



The University of Vermont
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

August 2015 Publicity Report

National/Regional/News Service/Internet:

[USA Today, August 4](#)

Mary Cushman, M.D., M.Sc., professor of medicine, comments on the risks of blood clots associated with consumption of oral contraceptives in this article discussing how birth control pills have prevented 400,000 endometrial cancers in the past 50 years.

[USA Today](#)

[Multiple Media Sources, August 5-8](#)

A study authored by **Dimitry Kremetsov, Ph.D.**, research associate in medicine, and **Cory Teuscher, Ph.D.**, professor of medicine, and colleagues, suggesting that a high salt intake could be a risk factor for multiple sclerosis, is the subject of this article.

[University Herald](#), [Florida Statesman](#), [NewsMax Health](#), [St. Louis Star](#), [MedIndia Health News](#), [The Health Site](#), [Nutrition Insight](#), [American Laboratory](#), [Medical News Today](#), [CBS Connecticut](#), [The Statesman](#), [NDTV Food](#)

[Multiple Media Sources, June 25-August 6](#)

A book by **Dana Walrath, Ph.D.**, research assistant professor of family medicine, titled "Like Water on Stone," was nominated for a Vermont Book Award and continues to receive coverage.

[The Armenian Weekly](#), [PanArmenian.net](#),

For a full list of media sources, view the [June 2015 Publicity Report](#).

[Multiple Media Sources, August 7-21](#)

David Fassler, M.D., clinical professor of psychiatry, offered commentary on a recent lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of two adolescents who were handcuffed and shackled in school, in multiple media outlets.

[The New York Times](#), [Yahoo! Health](#)

[Multiple Media Sources, July 1-August 8](#)

A study on the correlation between eye color and alcohol dependency, led by **Arvis Sulovari**, a doctoral student in cellular, molecular and biomedical sciences, and Assistant Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics **Dawei Li, Ph.D.**, continues to receive media coverage.

[The Hoops News](#)

For a full list of media placements, click [here](#).

Pakistan Observer, August 13

Research led by **Mary Cushman, M.D., M.Sc.**, professor of medicine, suggests memory loss is more common in people with blood type AB and is featured in this article.

[Pakistan Observer](#)

The Wall Street Journal, August 14

An article the upcoming U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's annual "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," campaign, features a widely cited paper on providing financial incentives to treat addiction, which was authored by **Stephen Higgins, Ph.D.**, professor of psychiatry and psychological sciences.

[The Wall Street Journal](#)

International Business Times, August 15

Comments by **Daniel Weiss, M.D., Ph.D.**, professor of medicine, are featured in this article about research on growing artificial "biolimbs."

[International Business Times](#)

Multiple Media Sources, August 17-18

Joseph Hagan, Jr., M.D., clinical professor of pediatrics, comments on the recent acceptance of vaccine use among parents who previously didn't agree with childhood vaccinations in this article.

[WebMD](#), [Fox 16](#), [WAWS-TV Fox 30 News](#), [Medicine Net](#), [emedicine health](#)

Multiple Media Sources, August 17-29

An [article](#) originally featured on the American Heart Association's website with comments from **Rachel K. Johnson, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.D.**, professor of nutrition and pediatrics and American Heart Association spokeswoman, discussing the lack of health benefits in choosing sea salt over table salt, was picked up by multiple media sources.

[Business Insider India](#), [Business Insider Australia](#), [Bullfax.com](#), [Business Insider India](#), [Hispanic Americans](#)

Examiner, August 19

Comments from **Barbara Frankowski, M.D.**, professor of pediatrics, are featured in this article about a treatment-resistant "super lice" found in multiple states across the U.S.

[Examiner](#)

Student Life, August 20

Comments from **Rachel K. Johnson, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.D.**, professor of nutrition and pediatrics, on the effects of a bottled water ban at the University of Vermont are featured in this article.

[Student Life](#)

Wicked Local Braintree, August 31

This article features Centers for Disease Control-funded groundbreaking research about dangerous ticks that included two **University of Vermont medical students**.

[Wicked Local Braintree](#)

KIDY-TV Fox News, August 31

Rachel K. Johnson, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.D., professor of nutrition and pediatrics and spokeswoman for the American Heart Association, discusses the FDA's new proposed guidelines for added sugars in this news

story.

[KIDY-TV Fox News](#)

Medical and Science Media:

Multiple Media Sources, December 5-August 6

A study on the effects musical training has with helping kids to focus their attention, control emotions, and diminish anxiety and conducted by **James Hudziak, M.D.**, professor of psychiatry and director of the Vermont Center for Children, Youth and Families, and colleagues continues to receive media coverage.

[Music Teacher](#)

For a full list of media sources, please click [here](#).

Brain Decoder, August 7

A study on link between blood type and memory loss that originally appeared in the September 30, 2014 online issue of Neurology®, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology, is mentioned in this Brain Decoder article, which quotes **Kristine Alexander, Ph.D.**, UVM Postdoctoral Fellow in Medicine and lead author of the study.

[Brain Decoder](#)

The Scientific Parent, August 11

David Rettew, M.D., associate professor of psychiatry and pediatrics, authors this piece that offers advice to parents on how to talk about the difficult topic of death with children.

