



The University of Vermont  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

September 2015 Publicity Report

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

Healio.com, September 1

An \$18.5 million grant from the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute received by **Benjamin Littenberg, M.D.**, UVM professor of medicine, and colleagues to study behavioral and medical care integration, is highlighted in this specialty clinical information website article.

[Healio](#)

Woman's Day, September 2

An article on bladder control features information provided by **Rebecca Shaffer, M.D.**, UVM assistant professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive services.

[Woman's Day](#)

Associated Press – multiple outlets, September 4

A Vermont Associated Press story regarding a new \$4 million Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant designed to support initiatives to prevent overdose deaths caused by prescription opiate drugs that includes the UVM **Office of Primary Care** was picked up by multiple outlets across the country.

[NewsOK](#); [WCAX-TV](#); [News10 ABC Albany](#)

Examiner.com, September 7

**James Hudziak, M.D.**, UVM professor of psychiatry and director of the Vermont Center for Children, Youth and Families, and colleagues **Matthew Albaugh, Ph.D.**, postdoctoral associate, and graduate student research assistant **Eileen Crehan**, conducted a study on the effects musical training has with helping kids to focus their attention, control emotions, and diminish anxiety, which continues to receive media coverage.

[Examiner](#) (For a full list of media placements dating back to December 2014, click [here](#).)

Associated Press – multiple outlets, September 8

Coverage of a *Journal of the American Medical Association* study on 20-year survival rates for premature infants featured comments by UVM neonatologist **Roger Soll, M.D.**, professor of pediatrics, who authored an editorial that accompanied the study.

[National Public Radio](#); [US News & World Report](#); [Salon.com](#); [WBUR Boston Public Radio](#); [Star-Tribune](#); [The Detroit News](#); [Houston Chronicle](#); [Providence Journal](#)

The Patriot-Ledger, September 8

UVM medical students **Molly Markowitz '18** and **Catherine Hayes '18** are featured in this article regarding their role in assisting a Braintree, Mass. teen with research on deer ticks and related Lyme

disease. Markowitz and Hayes are members of UVM's Lyme Corps team.

[The Patriot-Ledger](#)

[Albany Times-Union, September 8](#)

A "Ruminator" blog post written by former Associated Press reporter David Kalish, a thyroid cancer patient, mentions his experience as a participant in a **UVM Cancer Center** clinical trial.

[Times-Union](#)

[MSN.com, September 10](#)

An "Eat This Not That" column focused on the impact of sugar on heart health featured comments by **Rachel Johnson, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.D.**, professor of nutrition and pediatrics, who serves as a national spokesperson for the American Heart Association.

[MSN.com](#)

[Market Watch, September 18](#)

An article corresponding to the Physician-Patient Alliance for Health & Safety (PPAHS) podcast features commentary from **Peter Cherouny, M.D.**, professor emeritus of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive sciences, on rising maternal death rates and risks for babies due to blood clots in pregnant mothers.

[Market Watch](#)

[Multiple Media Sources, September 24-29](#)

Research conducted by **C. Lawrence Kein, M.D., Ph.D.**, Davignon Green & Gold professor of pediatrics and medicine, and colleagues comparing the impact of low saturated fat diets and high monounsaturated fat diets on inflammation are discussed in a number of articles. [UPI](#), [BrietBart](#), [Big News Network](#), [Medical News Today](#), [BrightSurf](#), [The Siasat Daily](#), [The Statesman](#), [India Today](#), [The Pioneer](#), [Economy Lead](#), [Yahoo! India](#), [The Health Site](#), [Vermont Business Magazine](#)

## Medical and Science Media

[MD Magazine, September 9](#)

A study authored by **Dimitry Kremontsov, Ph.D.**, UVM 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, continues to receive coverage.

[MD Magazine](#) (For a full list of media placements regarding this study, view the [August 2015 publicity report](#).)

[Medscape Medical News, September 9](#)

Comments by **David Fassler, M.D.**, UVM clinical professor of psychiatry, are featured in this article about newly released draft recommendations from the US Preventive Services Task Force regarding screening children for major depressive disorder.

