



The University of Vermont  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

November 2015 Publicity Report

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

*U.S. News & World Report Education, November 3*

As part of a piece on “3 Questions to Ask in a Medical School Interview,” *U.S. News & World Report Education* sought out expert advice for potential medical school applicants, which included commentary from UVM College of Medicine Director of Medical School Admissions **Cary Jewkes**, regarding how many medical students are interviewed.

[U.S. News & World Report Education](#)

*Multiple Media Sources, November 8-12*

The Hearst Connecticut Media Group profiled Sohi Ashraf, M.D., a third-year resident at Norwalk Hospital, during his journey to Uganda for a five-part series, titled “A Connecticut Doctor in Africa.” Articles and photos in the series also include **Majid Sadigh, M.D.**, director of the Western Connecticut Health Network/University of Vermont College of Medicine (WCHN/UVM) Global Health Program, and UVM College of Medicine Class of 2018 students **Mary Kate LoPiccolo** and **Alexandra Miller**, who were in Uganda for six weeks as part of the WCHN/UVM Global Health Program.

[Multiple Media Sources](#)

*Multiple Media Sources, November 12-20*

University of Vermont Medical Center CEO **John Brumsted, M.D.**, recently announced a goal to have 80 percent of all healthcare provided by the medical center tied to quality of care, instead of volume, by 2018. The news was picked up by multiple outlets.

[Huffington Post](#), [News 10](#), [Insurance News Net](#), [NewsOK](#), [Becker's Hospital CFO](#), [Burlington Free Press](#), [INO](#)

*Multiple Media Sources, November 17-19*

Recent stories about a medical cannabis “think tank” in Vermont featured interviews with **Kalev Freeman, M.D., Ph.D.**, assistant professor of surgery, and **Mark Nelson, Ph.D.**, chair of pharmacology, as well as other UVM faculty members.

[Vermont Public Radio](#), [WNPR-Connecticut](#), [The Washington Times](#), [CTPost](#), [Brattleboro Reformer](#), [KSL.com](#), [WCAX-TV Channel 3](#), [ABC News10](#), [INO.com](#)

*Mountain Times, November 30*

This article reported on a study showing that exercise reduces suicide attempts in teens who are bullied mentions **James Hudziak, M.D.**, professor of psychiatry, medicine and pediatrics, who is a co-author on the study.

[Mountain Times](#)

## Medical and Science Media

### HemOnc Today, November 6

University of Vermont medical student **Christina Cahill '18**, who was among 18 medical students from around the U.S. to receive an ASH Honor Award from the American Society of Hematology, is mentioned in this article.

[HemOnc Today](#)

### World Health, November 17

In an article discussing the link between blood type and memory loss, a study authored by Mary Cushman, M.D., M.Sc., professor of medicine and hematology/oncology, is mentioned.

[World Health](#)

### PM360, November 18

**David Rettew, M.D.**, associate professor of psychiatry and pediatrics, discusses the use of Omega-3s for behavioral health in this article, which he authored.

[PM360](#)

### American Council on Science and Health, November 24

**Steven Lidofsky, M.D., Ph.D.**, professor of medicine, gastroenterology and hepatology medicine, is quoted in this article about the timing of initial treatment of hepatitis C.

[ACHS](#)

### Multiple Media Sources, November 29-30

John P. and Kathryn H. Tampas Green and Gold Professor and Vice Chair of Radiology **Kristen DeStigter, M.D.**, is quoted in this article about the increased use of ACR Select from electronic health record order entry workflow.

[Morning Star](#), [Imaging Technology News](#)

## Vermont/Regional

### Business People Vermont, November 1

**Jan K. Carney, M.D., M.P.H.**, professor of medicine and associate dean for public health, who was elected vice president of the UVM faculty senate and also named governor of the Vermont chapter of the American College of Physicians, is mentioned.

[Business People Vermont](#)

### VTDigger, November 3

**Jan Carney, M.D., M.P.H.**, associate dean for public health, and **David Kaminsky, M.D.**, professor of medicine, are quoted in this press release from the American Public Health Association (APHA) regarding a group of UVM medical students who were selected to give an oral presentation regarding research on "Vermonters' Opinions on Low-Dose CT Lung Cancer Screening" during the APHA Annual Meeting.

[VTDigger](#)

### Seven Days, November 4

**Mark Plante, M.D.**, associate professor and division chief of urology, **Charles MacLean, M.D.**, professor of medicine and associate dean for primary care, and fourth-year medical student **Therese Ray** are mentioned and quoted in this article regarding how Vermont is improvising to attract new physicians.

