News Notes

Dr. Dagogo-Jack to Speak on Menopause and Marijuana at AACE 2013
Medscape Medical News – April 2013
Dagogo-Jack, MD, A.C. Mullins Professor in Translational Research, professor of medicine, and chief of the division of endocrinology, diabetes, and metabolism at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, told Medscape Medical News.

Bargain Braces
My Fox Memphis – April 24
UT Dental offers reduced-cost specialty, emergency, even routine dental care to people who are uninsured or under insured. “If they come to the school they’re going to get treatment at a reduced rate compared to the outside,” said Dr. John Seeberg, Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs.

Dr. Roger McGee has joined Germantown Surgical Associates
Memphis Daily News – April 24
McGee earned his medical degree from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine and has practiced as Methodist Fayette Hospital since 2008.

Doctor-Tested Medicine Cabinet Essentials
Happy News – April 23
Itchy rashes can be caused by plant oils, perfumes, or prickly heat, to name just a few triggers, says Andy Spooner, MD, director of general pediatrics at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Bike Ride Benefits Local Cancer Patients
Memphis Daily News – April 23
The May 5 event will be a 3.5-mile looped course that begins at The West Clinic on Humphreys Boulevard.

UT drops proposed proton therapy partnership
San Francisco Chronicle – April 22
The University of Tennessee has given up on a proposed partnership with a proton therapy center in Knoxville that university officials had hoped would bring in millions for new academic and research programs. Proton therapy is a type of cancer treatment that uses a beam of protons to irradiate tumors without harming surrounding tissue. But lawmakers questioned the financial risk to the university as well as the effectiveness of the treatment.

Program Addresses Neonatologist Shortage
Memphis Daily News – April 15
Memphis hospitals face a shortage of physicians that care for critically ill and premature newborn infants. To address the shortage, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center’s College of Nursing has created a new advanced training option, the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program. The UTHSC College of Nursing also is reopening admissions for the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner program at the doctoral level.

**Drug shortages a part of everyday life for doctors and patients**
*The Commercial Appeal* – April 13
UTHSC College of Pharmacy professor quoted.

**Lessons learned in Memphis, Tennessee can help southeastern Wisconsin**
*Milwaukee Courier* – April 13
Memphis, Tennessee and surrounding Shelby County can perhaps provide Milwaukee guidance for curbing infant mortality through a collaborative approach called “collective impact.” Once ranked as having the highest infant mortality rate in the nation, Memphis’ rate—which was 14.9 deaths per 1,000 live births—has now declined by nearly a third of its original rate.

**Web-based tools found to enhance recruitment and prescreening for clinical pain trials**
*Science Codex* – April 11
Researchers are suggesting new ways to use existing Internet tools to recruit more study participants for clinical pain trials and to increase the likelihood they will remain throughout the study period, according to Ian Brooks, PhD, director of the Office of Biomedical Informatics, University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, Tenn., and an author on the study.

**MATA bus becomes ‘Green Machine’**
*The Daily Helmsman* – April 12
Students from Hollis F. Price Middle College High School, along with representatives from the Memphis Grizzlies, Saint Patrick’s Church, the University of Tennessee and the University of Memphis, teamed up to prepare the Green Machine Mobile Market for launch. The bus, which was donated by MATA at a cost of $1 a year, will travel through 15 neighborhoods each week. The Green Machine will offer fruits, vegetables and dried goods.

**Dr. Marion Dugdale Awarded the Tennessee Medical Association 2013 Distinguished Service Award**
*Memphis Daily News* – April 10
Dr. Marion Dugdale has been awarded the Tennessee Medical Association 2013 Distinguished Service Award for her contribution to public health and the field of blood disorders. Dugdale joined the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in 1962.
Delta Regional Authority debuts online health resource
The Selma Times-Journal – April 6
Dr. Teresa Waters, professor of preventive medicine at University of Tennessee Health Science Center, partnered in the creation of the resource database.

Regional health database IDs health disparities throughout Delta
Memphis Business Journal – April 3
“Our aim for these Health Delta Regional Data Reports was to provide highly relevant, up-to-date health and demographic data in a format that was readily accessible and easy to use,” said Teresa Waters, a professor at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Delta states have more obesity, diabetes
www.thenewsstar.com – April 2
Dr. Teresa Waters, a professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center who helped compile the data, said communities can use the online tool to better understand their health care needs and benchmark their improvements over time.

Study identifies genetic connections in 15q Duplication Syndrome
Science Blog – March 26
A new study published in the March issue of Autism Research from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and Le Bonheur researchers is making the genetic connections between autism and Chromosome 15q Duplication Syndrome (Dup15q).

Kisses for Compassion
The Commercial Appeal – Feb. 24
On Feb. 14, 25 medical students and resident physicians, as well as several faculty members at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine joined medical schools throughout North America to observe the third annual National Day of Solidarity for Compassionate Patient Care.

UT neurologist to study how antibodies attack
New England Cable News – March 1
A researcher at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center has received a federal grant to work on multiple sclerosis therapies. Dr. Michael Levin will use the $650,000 in funding to study how an MS patient’s own antibodies attack nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord.

UT has new nurse practitioner options
The UT Health Science Center is offering new advanced training options in its doctor of nursing practice degree program.
Research yields significant insights into a common form of autism

*Medical Express – March 26*

Results from a study led by Larry T. Reiter, PhD, at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) are providing significant insights into the disorder through the study of a specific form of autism caused by a duplication on chromosome 15.

AMA Hosts Medical School Launch Event for Accelerating Chance in Medical Education—UTHSC selected as one of six remote medical school locations

*Memphis Medical Society Quarterly – Spring 2013*

The AMA hosted a live feed remote conference with six medical schools around the country. UTHSC – Memphis was one of the six.

Medical Students Ready with the Memphis Mobile Market

*The Commercial Appeal – March 16*

The medical students … banded together to raise funds for a mobile market and take fresh, low-cost produce into designated ‘food deserts’ in the city.

Donation Made to College of Dentistry

*WREG – March 9*

A big donation for the College of Dentistry at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Rebecca A. Barton Named 2013 Outstanding Alumni

*Dentistry IQ – March 8*

Dr. Barton was recently named the 2013 Outstanding Alumni Award Winner by the UT College of Dentistry at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC).

Rebecca A. Barton, DDS, named the 2013 Outstanding Alumni

*Memphis Business Journal – March 7*

Rebecca A. Barton, DDS, was named the 2013 Outstanding Alumni Award Winner by the UT College of Dentistry at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Memphians Motivated By Money To Lose Weight

*News Chanel 3 WREG – March 4*

Employees from Shelby County Government, University of Tennessee Health Science and Youth Villages are just some of those taking part in a city-wide weight loss competition. The team with the greatest percentage of weight loss over the next three months will take home a $10,000 prize. Employees at UT are putting in extra hours in the gym to make sure they win.
Memphis researchers at St. Jude, VA report new insights into origins of degenerative diseases

*The Commercial Appeal – March 3*

At the VA, Dr. Michael Levin, also a professor at UTHSC, was awarded a grant by the Department of Veterans Affairs’ Office of Research and Development to study how MS causes a patient’s own antibodies to attack nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord.