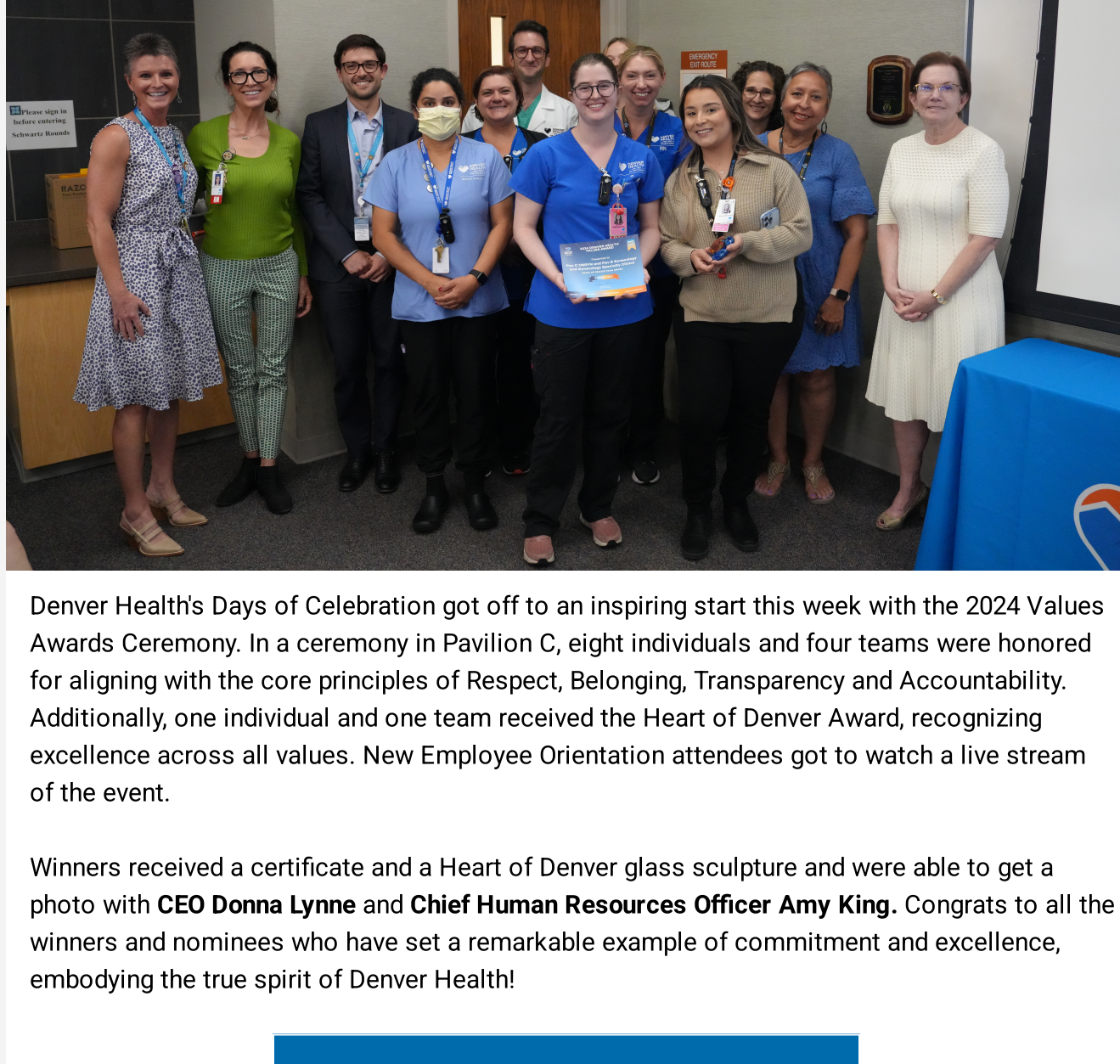


Thursday, June 20, 2024

Recognizing Denver Health's 2024 Values Award winners

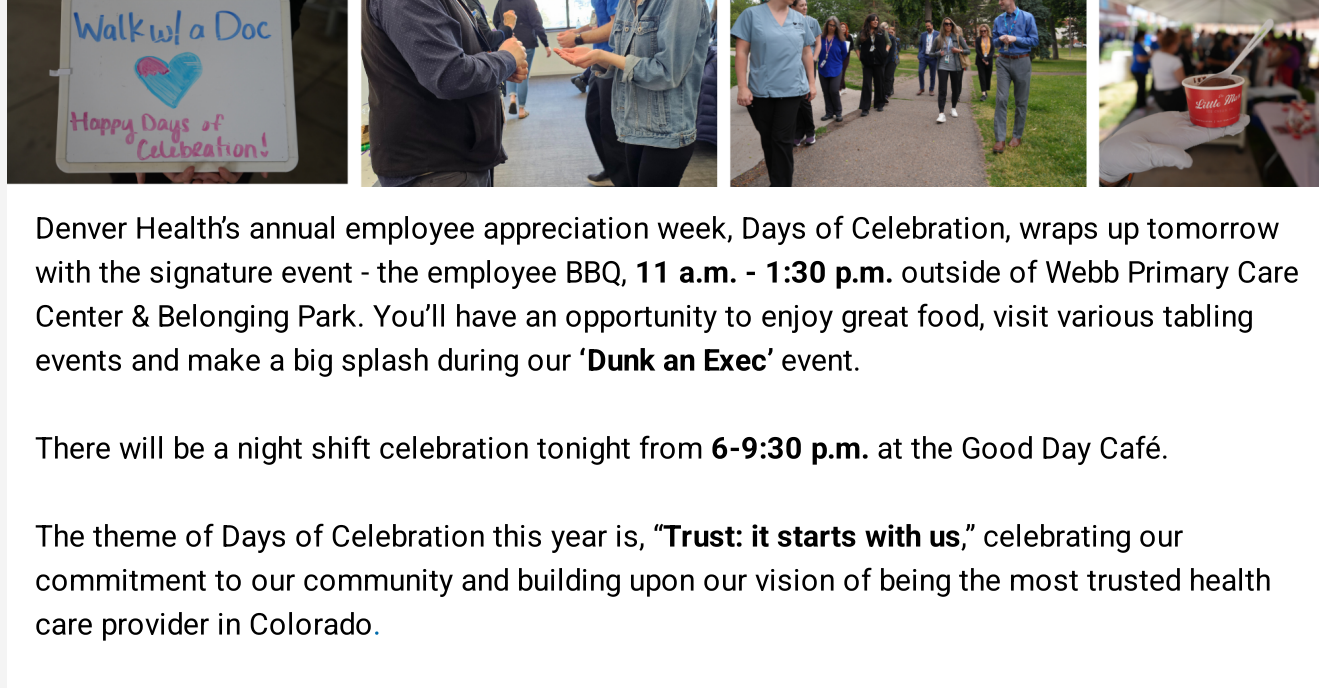


Denver Health's Days of Celebration got off to an inspiring start this week with the 2024 Values Awards Ceremony. In a ceremony in Pavilion C, eight individuals and four teams were honored for aligning with the core principles of Respect, Belonging, Transparency and Accountability. Additionally, one individual and one team received the Heart of Denver Award, recognizing excellence across all values. New Employee Orientation attendees got to watch a live stream of the event.

Winners received a certificate and a Heart of Denver glass sculpture and were able to get a photo with CEO Donna Lynne and Chief Human Resources Officer Amy King. Congrats to all the winners and nominees who have set a remarkable example of commitment and excellence, embodying the true spirit of Denver Health!

[Read more and see all photos from event](#)

Days of Celebration wraps tomorrow: Don't miss the employee BBQ!



