out in a different form to potentially be more attractive, more quote unquote 'fun' to use because it looks potentially fun to take," said **Sam Wang**, an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

CNN, Sept. 25, 2022



[Study tries to see if child vaccines and asthma are linked](#)

Even if a link were ever found, the life-saving benefits of the vaccines are still likely to outweigh the asthma risk, said **Matthew Daley**, the study's lead author....“Based on what I consider limited animal data, there is a theoretical risk that the aluminum in vaccines could influence allergy risk,” said Daley, an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Associated Press, Sept. 27, 2022



[The pandemic's not over, but Colorado and the feds are winding down the public health response. So who fills in the gaps?](#)

It would be more accurate to say the societal response to the pandemic is largely over, said **Michelle Barron**, senior director of infection control at UCHHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

Denver Post, Sept. 25, 2022



[Polio in the US: Everything to Know About Vaccines and Boosters](#)

In communities where the vast majority of people are vaccinated, this isn't typically a problem, says **Ross Kedi**, immunologist and professor at the University of Colorado Anschutz School of Medicine....“Where it does cause troubles is in communities where the vaccine uptake is lower than it needs to be,” Kedi said.

CNET, Sept. 23, 2022



[Here's how climate change impacts our health](#)

“We think about air quality, we think about water security, we think about wildfires, extreme heat and extreme weather events and what it does to our communities,” said **Jay Lemery**, who helped found the University of Colorado School (CU) of Medicine's [Climate and Health Program](#), which focuses on the impact of climate change on human health. “Climate change is accelerating, and the health impacts are likewise, accelerating.”

9News, Sept. 28, 2022



[JAMA Devotes Special Issue to Gun Violence](#)

Marian Betz, of the University of Colorado in Aurora, and colleagues [reported](#) that 60% of firearm deaths in 2020 were due to suicide, and that among the 45,979 suicide deaths that year, 51% were due to firearm injury.

MedPage Today, Sept. 27, 2022



[The stigma of mental illness: What it looks like and how it's being shattered in Colorado](#)

The negative bias — or stigma — surrounding mental health often is seen as an individual failing and something that can be controlled, said **Jenna Glover**, director of psychology training at the Pediatric Mental Health Institute at Children's Hospital Colorado [and associate professor of psychiatry at CU School of Medicine]. "There's a perceived weakness," she said, in the individual who is having mental problems.

Colorado Springs Gazette, Sept. 25, 2022



[The 3 things a person can do to keep peak brain health, according to researchers](#)

Gray matter in the brain is needed for cognitive functions. It refers to regions throughout the brain where nerve cells — known as neurons — are concentrated, according to **Christopher M. Filley**, a professor of neurology and psychiatry and the director of the behavioral neurology section at the University of Colorado Medical School. Filley was not involved with the research paper.

Fox13 (Seattle), Sept. 27, 2022



[Colorado researcher moves forward on a drug that could reduce memory loss in people with Alzheimer's](#)

Human trials are underway for the drug Leukine, used for cancer patients, to see if it can reduce memory loss for Alzheimer's patients. **Huntington Potter**, director of the Alzheimer's and Cognition Center at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, said the drug could also benefit others with memory problems and improve cognition in people with Down syndrome, but he cautions that several more years of research are needed to make sure the drug is effective.

CPR News, Sept. 27, 2022



[Virtual Reality May Cut Anesthesia Needs During Hand Surgery](#)

Adeel A. Faruki, of the University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora [and assistant professor of anesthesiology at CU School of Medicine], and colleagues assessed whether intraoperative VR use reduces sedative dosing during elective hand surgery without detracting from patient satisfaction.

Lincoln (Neb.) Journal Star, Sept. 28, 2022



[National Eye Institute Awards \\$5 Million for Cochrane Eyes and Vision US Project](#)

The National Eye Institute (NEI) has awarded a \$5 million grant to [Tianjing Li](#), associate professor of ophthalmology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, in a continuation of the NEI's support of the Cochrane Eyes and Vision US Satellite (CEV US Satellite) at the Sue Anschutz-Rodgers Eye Center.

Cochrane.org, Sept. 28, 2022



[Aimee Pugh Bernard: Immunologist offers 4 tips for assessing health info on Internet](#)

Column by **Aimee Pugh Bernard**, immunologist and professor at the University of Colorado Anschutz medical campus: "As you do your own research to learn as much as possible before making important decisions regarding your health and the health of your family, keep in mind the four quick tips listed above. Distinguish fact from fake news by remembering that credible information rarely comes from sources that evoke strong emotion, people who are not experts in the field of which they write, in a YouTube video, and without references from credible sources."

St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press, Sept. 25, 2022