December 2013 Publicity Report

National/Regional/News Service/Internet:

*National Journal, December 3*
“Medical Associations Push to Stop Force-Feeding of Hunger Strikers at Guantanamo” quotes Virginia Hood, M.D., professor of medicine, regarding the controversial matter.

*The Oklahoman, December 3*
“Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation Gets Grant for Trauma Research” features a study on a rare bleeding disorder led by Kenneth Mann, Ph.D., professor of biochemistry.
http://newsok.com/oklahoma-medical-research-foundation-gets-grant-for-trauma-research/article/3910531

*HealthDay News, December 8*
“Blood Markers May Predict Clotting Risk with HRT” features research and comments by Mary Cushman, M.D., M.Sc., professor of medicine and director, thrombosis and hemostasis program.
Also: Theramatch.com

*Washington Post, December 9*
University of Vermont Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry Sandra Steingard, M.D., discusses the history of antipsychotic therapies and their efficacy in this December 9, 2013 article that she authored.
http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/a-psychiatrist-thinks-some-patients-are-better-off-without-antipsychotic-drugs/2013/12/06/547f5680-48aa-11e3-a196-3544a03c2351_story.html

*Psychology Today, December 11*
“Do Kids Still Care About Professional Sports?” is authored by David Rettew, M.D., associate professor of psychiatry and posted in his ABCS of Child Psychiatry blog.

*HealthDay News, December 12*
“Cancer Diagnosis More Likely to Limit Careers for Patients from Rural Areas” features a study by Michelle Sowden, D.O., assistant professor of surgery, and colleagues to determine if living in a rural or urban area influences the impact of cancer diagnosis on employment.
Also: Sciencedaily.com, Philly.com, Drugs.com, freenewspos.com, theramatch
ABC15, December 13
“American Heart Association’s 6 Way’s to Keep Your Holiday Feast Tasty and Healthy” features tips from Rachel Johnson Ph.D., R.D., professor of nutrition and pediatrics, on how to make nutritious choices this holiday season.

Reuters, December 16
“Patient Engagement Systems Researchers Find Laboratory Confusion, Lack of Clarity are Barriers to Diabetic Nephropathy Screening; Primary Care Automated Clinical Decision Support Tool Yields Improves Quality of Care, Lower” highlights research by Drs. Charles D. MacLean, M.D., associate dean of the College of Medicine, professor of medicine, and Benjamin Littenberg, M.D., professor of medicine and nursing.
http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/12/16/vt-patient-engagement-idUSnBw165387a+100+BSW20131216
Also: TMCnet and istockanalyst

Press Republican (Plattsburgh, N.Y.), December 21
“Making a Holiday out of Home Safety” is authored by Lewis First, M.D., professor and chair of pediatrics, and provides information on ensuring the holidays remain safe for children is featured.
http://www.pressrepublican.com/0205_columns/x1221264114/Making-a-holiday-out-of-home-safety

New York Times, December 28
“A Second Wind From an Injured Knee” quotes Bruce Beynnon, Ph.D., professor of orthopedics and rehabilitation, regarding new biomechanically engineered tights for knee injuries.
Also: Bend Bulletin

Psychology Today, December 31
A blog post, titled “2013: The Year of the Introvert” was authored by Arnie Kozak, Ph.D., clinical assistant professor of psychiatry. Kozak writes “The Buddha Was an Introvert” blog for Psychology Today.

Medical and Science Media:

Science Codex, December 5
“Priming ‘Cocktail’ Shows Promise as Cardiac Stem Cell Grafting Tool” features research by Jeffrey Spees, Ph.D., associate professor of medicine, on stem cell grafting.
http://www.sciencecodex.com/priming_cocktail_shows_promise_as_cardiac_stem_cell_grafting_tool-124242
Also: RedOrbit, ScienceDaily, The Almagest, Newwise
Hospitals & Health Networks’ H&HN Daily, December 17

Robert Macauley, M.D., associate professor of pediatrics and medical director of clinical ethics, is quoted in an article, titled “And a Dying Child Shall Lead Them.”