Denver Health's annual employee appreciation week, Days of Celebration, wraps up tomorrow with the signature event - the employee BBQ, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. outside of Webb Primary Care Center & Belonging Park. You'll have an opportunity to enjoy great food, visit various tabling events and make a big splash during our 'Dunk an Exec' event.

There will be a night shift celebration tonight from 6-9:30 p.m. at the Good Day Café.

The theme of Days of Celebration this year is, "Trust: it starts with us," celebrating our commitment to our community and building upon our vision of being the most trusted health care provider in Colorado.

We thank you for taking time to celebrate and connect with your colleagues and friends all week long with several events including [daily movement/mindfulness breaks](#); a Lunch and Learn about the History of Juneteenth; a virtual Queering Black Art Virtual event; Walk with a Doc with Chief Quality, Safety & Transformation Officer Read Pierce, MD; the Dress for Success Butterfly Bus; all-levels Yoga in the Park; today's ribbon cutting ceremony for Belonging Park; [well-being bingo](#); and the ice cream social.

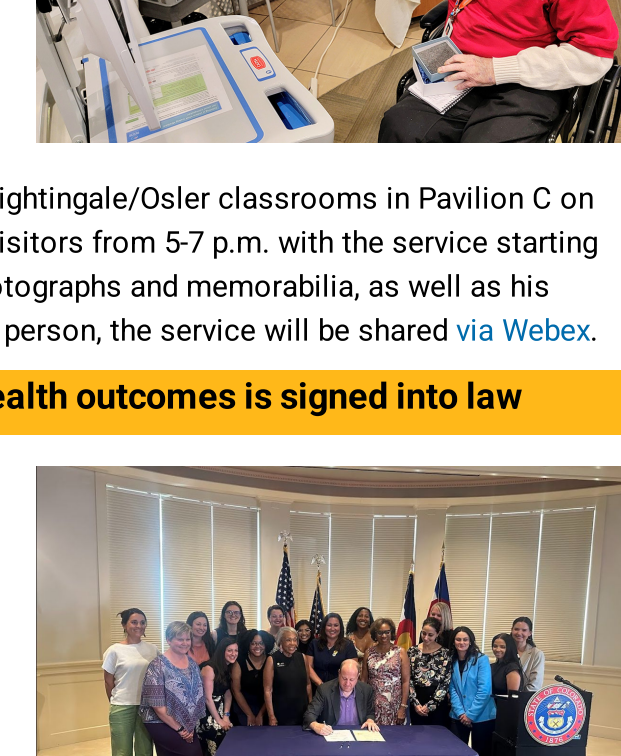
Thank you to Registered Nurse Kary Lundy, RN, for submitting the nurse residency graduation blessing of the hands for this year's Digital Art Gallery. The gallery showcases photos that capture the theme of TRUST. We tried something new for this year's Days of Celebration and appreciate your participation!

[See more photos](#)

STAY INFORMED

Self-service password portal launching June 24

IT is gearing up to launch a Self-Service Password Portal the week of June 24. Employees should expect emails from no-reply@sailpoint.com regarding registration. This initiative aims to streamline password management securely. Each registration link is unique and must not be shared, ensuring individual account security.



Rest assured, these emails are legitimate and not phishing attempts. Simply follow the instructions to register and manage your passwords with ease.

Denver Health reallocates space to support growing Labor & Delivery services

To better serve our patients and accommodate the increasing number of deliveries at Denver Health, 4C South Orthopedics has vacated six rooms, which are now being utilized by the Mom/Baby unit. 4C South Orthopedics will now operate from both 4C South and 3B Flex spaces. As a result, the former 30-bed 3B Flex Unit has been divided into two separate units: 3B Orthopedics, featuring 12 acute care beds alongside the 11 beds still on 4C South and the Progressive Care Unit, with 18 step-down beds for patients who are requiring an intermediate level of care.

