



## Are You An Advocate of Body Donation? Help Us Spread the Word!

As a supporter of whole body donation, you know just how important body donors are to the medical community. Unfortunately, body donation doesn't get the same outpouring of government and celebrity support as organ donation, and thus very few people even know it's an option for final arrangements. This is why we're asking for your help in spreading the word about this very important end of life option.

To help you out, we've developed a special "Advocate Program" specifically for those of you who are actively engaged in your community. As an official Science Care body donation advocate, you will now have the opportunity to physically hand out registration brochures complete with registration cards which become active when the recipient calls us to activate. It's really simple and the brochures look great!

If this program sounds like a fit for you, head on over to our [Advocate Page](#) and we'll give you more details on how you can help. If you're have trouble getting to the page, just give us a call at 800.417.3747.



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WORD OUT!

## Health News

### **Flu outbreak with second strain could last until May: What you need to know**

(USA Today – MSN) - While this year's flu season hasn't been as brutal as past years, health experts say we still aren't in the clear — a more severe strain now accounts for nearly half of all new cases, and flu season could linger until May. A different strain of the flu virus, a "variant" virus, now accounts for 46.9 percent of cases, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says. [Read more...](#)

### **Researchers hope experimental 2.5-minute sepsis test could save lives**

(CNN) - UK researchers have developed a test they say might quickly identify sepsis, a potentially fatal complication from an infection.

Scientists at Scotland's University of Strathclyde developed an experimental microelectrode device that analyzes a patient's blood and provides results as quickly as 2.5 minutes. Current testing methods for sepsis can take up to 72 hours. [Read more...](#)

### **Scientists find brain cells that make pain hurt**

(NPR) - Pain is a complicated experience. Our skin and muscles sense it, just like they sense softness or warmth. But unlike other sensations, the experience of pain is distinctly unpleasant. While it has long been understood how nerves signal pain to the brain, scientists haven't known how the brain adds a layer of unpleasantness.

Findings of a study published in Science offer an answer...[Read more...](#)

### **Frequent use of aspirin can lead to increased bleeding, study finds**

(Science Daily) - A new study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) has found that taking aspirin on a regular basis to prevent heart attacks and strokes, can lead to an increase risk of almost 50% in major bleeding episodes....[Read more...](#)

### **You don't have to go no-carb: instead, think slow carb**

(NPR) - It's trendy to go low-carb these days, even no carb. And, yes, this can lead to quick weight loss.

But ditching carbs is tough to do over the long haul. For starters, you're swimming upstream. On average, adults in the U.S. get about 50 percent of their daily calories from carbohydrates. And, if you truly cut out all carbs, you'll have to give up fruits, vegetables, whole grains and beans — which are the building blocks of a healthy diet...[Read more](#).

## Stories & More

### Crushing it with crutches, athlete with spina bifida takes on extreme racing

(CNN) - Misty Diaz showed no fear as she lined up for the Red Bull 400, a brutal foot race straight up the Olympic ski jump in Park City, Utah.

She's conquered that 400-meter sprint twice. In fact, the 34-year-old competed in more than 200 obstacle and endurance races -- all of them on crutches. [Read more](#)...

### Real doctors debunk the clichés of TV medical dramas

(Digital Spy - Hearst UK) - An endless supply of love interests, saving lives on a daily basis, enough drama to fuel Soapland: yeah, the life of a doctor sure does sound exciting... or at least that's what TV would like us to believe. Actual doctors barely have enough time to sleep, let alone juggle a love triangle, a lawsuit and an inexplicable outbreak of "toxic blood". [Read more](#)...

## Remember When "50 Years Ago" Feb 1969

- Topping the Billboard Music Charts in February 1969, were "Crimson and Clover" by Tommy James and the Shondells and "Every Day People" by Sly & The Family Stone.
- U.S. President Richard M. Nixon instructed his national security adviser, Henry Kissinger, to secretly pursue a plan of action to establish dialogue between the governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China.
- At the Palestinian National Congress in Cairo, Yasser Arafat was elected as the new chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), replacing Yahya Hammuda.
- The Boeing 747 "jumbo jet" was flown for the first time, taking off at 11:44 in the morning Pacific Time on Feb 9 from Boeing's Paine Field airfield at Everett, Washington.
- U.S. President Nixon called for "a war on organized crime", requesting Congress to pass laws allowing confiscation of Mafia assets including any funds traced to criminal activity. The result would be the passage of the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970 (OCCA).
- African-American students staged simultaneous protests on college campuses across the United States as part of the "Black Campus Movement" (BCM).
- Front de libération du Québec (FLQ) terrorists set off a time bomb at the Canadian Stock Exchange and the Montreal Exchange injuring 27 people.

- The final stage of the Tet Offensive, the North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong attack on South Vietnam, was launched on multiple provinces.

Boris Karloff (William Henry Pratt), 81, English-born actor known for portrayal of Frankenstein's monster in horror films passed away.

*(Sources: Wikipedia / Billboard)*

## Recent Medical Projects

Science Care Donor Contributions to the Medical Community

Every day, Science Care donors are making contributions towards the advancement of medicine. Here are a few recent contributions you might want to know about.

### Recent Projects:

- Conducting stability testing of potential dAMD protein therapies to develop pharmacokinetic assays for potential Age-related Macular Degeneration therapies.
- Development of assays for the screening of infectious disease testing. The focus of this work is to develop and prove the safety and efficacy of infectious disease screening tests, leading to better clinical diagnosis and reduced disease transmission.
- Studies involving femoral fracture repair including the investigation of the biomechanical stability of a novel fixation system. It is hoped that this investigation will lead to improved treatments and reduced complication or infection rates for those suffering from femoral fractures and trauma.

Share this webpage and guide with friends and family. It gives a great overview and comparison on the various end of life options for anyone who has yet to make plans or have the end of life discussion.

[A Comparison Guide: Burial, Cremations and Donation](#)

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