Pharmacychoice.com, December 22

This summary of presentations from the 19th Annual Scientific Symposium on Improving the Quality and Value of Health Care mentions a presentation by Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences Emeritus Peter Cherouny, M.D., of data from an initiative designed to reduce nonmedically indicated deliveries prior to 39 weeks’ gestation.

http://www.pharmacychoice.com/News/article.cfm?Article_ID=1145176

Vermont/Regional:

Mark Johnson Show, December 4

Rachel Johnson, Ph.D., R.D., professor of nutrition and pediatrics, was interviewed about trans fats on this radio program, which aired on WDEV 550AM and 96.1FM.

Fox44 News, December 13

“Skier Dies at Killington” features quotes by Robert Williams, M.D., associate professor of anesthesiology and pediatrics.

http://www.mychamplainvalley.com/story/skier-dies-at-killington/d/story/Dh2CGkEQk-xZtmxEFRTig

WCAX-TV, December 13

Ira Bernstein, M.D., senior associate dean for research and professor and chair of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive sciences, was interviewed about clinical trials at a “Research in Your Backyard” panel discussion co-hosted by UVM, the Vermont Biosciences Alliance, Fletcher Allen and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) at the Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference Center.

Also: WPTZ-TV NewsChannel 5 (Contact Hana Costello at hana.costello@med.uvm.edu for video clips of these stories.)

Vermont Public Radio, December 16


http://digital.vpr.net/post/vt-surgeon-treats-victims-syrian-war

WPTZ-TV, December 16

“Local hospital goes high-tech with new hybrid OR” features Andrew Stanley, M.D., associate professor of surgery, and Christopher Morris, M.D., professor of radiology.

NECN.com, December 17

Rutland Herald, December 19
“Lung Association urges ‘no’ for biomass plant” quotes Theodore Marcy, M.D., professor of medicine, regarding potential effects on public health and specifically, respiratory conditions, in the region by the proposed wood-fired power plant in North Springfield. [http://www.vermonttoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/RH/20131219/NEWS02/712199893]

Press-Republican (Plattsburgh, N.Y.), December 21
“Making a holiday out of home safety” is authored by Lewis First, M.D., professor and chair of pediatrics. [http://www.pressrepublican.com/0205_columns/x1221264114/Making-a-holiday-out-of-home-safety]

Burlington Free Press, December 27
This Associated Press article, titled “Fletcher Allen Saving Lives by Preventing Infections,” quotes Gilman Allen, M.D., professor of medicine, and Alfred Croteau, M.D., clinical instructor in surgery, and features the new infection prevention protocols at Fletcher Allen Health Care that were developed through rigorous training in the UVM/Fletcher Allen Clinical Simulation Laboratory. [http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/viewart/20131227/BUSINESS/312270037/Fletcher-Allen-saving-lives-by-preventing-infections]
Also: Boston.com, TimesArgus, ajc.com, Brattleboro Reformer, Bennington Banner

Times Argus, December 28
This Opinion/Editorial piece mentions a 2008 study conducted by UVM medical students as a public health project, which determined that Vermont elementary school students whose parents had three or fewer paid sick days were five times more likely to be sent to school with an infectious illness. [http://www.timesargus.com/article/20131228/OPINION04/712289987]
Also: Rutland Herald

Press-Republican (Plattsburgh, N.Y.), December 28
“On the road again (or in the air) with your children during the holidays” is authored by Lewis First, M.D., professor and chair of pediatrics. [http://www.pressrepublican.com/0800_special_sections/x1221283532/On-the-road-again-or-in-the-air-with-your-children-during-holidays]

Valley News, December 29
This article about lead testing in Vermont and New Hampshire mentions tools screening provided by the Vermont Child Health Improvement Program in the department of pediatrics. [http://www.vnews.com/news/9883170-95/lead-testing-of-children-varies-greatly-by-state-in-northeast]