



The University of Vermont  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

June 2015 Publicity Report

**National/Regional/News Service/Internet:**

New York Times, June 1

**David Fassler, M.D.**, clinical professor of psychiatry, authored an op-ed on the topic of child psychiatric disorders in response to a previous article, titled “[Severe Mental Illness Found to Drop in Young, Defying Perceptions.](#)”

[NY Times](#)

Multiple Media Sources, June 3-9

This article on the recent success of a biolimb grown in a lab features commentary from **Daniel Weiss, M.D., Ph.D.**, professor of medicine and pulmonary and critical care medicine specialist, who was not involved in the research.

[Daily Mail UK](#), [New Scientist](#), [1ClickNews](#), [Washington Post](#), [Bangladesh Business News](#), [Black Press USA](#), [Banjarmasin Post](#), [Digital Trends](#), [Catholic Online](#), [MSN News](#), [The Financial Express](#), [Opposing Views](#)

WLRN, June 4

This radio interview focuses on a Miami filmmaker’s documentary on postpartum depression, which was purchased by the University of Vermont for use in its education of its Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology clinicians.

[WLRN](#)

Multiple Media Sources, June 4-22

**Barry Finette, M.D., Ph.D.**, and **Barry Heath, M.D.**, professors of pediatrics, discussed a smartphone-based medical intelligence platform they developed together, which allows community health workers without medical training to diagnose and treat sick children with remarkable efficacy.

[Burlington Free Press](#), [Business Insider India](#), [KENS5 Eyewitness News](#)

Multiple Media Sources, June 8

A study by **Kristine Alexander, Ph.D.**, a postdoctoral fellow in medicine, and **Mary Cushman, M.D., M.Sc.**, professor of medicine, on a link between blood type and memory loss published in the September 2014 [issue](#) of *Neurology*, continues to receive media coverage.

[Yahoo! Canada](#), [AskMen.com](#)

Multiple Media Sources, June 17-19

**Hugh Garavan, Ph.D.**, associate professor of psychiatry, commented on a recent study regarding the

correlation between short-term memory and poor decision-making in young people.

[National Public Radio](#), [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#), [Abilene Public Radio](#)

[A Breaking News, June 19](#)

Coverage of a study published by **Susan Lakoski, M.D.**, assistant professor of medicine and director of the cardiovascular prevention program for cancer patients, on the effects midlife cardiovascular exercise has on cancer prevention, continues.

[A Breaking News](#)

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

[Danbury News-Times, June 20](#)

**Majid Sadigh, M.D.**, associate professor of medicine and director of the UVM/WCHN Global Health Program, and **University of Vermont medical students** are featured in this article about the program, which sends physicians abroad to gain a broader perspective of global health issues and heightened cultural sensitivity.

[Danbury News-Times](#), [Greenwich Time](#)

[SkiCanada.org, June 22](#)

**Robert Williams, M.D.**, professor of anesthesiology and pediatric anesthesiologist at the UVM Children's Hospital, offers his "Top Ten Tips for Using and Wearing Helmets When Skiing and Snowboarding."

[SkiCanada.org](#)

[Multiple Media Sources, June 24](#)

**Donald Leopold, M.D.**, professor of surgery and an investigator in a phase III controlled clinical trial for treatment of nasal polyps, comments on the results of the trial, which found reduction of patient-related symptoms.

[Business Wire](#), [BioPortfolio](#)

[The Economist, June 27](#)

An article on campaigns to allow physicians to prescribe life-ending drugs to terminally-ill patients features comments from **Diana Barnard, M.D.**, assistant professor of family medicine and palliative care specialist at the University of Vermont Medical Center, who was also active in Vermont's successful campaign to legalize physician-assisted suicide.

[The Economist](#)

[Counsel & Heal, June 30](#)

A study on the correlation between eye color and alcohol dependency, led by **Arvis Sulovari**, a doctoral student in cellular, molecular and biological sciences, and Assistant Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics **Dawei Li, Ph.D.**, is featured.

[Counsel & Heal](#)

## Medical and Science Media:

[Psychology Today, June 4](#)

A blog post on "Positive Psychiatry: The Next Chapter for an Evolving Field," authored by **David Rettew**,

**M.D.**, associate professor of psychiatry and pediatrics, is featured.

[Psychology Today](#)

U.S. Medicine, June 8

**Andrew Solomon, M.D.**, assistant professor of neurological sciences, was interviewed for this article focuses on treating and managing patients who initially thought they had Multiple Sclerosis but actually do not.

[U.S. Medicine](#)

iHealthBeat, June 10

University of Vermont medical student **Priyanka Chilakamarri '16** and **Jill Jemison**, director of technology services, were recently interviewed for a segment on iHealthBeat, discussing their work involving introducing healthcare technology to medical students in order to help prepare them to work efficiently with the technology in the future.

[iHealthBeat](#)

healthytravelblog, June 11

**Mary Cushman, M.D., M.Sc.**, professor of medicine, is quoted in this blog post that discusses health risks of traveling on flights lasting longer than four to six hours.

[healthytravelblog](#)

Healio, June 12

**William Gerson, M.D.**, clinical professor of pediatrics, authored an op-ed on educating parents in regards to the vaccination debate.

