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National

*U.S. News & World Report* (November 4)
*Women's Hands Home to More Types of Germs*
“The findings of the last few decades suggest that many diseases are due to many organisms, and it’s the concerted change that leads to disease,” noted Robert E. Marquis, a professor of microbiology and immunology at the University of Rochester Medical Center. (Also Reported in: *Washington Post, ABC News, WRNN Regional News Network, Tyler KLTV ABC 7, WATE - Newschannel 6*)

*Bloomberg* (November 13)
*Fed’s Plosser Says U.S. Slump to Deepen This Quarter*
Charles Plosser, 60, a former professor and business-school dean at the University of Rochester in New York, has taken one of the toughest anti-inflation stances on the Fed since joining the central bank in 2006.

*Times Online, UK* (November 18)
*Management briefing: Market volatility*
According to a report by G. William Schwert, Professor of Finance and Statistics at the Simon Graduate School of Business at the University of Rochester in New York State, such suggestions are “incredibly misleading”. Point swings, or the Dow’s absolute scale, do not tell the true story.

*New York Empire State News* (November 12)
*Brooks Landing progress marked*
Mayor Robert Duffy, city and local officials and University of Rochester President Joel Seligman celebrated the addition of the new Staybridge Suites Hotel, the City's riverfront improvement project, the Brooks Village Streetscape Project and the Boulder at Brooks Landing coffee shop to the city’s southwest neighborhood. (Also Reported in: *WHEC TV NBC 10 Rochester*)

*Rochester Business Journal* (November 20)
*UR receives $1.6M grant for nanotech research*
The University of Rochester will receive $1.6 million for its Nanosystems Initiative, a multi-million dollar nanotechnology research center.

*Rochester Business Journal* (November 13)
*UR awarded $1.75M to study biofuel*
University of Rochester professor David Wu has received a $1.75 million grant to research a way to turn waste biomass, such as grass clippings, cornstalks, and wood chips, into usable hydrogen or ethanol.

Local

Rochester Business Journal
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle
WHEC TV NBC 10 Rochester
WROC TV CBS 8 Rochester
Los Angeles Times (November 14)
Bad health habits and lifestyle choices are among Alzheimer's causes
A study reported in 2006 by University of Rochester researcher Mark Mapstone found that among middle-aged women, those with depressive symptoms had more complaints of memory lapses and poorer performance registering new information than those without mood disturbance. (Also Reported in: ABC News, Business Week, U.S. News & World Report, MSN, Yahoo!, Washington Post)

Forbes (November 18)
Cancer Drug Ups Risk of Clots in Veins
"They were able to expand the sample size, and it looks like a significant increase in venous blood clots," said Dr. Alok Khorana, an associate professor of medicine at the University of Rochester Medical Center. "Even though the event rate is not that high, it's still high enough that we need to exercise caution in using the drug." (Also Reported in: ABC News, Business Week, Washington Post, U.S. News & World Report, Medbroadcast)

Rochester Democrat & Chronicle (November 20)
UR women's basketball team towers above area schools
If there is a constant in local women's basketball circles this decade, it is the University of Rochester's dominance.

Philadelphia Inquirer (November 6)
Steady Abroad
Based on the numbers, though, the away team seldom even gets on the field. The New York Times interviewed Chad W. Post, director of the University of Rochester's translation-only Open Letter Press, who estimated that only 330 of 15,000 new books published in the U.S. so far this year were by foreign writers.

ABC News (November 13)
Fatal Disease Takes Kids' Vision, Mobility
According to Dr. David Pearce, an associate professor at the Center for Neural Development and Disease at the University of Rochester Medical Center who has been researching Batten disease for more than 10 years, the cruelest part of the inherited disorder is the delay of noticeable symptoms.

Washington Post (November 12)
Blood pressure gap leads to deaths of 8,000 blacks
The gap between the races in controlling blood pressure is well-known, but the resulting number of lives lost startled some scientists. “We expected it to be big, but it was even larger than we anticipated,” said the lead author, Dr. Kevin Fiscella of the University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry. (Also Reported in: Newsday, Chicago Tribune, Philadelphia Inquirer, Detroit News, Baltimore Sun, San Francisco Chronicle, CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Business Week, ABC News)

WROC TV CBS 8 Rochester (November 7)
Plans for Main & Gibbs Development Unveiled
More big plans to develop downtown Rochester are moving forward. For months, there's been a plan to develop the parking lot across from the Eastman Theatre at East Main Street and Gibbs Street. The plan calls for 42 residential units, split between an 11-story building and 10 duplex townhouses. There are plans for retail and residential space as well, aimed at students from the Eastman School of Music. (Also Reported in: WHAM TV ABC 13 Rochester, Rochester Business Journal)

CBS News (November 11)
Study: Wider Cholesterol Drug Use May Save Lives
“That’s pretty costly. This would be a very difficult sell” unless a person also had family history or other heart disease risk factors, said Dr. Thomas Pearson of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. (Also Reported in: Denver Post, Huffington Post, Milwaukee JS Online, Seattle Post Intelligencer, New York Times, Newsday, ABC News, Chicago Tribune, Fox News, Washington Post, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle)

ABC News (November 20)
Child-Care Relationships Tied to Kids' Stress Levels
The study, by researchers at the University of Rochester, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Notre Dame, looked at more than 200 6-year-olds and their mothers. The children's levels of hostility and their involvement during the arguments didn't always link to their levels of cortisol, but those who were very distressed and very involved had especially high levels of the stress hormone. (Also Reported in: Business Week, Washington Post,
ABC News (November 11)
MP3 Player Headphones May Throw Off Cardiac Devices
“It’s good information, but I don’t think it’s going to be a big deal,” said Dr. Spencer Rosero, an associate professor of medicine in the electrophysiology unit at the University of Rochester Medical Center. “In very unusual circumstances, it can interfere, but the situation has to be just right, which doesn’t really apply for daily living, … It would not kill you.” (Also Reported in: Business Week, Forbes, Tyler KLTV ABC 7, WFIE 14 News, Washington Post)

Rochester Business Journal (November 11)
URMC physician to lead efforts
Two national organizations have tapped University of Rochester Medical Center physician Thomas Pearson to lead stroke and cardiovascular disease-prevention efforts.

WHEC TV NBC 10 Rochester (November 14)
American Heart Association honors Strong Hospital
For the second time in just four months, the American Heart Association has recognized Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester Medical Center for excellent cardiac care.

Baltimore Sun (November 12)
Hopkins announces Daniels as president
Rothenberg said the appointment of a legal scholar as president of a university without a law school is “unusual” but not without precedent, noting that the current presidents of Rice University in Texas and the University of Rochester in New York were once law school deans.

Reuters (November 20)
U.S. panel urges study of antipsychotics in children
“These drugs have very high potential for benefit but also have a fairly well recognized set of risks,” Dr. Carl D’Angio, a panel member from the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York, said in a telephone interview on Wednesday. (Also Reported in: Topnews.in)