Volunteer John Stahl memorial service set for June 27

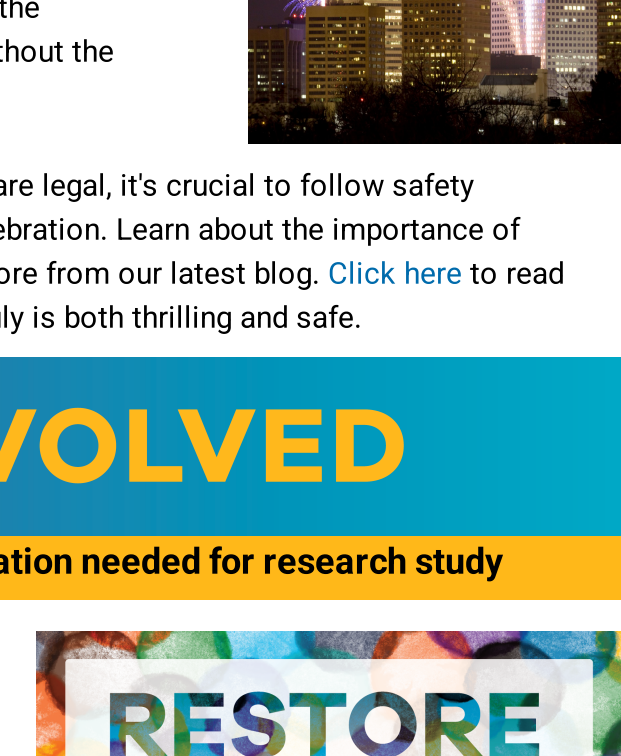
Please join us in celebrating the life of longtime volunteer John Stahl, who began his journey with Denver Health 24 years ago as a patient and became a dedicated volunteer and friend to many. John's wit and big heart created lasting connections all over the hospital.



A celebration of Stahl's life will be held in the Nightingale/Osler classrooms in Pavilion C on Thursday, June 27. The room will be open for visitors from 5-7 p.m. with the service starting at 5:30. Come share John's favorite stories, photographs and memorabilia, as well as his favorite desserts. For those who can't attend in person, the service will be shared via Webex.

State bill to improve perinatal health outcomes is signed into law

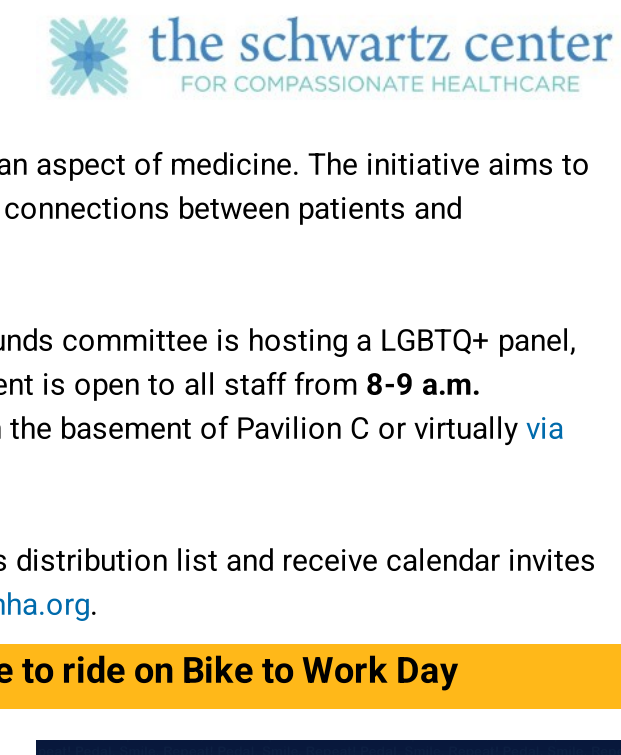
During the 2024 Colorado Legislative Session, Denver Health advocated in support of SB24-175, a bill aimed at improving perinatal health outcomes. OB GYN Physician Stefka Fabbri, MD, was an important part of this advocacy, submitting written testimony on behalf of Colorado Perinatal Care Quality Collaborative and Denver Health. Dr. Fabbri attended the bill signing with Governor Polis.



