May/June 2014 Publicity Report

National/Regional/News Service/Internet:

Office of National Drug Control Policy, May 9
A post by Stephen Leffler, M.D., professor of surgery and chief medical officer, regarding the current “opioid epidemic” was featured on the Office of National Drug Control Policy website.
http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2014/05/09/how-vermont-hospital-fights-american-opioid-epidemic

USA Today, May 13
Ray Keller, M.D., associate professor of surgery, addressed the increasing problem of chronic backup of psychiatric patients in emergency departments.
Also: Burlington Free Press

Associated Press, May 14
Thomas Simpatico, M.D., professor of psychiatry, commented on awareness of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).
http://bigstory.ap.org/article/after-husbands-tragic-death-widow-takes-ptsd
Also: Yahoo! News, MSN News, Washington Times, Rutland Herald

USA Today, June 12
Stephen Leffler, M.D., professor of medicine and Fletcher Allen’s chief medical officer, commented on the opiate crisis in a USA Today article by Burlington Free Press author, Sam Hemingway.

U.S. News & World Report, Health & Wellness, June 18
Barbara Frankowski, M.D., professor of pediatrics, discussed head lice symptoms and prevention methods.
http://health.usnews.com,health-news,health-wellness/articles,2014/06/18/how-to-get-rid-of-lice

Everydayhealth.com, Jun 19
Doris Strader, M.D., associate professor of medicine, commented on new developments in Hepatitis C treatments.
Washington Post, June 20
A Washington Post article discussed the health of children across the country, and applauded programs like the Vermont Child Health Improvement Program at UVM for contributing to the health of kids in Vermont.

NECN.com, June 30
Anne Johnston, M.D., associate professor of pediatrics, and Marjorie Meyer, M.D., associate professor of obstetrics, gynecology, and reproductive sciences, commented on the symptoms of opioid-dependent newborns and the addiction treatment available to expectant or new mothers.

Post Star (Glens Falls, N.Y.), June 30
Joseph McSherry, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of neurological sciences, was quoted in an article on the challenges facing New York's medical marijuana laws.

Medical and Science Media:

Medscape.com, May 6
David Fassler, M.D., clinical professor of psychiatry, commented on Vice President Joe Biden’s speech at the American Psychiatric Association's (APA's) 2014 Annual Meeting, in which he highlighted the “desperate” need for more psychiatrists.

MedPage Today, May 8
Anne Dixon, M.A., B.M., B.Ch., professor of medicine and director of pulmonary and critical care medicine, commented on a research abstract recently presented at the annual American Psychiatric Association meeting that focused on a link between asthma and suicide.

Psychiatric News, May 12
David Fassler, M.D., clinical professor of psychiatry, discussed the long term effects of childhood bullying.

Sound Medicine, June 1
Rachel Johnson, R.D., M.P.H, Ph.D., professor of nutrition and pediatrics was interviewed regarding the link between added sugar and heart disease.
Glaucoma Today, June 1
David Diaz, M.D., assistant professor of surgery, authored a piece entitled “Discussing Medical Marijuana with Glaucoma Patients”.

National Kidney Foundation, June 1
Katherine Cheung, M.D., post-doctoral associate, co-authored a study on palliative care options for dialysis patients, which was highlighted by the National Kidney Foundation.
Also: Nephrology News & Issues

Beliefnet.com, June 2
Arnie Kozak, Ph.D., clinical assistant professor of medicine and psychiatry, authored an article entitled “The Science of Mindfulness”.
http://www.beliefnet.com/columnists/mindfulnessmatters/2014/06/the-science-of-mindfulness.html

Psychology Today, June 6
David Rettew, M.D., associate professor of psychiatry, authored a blog post titled Antidepressants and Youth: A Decade Since the ‘Black Box’.

Vermont/Regional:

ABC22/Fox44, May 2
Mark Gorman, M.D., professor of neurological sciences and a neurologist and director of the Fletcher Allen stroke program commented on warning signs and causes of strokes.
http://www.mychamplainvalley.com/story/d/story/remarkable-recovery-for-public-speaking-stroke-sur/25084/wt3RsFILB0e80S7vlM1kIA
Also: VT Digger

ABC22/Fox 44, May 2
Mary Cushman, M.D., professor of medicine and immediate past chair of the Vermont American Heart Association board of directors, discussed stroke signs, treatment and prevention in conjunction with May being National Stroke Awareness Month.
To view the clip, please contact Hana Place.

