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UMSOM Research Shows How Area of the Brain Behaves Like an Internet Router

Researchers at the University of Maryland School of Medicine have developed a new theory about how part of the brain functions. Rather than being responsible for self-awareness, they discovered that a region of the brain known as the claustrum behaves more like a high-speed internet router, generating “networks” in the brain’s cortex (where complex thoughts form) to carry out cognitively demanding tasks.

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Youngest Girls Who Get Pregnant Have Highest Risk of Poor Outcomes, Study Finds

Pregnant teens in the U.S. have long been known to face increased health risks and pregnancy complications, but a new study for the first time finds that girls ages 13 or younger who get pregnant face even greater risks.

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University of Maryland SOP, SOM Awarded \$1.1 Million Grant to Increase Diversity in Biomedical Workforce

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has awarded a \$1.1 million grant to the University of Maryland Schools of Pharmacy (UMSOP) and Medicine (UMSOM) to create a training program to enhance diversity in the biomedical workforce.

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UM School of Medicine Empowers Faculty Members Through Recently Founded Academy for Career Development

Within a year of the launch of the Medical Education Leadership Academy (MELA) at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM), faculty members from across the School's various divisions are expressing an overwhelmingly positive response to the Academy's mission of creating an environment that fosters career development of a diverse community of nationally recognized leaders in medical education.

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Landmark Clinical Study Finds Aspirin as Effective as Commonly Used Blood Thinner to Prevent Life-Threatening Blood Clots and Death After Fracture Surgery

A new multi-center randomized clinical trial of more than 12,000 patients found that over-the-counter aspirin is just as effective as injectable blood thinner in preventing potentially fatal blood clots.

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New Clinical Trial Will Test Remote Monitoring to Better Manage Inflammatory Bowel Disease

University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) researchers recently opened recruitment to assess whether a novel remote therapeutic monitoring system can help people with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) adhere to their medication regimen, and ultimately improve their symptoms and prevent dangerous flare-ups.

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Project Feast's 33rd Annual Thanksgiving Meal

Project Feast is a student organization at the University of Maryland School of Medicine that is putting together a free Thanksgiving meal on **Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.** at Booker T. Washington Elementary School for the under-served population of Baltimore.



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Lishan Su, PhD Invested as the UMSOM Charles Gordon Smith Endowed Professor for HIV Research

Lishan Su, PhD, an internationally prominent virologist and immunologist at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM), was invested as the Charles Gordon Smith Endowed Professor for HIV Research.

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