The new law allocates an historic investment of \$1.3 million dollars to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) for use by the prevention services division to address inequities in care and disparate outcomes among birthing people and their infants. The bill also reports on and implements recommendations from the Maternal Mortality Review Committee, creates a program that engages hospitals on this topic to ensure proper communications with patients is shared on disparities in perinatal health outcomes and creates a fund that will support health care facilities with quality improvement efforts related to perinatal care. Many thanks to Dr. Fabbri for her advocacy!

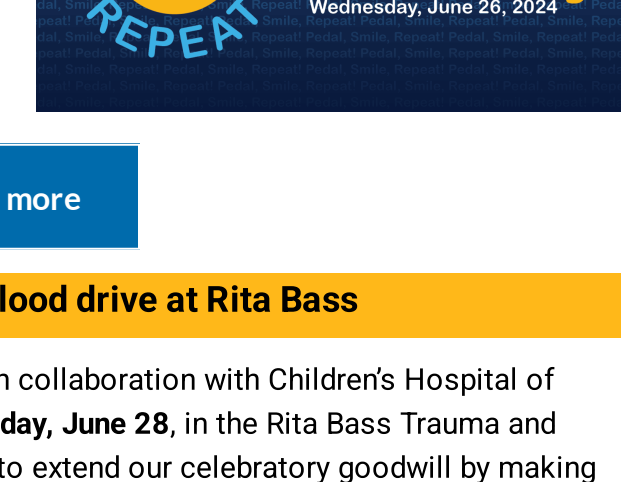
Honoring history and community health at Juneteenth celebration

Denver Health was well represented at the annual Juneteenth Music Festival with a team carrying our banner in the parade and a booth staged near our Bernard F. Gipson Sr. Eastside Family Health Center, named for Denver's first black surgeon who once treated Martin Luther King, Jr. The festival and federal holiday commemorates the day when the last enslaved Americans learned of their freedom.



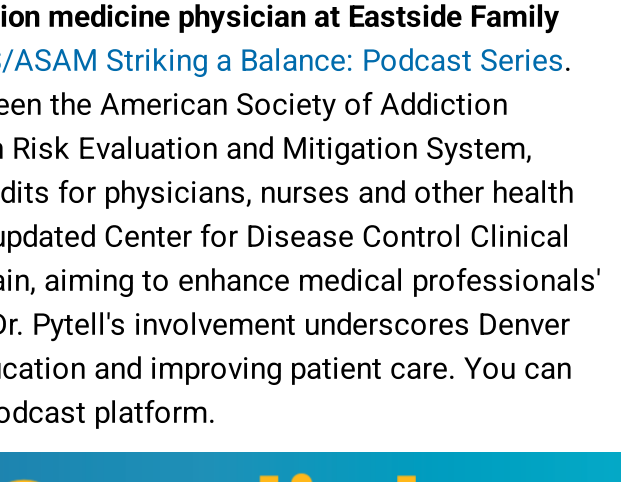
Watch: Chief DEIB Officer discusses "This is Me" Campaign

Chief Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) Officer Jorge Avedaño-Curiel recorded a short video about the importance of the recently launched "This is Me" campaign, explaining how your information will be collected and used.



