

Feature Story



The Pandemic Puzzle: A four-part series on COVID-19, our recovery, and where we go from here

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused millions of deaths, threatened the health of billions, and upended every aspect of society. Its impact will reverberate for decades to come, but COVID-19 won't be the last global health threat of its kind. What we do next to prepare is critical.

Through this ambitious free virtual conference series, Stanford Medicine and Stanford Graduate School of Business will convene leading experts—across government, business, and health care—to discuss the global pandemic response, lessons for our recovery, and how we can build resilience to current and future health threats. Beginning Friday, September 17. [Learn more >](#)

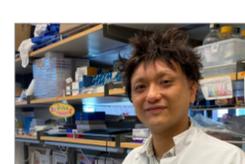
Stanford Medicine in the News



How misinformation, medical mistrust fuel vaccine hesitancy

More than two dozen experts discussed how to combat misinformation about COVID-19 and the vaccines at a virtual conference held Aug. 26.

[Learn more >](#)



Old skeletal stem cells interfere with healing, promote 'inflammaging'

Researchers have found that old skeletal stem cells contribute to bone fragility and poor healing in mice, but that a stem cell-boosting gel may help restore function. [Learn more >](#)



Surgical masks reduce COVID-19 spread, large-scale study shows

Researchers found that surgical masks impede the spread of COVID-19 and that just a few, low-cost interventions increase mask-wearing compliance. [Learn more >](#)



Study predicts who may benefit from CAR-T cell therapy for blood cancers

CAR-T cell therapy works for many types of blood cancers, but more than half of patients relapse. Stanford researchers have uncovered a clue as to why. [Learn more >](#)



Celebrating the new Department of Health Policy

Stanford Health Policy (SHP) celebrated the launch of the new Department of Health Policy on Sept. 1, 2021, as well as SHP Director Douglas K. Owens, MD, MS, being named inaugural chair of the 13th basic sciences department within the School of Medicine. [Learn more >](#)



Stanford celebrates Women in Medicine Month

The Department of Medicine continues its tradition of celebrating the American Medical Association's Women in Medicine Month, with events to deepen understanding of the challenges and opportunities for women in medicine. [Learn more >](#)

Stanford Health Care Spotlight



Removing tumor from a tricky part of brain, surgeon gives teen his life back

After years of practicing surgery techniques in a part of the brain known as a "no man's land," Juan Fernandez-Miranda, MD, was able to remove a complex pituitary gland tumor from a Lebanese teenager. [Learn more >](#)



Robot provides Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare patient with shorter, less invasive surgery

Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare physician Isabel Lazo, MD, performs surgery on a cancer patient with the help of a da Vinci robotic system. The technology eases patients' recovery and offers surgeons a clear view of the procedure. [Learn more >](#)

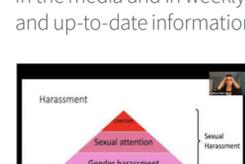


Scientist, daughter optimize equitable care for veterans

Researchers analyzed how to get the optimal dose of heart medication to patients at the VA, specifically Black and Latino patients. [Learn more >](#)

Stanford Medicine Leaders and Faculty in the News

In the media and in weekly virtual forums, our leadership is working hard to ensure that you have the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding virus prevention, testing, and treatment.



Medicine Grand Rounds

In-depth discussions from Stanford health experts on the front lines of care and research. Recent topics include sexual harassment in the modern era, legal aspects of COVID-19 vaccination and community mitigation orders, and evidence from a national campaign promoting vaccine uptake. [Watch the videos >](#)



AI in medicine: How physicians can tame the machines

In his LinkedIn series, "The Consult," Dean Lloyd Minor shares informative insights on how the staggering powers of big data and artificial intelligence need to be harnessed and adaptively managed in order to provide truly representative data that is free of bias. [Learn more >](#)



90 Seconds with Lisa Kim: What to know about the Delta variant, featuring Yvonne Maldonado

In this new video series, Lisa Kim, senior manager of media relations and Emmy Award-winning journalist, checks in with Stanford Medicine faculty, staff, and students about what they're up to. This week, Yvonne Maldonado, MD, a leading epidemiologist, shares news you can use about the Delta variant, students returning to school, and what's ahead. [Watch the video >](#)

Taking Care of Yourself and Others



Stanford pediatrician answers COVID-19 vaccine questions

Stanford pediatric infectious disease expert Yvonne Maldonado, MD, is interviewed by television and radio host W. Kamau Bell in a series of videos presented by a Kaiser Foundation public information initiative called "Greater than COVID." [Watch the video >](#)



5 Questions: Elizabeth Reichert on handling back-to-school anxiety in a pandemic

Returning to school as the pandemic stretches on may spark anxiety in young students, but there are approaches parents can use to build children's resilience. [Learn more >](#)

COVID-19: Taking Action—How You Can Help

We are grateful for the expressions of generosity and desire to help coming from across our community. There are various ways in which you can support our response to this ongoing crisis.

• Improve vaccination awareness

Stanford researchers are now 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 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 >](#)

Are you a recovered COVID-19 patient? If so, you may qualify to participate in Stanford's Convalescent Plasma Donation Program to help critically ill COVID-19 patients. [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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