[Seven Days](#)

WCAX-TV Channel 3, November 5

**Peter Van Buren, M.D.**, associate professor of medicine and molecular physiology and biophysics, discusses the association of drinking two or more sugary drinks per day with a higher risk of heart failure in this WCAX-TV HealthWatch segment about a recent study out of Sweden, which connected sugary drinks to heart failure.

[WCAX-TV Channel 3](#)

ABC 22/Fox 44 News, November 9-16

For the month of November, local ABC/Fox affiliate ABC22/Fox44 news recognized “No-Shave November,” and featured **Mark Plante, M.D.**, associate professor of surgery and chief of urology, and **Scott Perrapato, D.O.**, associate professor of surgery, in separate segments to discuss men’s health and the importance of raising awareness.

[ABC 22/Fox 44 News](#), [ABC 22/Fox 44 News](#)

WCAX-TV Channel 3, November 9

**Stacey Sigmon, Ph.D.**, research associate professor of psychiatry, comments on methadone and suboxone maintenance as highly effective treatments for opiate addiction in this story on rewarding addicts to drop opiates.

[WCAX-TV Channel 3](#)

VTDigger, November 11

**Maria Mercedes Avila, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of pediatrics, is quoted in this article about the American Civil Liberties Union of Vermont’s Annual Meeting, at which inherent bias in police departments was discussed.

[VTDigger](#)

Burlington Free Press, November 11

A photo of UVM College of Medicine Dean **Frederick Morin, M.D.**, and **Jan Carney, M.D., M.P.H.**, professor of medicine and associate dean for public health, and the College’s receipt of a 2015 Community Partner Award from COTS (Committee on Temporary Shelter) during the organization’s Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast were featured in this article.

[Burlington Free Press](#)

VTDigger, November 11

News of the Vermont Medical Society’s Education and Research Foundation award of \$5,000 scholarships to University of Vermont medical students **Hillary Anderson ’17** and **Kyle Concannon ’17** during the Society’s annual meeting held in Stowe, Vt., was reported in this article.

[VTDigger](#)

WCAX-TV Channel 3, November 12

For the HealthWatch segment, WCAX-TV Channel 3 featured **Barry Finette, M.D.**, professor of pediatrics and microbiology and molecular genetics, and an innovative mobile software platform he helped develop called MEDSINC, a triage tool that assists community health workers and non-medical caregivers in underdeveloped countries with determining a diagnosis and treatment for young children when no physician is available for the task.

[WCAX-TV Channel 3](#)

Burlington Free Press, November 19

An excerpt from a book written by former UVM College of Medicine Dean **Ashbel Grinnell, M.D.**, and

published in 1900, which described Vermont's first opium epidemic, is featured in this article about the continuing crisis today.

[Burlington Free Press](#)

WCAX-TV Channel 3, November 19

**Daniel Lustgarten, M.D., Ph.D.**, associate professor of medicine, discussed the benefits of leadless (wireless) pacemakers, which are implanted without surgery and are currently in the clinical trial phase, on local CBS affiliate WCAX-TV for a HealthWatch segment.

[WCAX-TV Channel 3](#)

WCAX-TV Channel 3, November 22

UVM Cancer Center researchers **Brian Sprague, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of surgery, and **Donald Weaver, M.D.**, professor of pathology and laboratory medicine, were on local CBS affiliate WCAX-TV Channel 3 to discuss a \$3.7 million grant they received from the National Cancer Institute to study mechanisms underlying idel vs. progressive early stage breast cancers along with fellow researcher **Janet Stein, Ph.D.**, professor of biochemistry, who was not part of the interview.

[WCAX-TV Channel 3](#)

ABC22/Fox44 News, November 23

**Christopher Anker, M.D.**, assistant professor of radiology, and **Jason Stumpff, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of molecular physiology and biophysics, discussed their research regarding colorectal cancer treatments at the University of Vermont Medical Center in this news broadcast.

[ABC 22/Fox 44 News](#)

Multiple Media Sources, November 24-30

News about a new treatment option for patients battling Parkinson's disease, which was part of clinical trials conducted by **James Boyd, M.D.**, associate professor of neurological sciences, and other clinicians across the country, was reported in several local outlets.

[Health Canal](#), [Vermont Biz](#), [VT Digger](#)