[Medscape Medical News](#)

[Healthcare IT News, September 18](#)

**Wesley D. McMillan, PharmD, BCPS, FCCM**, clinical assistant professor of surgery, offers commentary with regards to managing the EHR alerts to fight HER alert fatigue.

[Healthcare IT News](#), [WTN News](#)

[Multiple Media Sources, September 21](#)

A study using neuroimaging to measure early cognitive improvement after mild traumatic brain injuries,

coauthored by **Kalev Freeman, M.D., Ph.D.**, assistant professor of surgery, is mentioned.

[Medical Xpress](#), [Neuroscience News](#),

[MedCity News](#), September 21

A smartphone triage tool application aimed to help community workers in developing countries to assess and treat children and created by **Barry Finette, Ph.D., M.D., FAAP**, professor of pediatrics, and microbiology and molecular genetics, is featured.

[MedCity News](#)

## Vermont/Regional

[Business People Vermont](#), September 2015

News of the election of **Polly Parsons, M.D.**, professor and chair of medicine, as secretary-treasurer of the American Thoracic Society for 2015-16 was noted in the “Honors & Awards” section of this magazine.

[Business People Vermont](#)

[Burlington Free Press](#), September 3

An algae-based lung sealant developed through research conducted 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 a video and article.

[Burlington Free Press](#)

Multiple Media Sources, September 3

News of the appointment of **Gordon Jensen, M.D., Ph.D.**, as the UVM College of Medicine’s new senior associate dean for research, is featured in this article.

[Rutland Herald](#); [vtdigger.com](#); [Vermont Business Magazine](#)

[Williston Observer](#), September 3

The UVM College of Medicine and UVM Medical Center’s **Community Medical School** free public lecture series was featured in an article in this local weekly paper.

[Williston Observer](#)

WCAX-TV, September 4

This news story on Alzheimer’s disease in Vermont featured a patient and caregiver, as well as comments by **William Pendlebury, M.D.**, UVM professor of pathology emeritus.

[WCAX-TV](#)

[Rutland Herald](#), September 6

A “This Just In” column on “Grand advice for grandparenting” featured comments by **Lewis First, M.D., M.S.**, UVM professor and chair of pediatrics.

[Rutland Herald](#)

Multiple media outlets, September 9

Coverage of the UVM production of the play “Wit” by Margaret Edson, which addresses one woman’s experience following a diagnosis of advanced stage cancer, and starred UVM College of Medicine standardized patient **Vivian Jordan**, as well as **Robert Macauley, M.D.**, professor of pediatrics and clinical director of medical ethics, and Class of 2018 medical students **Gilana Finogenov** and **Emily Ryan**,

was featured in several local news outlets.

[Burlington Free Press](#); [WCAX-TV](#); [Vermont Public Radio](#); [VT Digger](#)

[VT Digger](#), September 11

An article on a recent Vermont Medical Society survey that found the Vermont physicians report that paperwork is among their most challenging of their responsibilities featured comments by **Tania Bertsch, M.D.**, associate professor of medicine and associate dean for clinical education.

[VT Digger](#)

[ABC22/Fox44](#), September 11

A television news story about a project designed to help homeless veterans in Vermont that involves the Vermont State Police and is called Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program featured comments by **Thomas Simpatico, M.D.**, UVM professor of psychiatry and director of the project. The program is administered through the University of Vermont.

[MyChamplainValley](#)

[Press Republican](#), September 14

**Lewis First, M.D., M.S.**, UVM professor and chair of pediatrics, discusses common fears and provides tips regarding scheduled immunizations in this edition of "First with Kids," featured in Plattsburgh, N.Y.'s daily paper.

[Press Republican](#)

[Vermont Public Radio](#) "Morning Edition," September 28

A UVM-led research team received more than \$18 million in funding to study whether patients with both medical and behavioral problems do better when their physicians collaborate is featured in this news story which includes commentary from **Rodger Kessler, Ph.D.**, research associate professor of family medicine and project director of the grant.

[Vermont Public Radio](#)