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## A message from Stanford Health Care: Contract agreement reached

We are pleased to share that a three-year contract with CRONA (The Committee for Recognition of Nursing Achievement) has now been ratified. After extensive discussions, we were able to reach a contract that reflects our shared priorities and enhances existing benefits supporting our nurses' health, well-being, and ongoing professional development. We welcomed our union-represented nurses back this Tuesday and we appreciate the incredible effort that our entire health-care workforce put forward last week.

## Upcoming Event



### Health Matters returns to campus May 14

Join us outdoors on campus for Health Matters—Stanford Medicine's free community event that explores the latest advances in medicine, health, and wellness.

Experience our **Health Talks** with world-renowned experts sharing pivotal new medical discoveries, practical tips for healthy living, and Q&As. Explore our **Health Pavilion's** fun interactive health and wellness activities (including a meeting with the adorable four-legged members of PAWS: Pet Assisted Wellness at Stanford), food trucks, prizes, and more.

[Learn more and register now >](#)

## Stanford Medicine in the News



### Transformative gift from Phil and Penny Knight launches scientific endeavor to combat neurodegeneration

A new initiative to promote brain resilience will study the causes of cognitive decline—what may be done to prevent, delay, or reverse the decline—and what goes right for those who keep their cognitive abilities intact. [Learn more >](#)



### Electrically stimulated stem cells aid stroke recovery in rodents, Stanford researchers find

Stanford scientists have developed a device that delivers and electrically stimulates stem cells to promote stroke healing. [Learn more >](#)



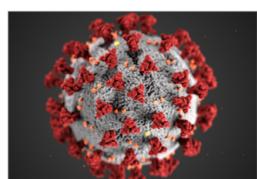
### Compassion and understanding: Teaching medical students how to prevent, treat addiction

A new addiction medicine curriculum at Stanford School of Medicine trains students to better understand causes of, and treatments for, substance use disorders. [Learn more >](#)



### Stanford Medicine fellowship for postdoctoral scholars created to increase faculty diversity

Stanford's Propel program helps postdoctoral scholars from groups underrepresented in the biomedical sciences prepare for academic careers. The goal is to diversify the profession. [Learn more >](#)



### Feces of people with mild COVID can harbor viral genetic material months after infection

People with mild to moderate COVID-19 can shed viral RNA in their feces months after initial infection, Stanford researchers find. Those who do often experience nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain. [Learn more >](#)

## Stanford Medicine Leadership and Faculty Honors



### Denise Monack becomes chair of Stanford's Department of Microbiology & Immunology

Monack, whose research focuses on interactions between microbial pathogens and the immune system during infections, succeeds David Schneider. [Learn more >](#)



### Two medical school professors elected to American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Stanford Medicine professors David Relman and Abraham Verghese were among the nine Stanford faculty members elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. [Learn more >](#)



### Anne Brunet awarded 2022 Lurie Prize in Biomedical Sciences

Brunet was awarded the 2022 Lurie Prize in Biomedical Sciences for her efforts to understand the mechanism of aging. [Learn more >](#)



### Christina Curtis receives Award for Outstanding Achievement in Basic Cancer Research from the American Association for Cancer Research

Curtis received the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Basic Cancer Research from the AACR in recognition of her paradigm-shifting research on tumor evolution. [Learn more >](#)

## Why Giving Matters



### In Honor of National Nurses Day Grateful family establishes patient-care fund for nurse practitioner after mother's passing

The Dixon family felt they'd been thrown a lifeline when they sought care at Stanford after their mother's cancer diagnosis. Now, they've established a fund to honor one remarkable member of her care team: nurse practitioner Gwen Coffey. [Learn more >](#)

## Taking Care of Yourself and Others



### Endemic: What it might mean for masks, COVID-19 shots and more

Stanford experts discuss what endemic means in the context of biology, masking, vaccines, and mental and behavioral health. [Learn more >](#)

## COVID-19: Taking Action—How You Can Help

We are grateful for the many expressions of generosity and desire to help that have come from across our community. There are various ways you can still support our ongoing COVID-19 response.

### • Improve vaccination awareness

Stanford researchers are working to understand the diverse views regarding COVID-19 vaccination. We encourage you to help us by completing this one-time [COVID-19 Vaccine Views Survey](#).

### • Give blood, platelets, or plasma

The Stanford Blood Center urges those who are healthy, and who haven't been in contact with someone who has COVID-19, to make urgently needed blood donations. [Learn more >](#)

### • Participate in COVID-19 research

Our Research Registry connects people like you with teams conducting research to make advances in health care. If you are eligible for a study, researchers may contact you to provide additional details on how to participate. [Learn more >](#)

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