



## **CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL TIP SHEET: July 2001**

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### **RESEARCH DETECTS MECHANISM THAT APPEARS TO ENABLE DEADLY BRAIN TUMORS TO PROGRESS**

Using a technique called “gene array” that allows them to analyze thousands of genes in one experiment, scientists at Cedars-Sinai’s Maxine Dunitz Neurosurgical Institute have identified a new mechanism that may be a critical step in the development of a type of malignant brain tumor (glioblastoma multiforme or GBM) that has historically been virtually impervious to treatment. The discovery may improve the ability of physicians to predict tumor progression and more accurately determine patient prognosis. The researchers also anticipate the findings could lead to improved patient monitoring and the eventual development of effective therapies against these devastating brain tumors. Results of the study are published in the July 15 issue of *Cancer Research*. For a full copy of this release, please go to [http://www.cedars-sinai.edu/newsmedia/images/MDNSI\\_Brain\\_Tumor\\_Progression.pdf](http://www.cedars-sinai.edu/newsmedia/images/MDNSI_Brain_Tumor_Progression.pdf)

### **HIGH TECH AND HIGH TOUCH: PALM PILOTS, WIRELESS MODEMS & CUSTOMIZED SOFTWARE ENABLE PHYSICIANS TO ACCESS PATIENT UPDATES FROM ANYWHERE, 24/7**

A growing number of physicians at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center are consulting their Palm Pilots these days – for much more than their next patient’s appointment. One doc uses the handy device to check a patient’s lab test results on his way to grand rounds, while another uses hers to check a patient’s surgery results at the airport. In either scenario, the doctors at Cedars-Sinai can now access a patient’s medical information from anywhere – 24 hours a day. What they learn enables them to make time-sensitive medical decisions affecting their patients’ care. For a full copy of this release, please go to [http://www.cedars-sinai.edu/newsmedia/images/HIgh\\_Tech\\_And\\_Touch.pdf](http://www.cedars-sinai.edu/newsmedia/images/HIgh_Tech_And_Touch.pdf)

### **THE LONG LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER CAN INCREASE CHILDREN’S RISK OF ACCIDENTAL INJURIES AND EVEN DEATH**

Kids have been waiting all year for summer, the time to stay up late and play all day. Even though summer is the season for sun and fun for kids, it’s also the time for death and injury. According to Kate Perkins, MD, Ph.D., Medical Director of the Children’s Health Clinic at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, “Children are at higher risk for death and injury during the summer because with the long warm summer days, children have the opportunity to be more adventurous.” “In addition, they have less supervision, have more free time and participate in more outdoor activities,” says Perkins. For a full copy of this release, please go to [http://www.cedars-sinai.edu/newsmedia/images/HIgh\\_Tech\\_And\\_Touch.pdf](http://www.cedars-sinai.edu/newsmedia/images/HIgh_Tech_And_Touch.pdf)

**AFTER RECEIVING A UNIQUE AND VERY PERSONAL FATHER'S DAY GIFT FROM HIS DAUGHTER – A LIVING LIVER TRANSPLANT – A NEW MEXICO MAN SAYS HE'S BEEN GIVEN A NEW LIFE**

When it comes to acceptable Father's Day gifts, most kids think of a new necktie, a bestseller or perhaps an "oldies" music album. But this year, Angel Molina, a 21-year-old from Albuquerque, literally gave her dad, Chris, age 53, the gift of life. She shared with him a portion of her own liver. The living donor, partial liver transplant was performed one day after Father's Day by Christopher R. Shackleton, M.D., Director of the Multi-Organ Transplant Program and Center for Liver and Kidney Diseases and Transplantation at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, and Dr. Steven D. Colquhoun, Program Director for Liver Transplantation at Cedars-Sinai. For a full copy of this release, please e-mail your request to: [sandy@vancommunications.com](mailto:sandy@vancommunications.com)

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