[The Scientific Parent](#)

Cardiology Today, August 21

Excerpts from an editorial written by **Philip A. Ades, M.D.**, professor of medicine, about the increasing number of cardiac rehabilitation referrals for patients with heart failure are featured in this article.

[Cardiology Today](#)

Vermont/Regional:

Multiple Media Sources, August 2-7

Peter Weimersheimer, M.D., associate professor of surgery, comments on Vermont's continued crisis in psychiatric care and lack of available patient beds in an article carried by multiple media outlets.

[VTDigger.org](#), [Brattleboro Reformer](#)

Multiple Media Sources, August 3-September 3

An algae-based lung sealant developed through research by **Daniel Weiss, M.D., Ph.D.**, professor of medicine, **Rachael Oldinski, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, and UVM engineering graduate student Spencer Fenn, earned a 2015 UVM SPARK-VT award and was featured in multiple local media outlets.

[Vermont Public Radio](#), [Burlington Free Press](#)

[ABC 22/Fox 44, August 3](#)

Diann Gaalema, Ph.D., UVM assistant professor of psychiatry, was interviewed by ABC 22/Fox 44 News about two separate research reviews she authored on the link between smoking and increasingly complicated health problems in vulnerable populations and the behavioral impacts of smoking.

[ABC 22/Fox 44](#)

[Multiple Media Sources, August 5-12](#)

News of UVM's receipt of a new rotavirus vaccine study grant from the Gates Foundation was the focus of several local stories, which featured comments by both **Sean Diehl, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of medicine, and **E. Ross Colgate, M.P.H.**, research analyst, of the Vaccine Testing Center.

[WCAX-TV](#), [ABC 22/Fox 44](#), [Vermont Public Radio](#)

[Seven Days, August 5](#)

David Rettew, M.D., associate professor of psychiatry and pediatrics, comments on the lack of state resources for individuals suffering from eating disorders in this article.

[Seven Days](#)

[Vermont Public Radio "Vermont Edition," August 6](#)

Terry Rabinowitz, M.D., professor of psychiatry, was a guest on a Vermont Public Radio's "Vermont Edition" program about "More Models for Understanding Mental Illness."

[Vermont Public Radio](#)

[Plattsburgh Press Republican, August 14](#)

Lewis First, M.D., M.S., professor and chair of pediatrics, discusses tips for parents to deal with colic in this edition of "First with Kids."

[Plattsburgh Press Republican](#)

[The Barre-Montpelier Times Argus, August 16](#)

Lewis First, M.D., M.S., professor and chair of pediatrics, answers parents questions about painless anesthesia for their children and them in this edition of "This Just In."

[Times Argus](#)

[WCAX-TV Newschannel 3 CBS, August 18](#)

Lori Racha, M.D., F.A.A.P., assistant professor of pediatrics, was a guest on "The :30" live interview program to discuss a new study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the U.S. Department of Education that found more than 80 percent of young students are starting school too early and aren't getting enough sleep.

[WCAX-TV](#)

[Vermont Public Radio "Vermont Edition," August 18-21](#)

University of Vermont graduate student **Blas Guigni**, who works in the laboratory of **Michael Toth, Ph.D.**, associate professor of medicine, was interviewed regarding his research and the relationship between what he studies and his experiences managing a U.S. Army acute care and musculoskeletal clinic in Tikrit, Iraq, and sustaining injuries while serving.

[Vermont Public Radio](#)

[Seven Days, August 19](#)

Stephen Higgins, Ph.D., professor of psychiatry and psychological sciences and director of the Vermont

Center on Behavior and Health, is profiled in local Vermont weekly newspaper *Seven Days* regarding his 30-plus years of addiction research.

[Seven Days](#)

Multiple Media Sources, August 25-28

A study led by UVM research team **Constance van Eeghen, Dr.P.H.**, assistant professor of medicine; **Benjamin Littenberg, M.D.**, Henry and Carleen Tufo professor of medicine; and **Rodger Kessler, Ph.D.**, associate professor of family medicine; earned approval for \$18.5 million in funding to study whether patients with both medical and behavioral problems do better when their primary care physician collaborates with mental health professionals and received media coverage.

[Rutland Herald](#), [U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders Newsroom](#), [News Medical](#)

ABC 22/Fox 44 “Local Heroes,” August 26

Class of 2019 medical student **Michael Marallo** was interviewed for this [“Local Heroes”](#) segment regarding his service with the Marines in the Middle East and how the injuries he sustained and the care he received led him to study medicine.

[ABC 22/Fox 44](#)

Multiple Media Sources, August 26-27

An interview on a study led by a team of researchers including **University of Vermont** fourth-year medical student, **Nicholas Field**, discussing the potential long-term consequences of being exposed to blue-green algae, which blooms in Lake Champlain, is featured in multiple media outlets.

[Vermont Public Radio](#), [Burlington Free Press](#)

WCAX-TV Newschannel 3 CBS, August 31

Christopher Jones, Ph.D., assistant professor of surgery and director of the Global Health Economics unit of the Center for Clinical and Translational Science, was interviewed about the topic he presented at the first lecture in the Fall 2015 **Community Medical School** series on September 1, 2015.

[WCAX-TV](#)