Seven Days, May 7
Sarah Greene Ph.D., professor of neurological sciences, and Rodney Parsons, Ph.D., professor of neurological sciences emeritus, shared comments on the annual Convocation of Thanks ceremony held by medical students to honor those who donated their bodies for medical education.
Prospero Gogo, M.D., professor of medicine, commented on the FDA announcement that an aspirin routine may be unnecessary for some cardiac patients. 
http://www.wcax.com/story/25476629/fda-says-daily-aspirin-isnt-for-everyone

Girls Science Day at the College of Medicine was highlighted. 
http://www.uvm.edu/medicine/videos/2014.05.10-GIRLS-SCIENCE-DAY.mp4

Lewis First, M.D., professor and chair of pediatrics, offered tips on bicycle safety. 
http://www.timesargus.com/article/20140511/THISJUSTIN/705119935

Stephen Merena, D.P.M., assistant professor of orthopaedics and rehabilitation, provided suggestions to prevent running injuries, especially for new runners. 

Class of 2014’s Adam Ackerman, M.D., was featured in the Burlington Free Press regarding his composition which will be this year’s Commencement processional. Lee Rosen, Ph.D. assistant professor of psychiatry and lecturer of psychology is also quoted. 

Also: Seven Days, VPR, WCAX

Stephen Leffler, M.D., professor of surgery and chief medical officer at Fletcher Allen, commented on the recent death of a toddler and answered questions about suspected child abuse. 

Nathan Endres, M.D., assistant professor of orthopaedics and rehabilitation, provided injury prevention tips for marathon runners. 
http://www.wptz.com/Training-safety-tips-for-race-day/26116018?absolute=true

Carlos Pino, M.D., associate professor of anesthesiology, commented on methods of chronic pain treatment. 

David Kaminsky, M.D., and Peter Moses, M.D., professors of medicine, were interviewed regarding oxygen consumption, CO2 production, and methane production by marathon runners.
WCAX-TV, May 27
W. Kemper Alston, M.D., professor of medicine, commented on the preparations being taken by Fletcher Allen Health Care in response to a potential MERS outbreak.

NECN.com, May 28
Roger Knakal, M.D., assistant professor of orthopaedics and rehabilitation, commented on the gift by The Travis Roy Foundation to Fletcher Allen’s Inpatient Rehabilitation facility.
http://www.necn.com/05/28/14/Big-gift-for-Vt-physical-rehab-center/landing.html?blockID=867112

WCAX-TV, May 28
Ann Augustine, M.D., assistant professor of neurological sciences, discussed the potential benefits of napping.
http://www.wcax.com/story/25635490/the-science-of-sleep

MyChamplainValley.com, May 29
Anne Johnston, M.D., associate professor of pediatrics, discussed the increase in babies born with opiate in their system and the treatment needed to stop this dependence.
http://www.my champlainvalley.com/story/d/story/treating-opiate-dependent-babies/24197/J8HEmv5mVEWEEml5P2Sew

WCAX-TV, June 3
Jon Porter, M.D., clinical assistant professor of family medicine and director, UVM Center for Health & Wellbeing, discussed the importance of a meningitis vaccination, which health officials are hopeful is close to being licensed for use.

Seven Days, June 4
Garrick Applebee, M.D., assistant professor of neurological sciences and pediatrics and medical director of the Vermont Regional Sleep Center, explained how playing the didgeridoo, an indigenous Australian wind instrument, may strengthen airway muscles and be useful in the treatment of sleep apnea.
http://www.sevendaysvt.com/vermont/how-didgeridoo-playing-can-lead-to-better-sleep/Content?oid=2376315

WPTZ-TV, June 5
Joseph Hagan, M.D., clinical professor of pediatrics and Vermont Citizen's Advisory board co-chair, commented on the recent investigation of the death of two Vermont toddlers.

My Champlain Valley, June 6
John King, M.P.H., M.D., professor of family medicine, commented on the shortage of primary care physicians.
http://www.my champlainvalley.com/story/d/story/primary-care-physicians-on-the-decline/82617/LSyDw71w7U6WsoKk5yRSEQ
My Champlain Valley, June 9
Mario Trabulsy, M.D., associate professor of surgery, was interviewed regarding efforts by Vermont Cares to reduce the spread of disease through needle exchange.

WCAX-TV, June 12
Joshua Farkas, M.D., assistant professor of medicine, shared the story of a dramatic case of H1N1 to help illustrate the importance of the flu vaccine.
http://www.wcax.com/story/25763002/flu-fight

WCAX-TV, June 17
Gilman Allen, M.D., associate professor of medicine and Fletcher Allen Critical Care director, was interviewed regarding hospital deaths tied to sepsis and how Fletcher Allen Health Care is working to reduce these numbers.
http://www.wcax.com/story/25801860/how-many-deaths-are-tied-to-sepsis

WPTZ-TV, June 20
A WPTZ-TV “Health Beat” segment featured Robert L. Bickford, Jr. Professor of Nutrition and Professor of Pediatrics Rachel Johnson, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.D., who discussed her childhood obesity-related research using state-of-the-art digital imaging to accurately measure what kids are eating during school lunch.

WPTZ-TV, June 26
This “Health Beat” segment featured technology and research co-developed and led by Peter Spector, M.D., professor of medicine and Fletcher Allen cardiac electrophysiologist.
To view the clip, please contact Hana Place.