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We'd like to extend our thanks to all of the Science Care registered donors that signed up for the Advocate program to help get the word out by passing out registration brochures in their respective communities. The response has been great and Advocate initiated registrations are already starting to trickle in. If you previously signed up to the Advocate program and have already handed out your initial order of brochures and would like more, please contact us at advocates@sciencecare.com and let us know how many you need (in multiples of 25). If you haven't signed up to be an Advocate yet and would like to get more information about the program, visit 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. Please note that this program is only currently available to AZ, CA, CO, FL, IL, NV, PA and TX residents.

Science Care in the News!

Science Care Featured on CBS 5 TV in Arizona

In case you missed it, Science Care was featured on CBS 5 television news in a segment on body donation which discussed that fact that more people in Arizona are choosing to go with body donation as an end of life option. [Check out the segment here.](#)

Here's how to tell if you're having an appendicitis attack

(HealthLine) - That annoying sharp pain behind your navel may well be the result of overindulgence in spicy chips and dip, or perhaps even a pulled muscle. However, if the pain moves to the lower right section of your stomach, kills your appetite, and is unrelenting, it might be appendicitis, which you ignore at your peril...[Read more.](#)

An hour of activity may keep disability away, new research shows

(CNN) - Losing the ability to move and perform the activities of daily life can lead to a loss of independence and even be deadly, so researchers are focusing on preventing conditions that can lead to disability. Being physically active can help prevent disability in those who have or who are at risk of joint conditions... [Read more.](#)

(Johns Hopkins) - Beyond BRCA: Get screened for these additional genetic mutations

Up to 25 percent of all breast cancers may be hereditary -- learn when to pursue genetic counseling, even if you tested negative for BRCA. Have you or a family member been screened for the BRCA gene mutations and come up negative? If you still suspect a family connection due to a history of breast or other cancers, or an occurrence of breast cancer before age 50, there are reasons to continue to pursue answers...[Read more.](#)

Prostate cancer diagnoses, deaths decreasing worldwide, study says

(CNN) - Prostate cancer, one of the deadliest forms of cancer for men in the United States and worldwide, is on the decline, according to new research. Researchers looked at World Health Organization data from five continents from 1980 to 2012 and saw an encouraging trend. In most parts of the world, the rate of men diagnosed with and dying of prostate cancer decreased or stabilized...[Read more.](#)

Biomaterial developed for corneal repair and regeneration

(Harvard Medical School) - An adhesive gel packed with light-activated chemicals can seal cuts or ulcers on the cornea, the clear surface of the eye, and then encourage the regeneration of corneal tissue, according to a preclinical study by Harvard Medical School researchers at Massachusetts Eye and Ear...[Read more.](#)

Does making CPR simpler encourage bystanders to step up?

(American Heart Association) - Adoption of a form of CPR that does not involve mouth-to-mouth breaths significantly boosted the rate of bystanders performing the lifesaving action on someone in cardiac arrest, a Swedish study has found. The study also found that receiving any kind of CPR doubled the odds of surviving a cardiac arrest compared with receiving no CPR before emergency medical services arrived...[Read more.](#)

Mesa teens help dying woman realize her last wish

(East Valley Tribune – Mesa AZ) - With only months to live, Sue Pulvirenti, a 74-year-old hospice patient from Mesa, fulfilled her lifelong dream of publishing a book last Saturday when she attended her very own book signing at Half Price Books in Mesa. The book signing was made possible by students in the DreamCatchers Red Mountain High School club and Rage for Charity. And it brought Pulvirenti to tears...[Read more.](#)

Putting Your Health Care Wishes in Writing

(Cancer.net) - Thinking and planning for what could happen in the future can be a difficult topic for some people to think about or discuss. However, knowing your wishes can give your family peace of mind if they need to make health care decisions for you because you are not able...[Read more.](#)

Remember When "50 Years Ago" April 1969

- Topping the music charts in April 1969 was Aquarius / Let the Sun Shine in by the 5th Dimension.
- The U.S. Department of Defense announced that the death toll for American soldiers in the Vietnam War had exceeded the 32,629 who had died in the Korean War, based on 312 additional deaths during the week from March 22 to March 28 to bring the toll to 33,641.
- Dr. Denton Cooley implanted the first temporary artificial heart, in an operation at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston. The recipient was 47-year old Haskell Karp of Skokie, Illinois, whose diseased heart was removed from his chest and replaced by the Liotta TAH plastic and fabric mechanical pump, developed by Dr. Domingo Liotta.
- Popular, but controversial, The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour was abruptly canceled by the CBS television network.
- The Montreal Expos defeated the New York Mets, 11 to 10, in what was described as "the first international major league baseball game in history". The Expos, one of four new major league teams and MLB's first team from outside the United States, played the Mets at New York's Shea Stadium (April 8).
- Americans who owned color televisions were cautioned by the U.S. government to stay at least 6 feet (1.8 m) away from their sets when watching TV because of unsafe levels of radiation.
- U.S. Army Spec. Fifth Class Thomas Van Putten was safely rescued more than a year after he had been declared missing in action, and 21 days after his March 28 escape from a Viet Cong prison camp, becoming the second of only two American prisoners of war to escape captivity during the Vietnam War.
- For the first time in its 223-year history, Princeton University announced that it would admit women to its undergraduate program, starting with 130 "coeds" to begin the fall semester.
- The first mortgage-backed security was issued for sale by the Government National Mortgage Association, colloquially known as "Ginnie Mae".
- Charles de Gaulle resigned as president of France after suffering defeat in a referendum.

- Bandleader Duke Ellington was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the United States, by U.S. President Richard Nixon at a White House celebration of Ellington's 70th birthday.

(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

- Spinal implant - teaching spine surgeons minimally invasive spinal procedures to increase clinical proficiency, resulting in better patient outcomes.

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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