[Healio](#)

Medscape, June 19

**David Rettew, M.D.**, associate professor of psychiatry and pediatrics, comments on a recent study on the link between maternal clinical depression and oppositional defiant behavior with shorter telomere length in the preschool years. Rettew was not involved in the study.

[Medscape](#)

Medscape, June 22

The results of a clinical trial of Sumatriptan treating migraines with aura are discussed in this article which features comments from **Robert Shapiro, M.D., Ph.D.**, professor of neurological sciences, who was the session moderator for the trials.

[Medscape](#)

Medscape, June 23

**Robert Shapiro, M.D., Ph.D.**, professor of neurological sciences and the session moderator comments on the phase 2 data of a trial for three different anti-calcitonin gene-related peptide drugs which show significant efficacy in preventing migraine attacks.

[Medscape](#)

Nature, June 24

A recent study on the effectiveness of providing financial incentives to smokers in cessation programs continues to receive media coverage. This *Nature* "Outlook" article quotes **Stephen Higgins Ph.D.**, professor of psychiatry and director of the Vermont Center on Behavior and Health, who was not

involved in the study.

[Nature](#)

[American Heart Association, June 24](#)

**Rachel K. Johnson, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.D.**, professor of nutrition and pediatrics, discusses where sodium comes from and offers tips on how to limit it.

[American Heart Association](#)

[Medscape, June 26](#)

**Robert Shapiro, M.D., Ph.D.**, professor of neurological sciences, comments in this article regarding a recent clinical trial that he was not part of, which failed to achieve its primary endpoint.

[Medscape](#)

[Medscape, June 29](#)

An article about an investigational implanted nerve simulator device used to alleviate pain in patients with refractory cluster headaches features comments by **Robert Shapiro, M.D., Ph.D.**, professor of neurological sciences, who serves on the independent data safety monitoring board for the Lilly anti-CGRP drug trials.

[Medscape](#)

[Healthcare IT News, June 30](#)

**Adam Buckley, M.D.**, clinical assistant professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive sciences, is quoted in this article about UVM Medicals Center's patient safety-driven increased use of radio frequency identification technology in dispensing medication.

[Healthcare IT News](#)

### Vermont/Regional:

[Vermont Public Radio, June 1](#)

**Alicia Jacobs, M.D.**, associate professor of family medicine and vice chair for clinical operations at UVM Medical Center, and **Barbara Frankowski, M.D.**, professor of pediatrics, are mentioned in this story about writing prescriptions for patients to go outside.

[VPR](#)

[ABC22-TV, June 3](#)

**Mark Fung, M.D., Ph.D.**, associate professor of pathology, offers commentary on a recent ethnic diversity blood drive sponsored by a local chapter of the American Red Cross.

[MyChamplainValley](#)

[WPTZ-TV Newschannel 5, June 5](#)

**Glenn Goldman, M.D.**, professor of medicine and director of dermatology medicine, was interviewed about a campaign to get kids across Vermont thinking about ways to protect themselves from the sun and skin cancer.

[WPTZ-TV Newschannel 5](#)

[Times-Arquis, June 7](#)

In this "First with Kids" column, **Lewis First, M.D., M.S.**, professor and chair of pediatrics, discusses how

parents can help prevent homesickness during the summer months.

[Times-Argus](#)

WPTZ-TV Newschannel 5, June 15

**David Rettew, M.D.**, UVM associate professor of psychiatry and pediatrics, commented on how parents should discuss the missing Clinton Correctional Facility escapees with children and teens.

[WPTZ-TV Newschannel 5](#)

Vermont Public Radio "Vermont Edition," June 18

**David Rettew, M.D.**, associate professor of psychiatry and pediatrics, talks about the role of fatherhood on this special edition of Vermont Edition, which was devoted to Father's Day.

[Vermont Public Radio](#)

Rutland Herald, June 21

In this "First with Kids" column, **Lewis First, M.D., M.S.**, professor and chair of pediatrics, discusses how parents can help protect their children and themselves from bug bites in the summer months.

[Rutland Herald](#)

WCAX-TV Newschannel 3, June 24

**Eliot Nelson, M.D.**, professor of pediatrics, comments on the positive effects confiding in family and friends has on people who suffer from depression in a story about Vermont's Suicide Prevention Symposium bringing people together.

[WCAX-TV Newschannel 3](#)

Multiple Media Sources, June 25-30

**Dana Walrath, Ph.D.**, research assistant professor of family medicine, authored a book about her grandmother's upbringing in Armenia, "Like Water on Stone," which was nominated for an award and mentioned in media outlets.

[Vermont Public Radio](#), [Times Argus](#)

Rutland Herald, June 28

**Lewis First, M.D., M.S.**, professor and chair of pediatrics, offers guidance and tips for parents on portion sizing and control in a "First with Kids" column titled "This Just In."

[Rutland Herald](#)

Rutland Herald, June 29

**Thomas Simpatico, M.D.**, professor of psychiatry, is quoted in this article on treating heroin addiction in Vermont. Simpatico, who serves as chief medical officer for the Department of Vermont Health Access, attributes the state's heroin treatment approach to research conducted at the UVM College of Medicine.

[Rutland Herald](#)