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## Stanford Medicine in the News



### Abraham Verghese to give keynote at medical school graduation

The Linda R. Meier and Joan F. Lane Provostial Professor, best-selling author, and director of Stanford's [Presence Initiative](#), which champions the human experience in medicine, will be the keynote speaker at the School of Medicine's graduation ceremony on June 15. [Learn more >](#)



### Generative AI develops potential new drugs for antibiotic-resistant bacteria

Researchers have devised a new artificial intelligence model, SyntheMol, which creates recipes for chemists to synthesize the drugs in the lab. [Learn more >](#)



### Pilot study shows ketogenic diet improves severe mental illness

A small clinical trial led by Stanford Medicine found that the metabolic effects of a ketogenic diet may help stabilize the brain, suggesting that a dietary intervention can be a powerful aid in treating mental illness. [Read the story and watch the 90 Seconds with Lisa Kim video >](#)



### Old immune systems revitalized in Stanford Medicine mouse study, improving vaccine response

Those with aging immune systems struggle to fight off novel viruses and respond weakly to vaccination. Researchers were recently able to revitalize the immune system in a trial on mice. [Learn more >](#)



### Stanford Medicine invests more than \$1 billion in local communities

Stanford Medicine invested \$1.07 billion in funds and services during the 2023 fiscal year to bolster Bay Area communities. [Learn more >](#)

## Stanford Health Care Spotlight



### Honor National Donate Life Month by becoming an organ donor

Learn about different types of organ and tissue donation, how you can help save a life by registering today, and why the need for organ donors is more critical than ever. [Learn more >](#)

## Upcoming Events



### Charting AI's Future in Health and Medicine

On May 14, RAISE Health will convene luminaries from technology, medicine, and policy for the inaugural Charting AI's Future in Health and Medicine symposium. The no-cost, one-day virtual event will explore AI's potential to transform medicine and spotlight critical challenges to ensuring that AI is developed safely, responsibly, and for the benefit of society. Join us to hear from world-class experts as we navigate these subjects and forge a path forward. [Learn more and register >](#)



### Health Matters May 18, 2024: Registration is open!

Health Matters—a free community health event hosted by Stanford Medicine—explores the latest advances in medicine, health, and wellness. We look forward to welcoming you to the medical school campus, where you can hear about the latest research and practical tips for healthy living in a day full of helpful information and resources, interactive demonstrations, and fun.

This year's event—happening Saturday, May 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. PT—will feature engaging Health Talks with Stanford Medicine faculty and an outdoor Health Pavilion offering a variety of health and wellness resources and hands-on activities. We hope to see you there! [Learn more and register >](#)

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