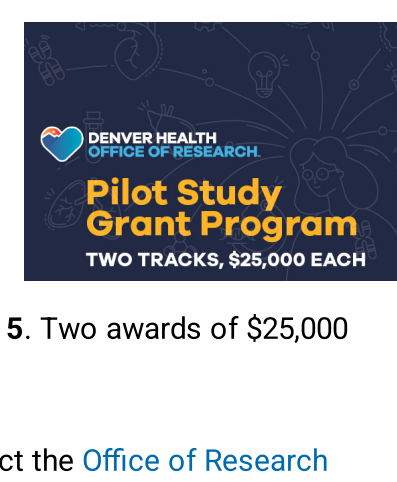
Subscribe to Denver Health's patient and community newsletter

Employees are encouraged to sign up for our new patient and community newsletter, Denver Health Journeys, to learn more about the comprehensive health care services we offer and some of our employees who are leading their fields in research. This month's issue includes features on youth researchers who are leading a prevention campaign against substance misuse and family members spanning three generations who have worked at Denver Health. [Click to subscribe or read past editions.](#)



Firework Safety: Celebrate responsibly this Fourth of July

The Fourth of July is a time for family, friends and fireworks – but safety should always come first. Did you know that fireworks are illegal in the City and County of Denver? Improper handling of fireworks can lead to serious injuries and even fires. This year, leave the fireworks to the professionals and enjoy a spectacular show without the risks.

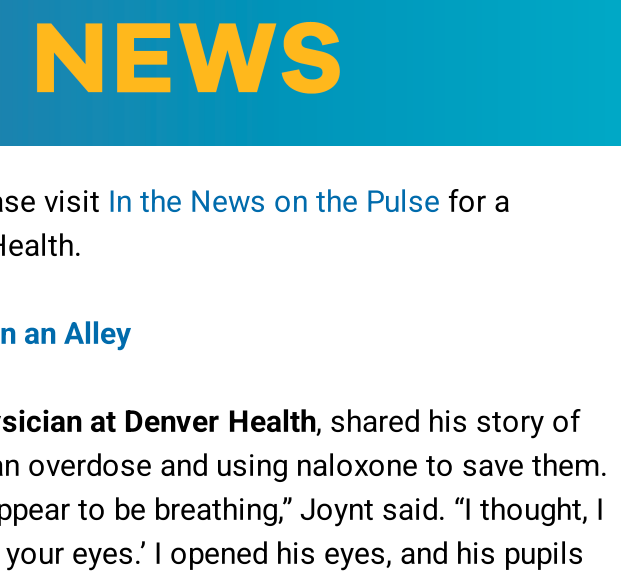


However, if you live in an area where fireworks are legal, it's crucial to follow safety guidelines to ensure a fun and incident-free celebration. Learn about the importance of supervision, proper handling techniques, and more from our latest blog. [Click here](#) to read essential safety tips, ensuring your Fourth of July is both thrilling and safe.

GET INVOLVED

Do you use RESTORE? Participation needed for research study

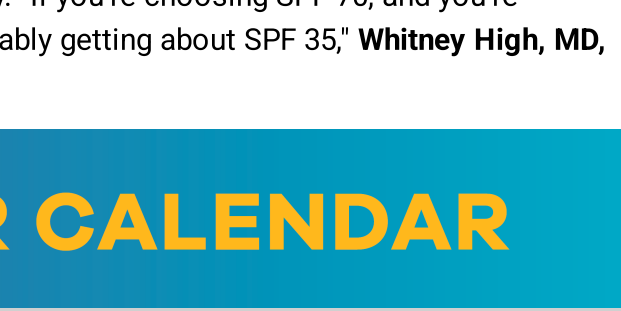
Have you had experiences with the Denver Health RESTORE program? In an important preliminary step to establish the benefits of the program for employees, RESTORE is examining experiences with the program in a voluntary study that comprises an approximately one-hour recorded interview via a video conferencing platform.



Participation in the research project, led by principal investigator Kenneth Oja, PhD, RN, is voluntary. Participants' identities will be protected and no names will be shared in any publications of this research. Interested employees can sign up [here](#) or reach out to Kenneth.

Join the Pride Month panel on faith at work

Schwartz Rounds offers health care providers an opportunity to discuss the social and emotional challenges of patient care openly and honestly, emphasizing the human aspect of medicine. The initiative aims to foster compassionate health care and enhance connections between patients and caregivers.

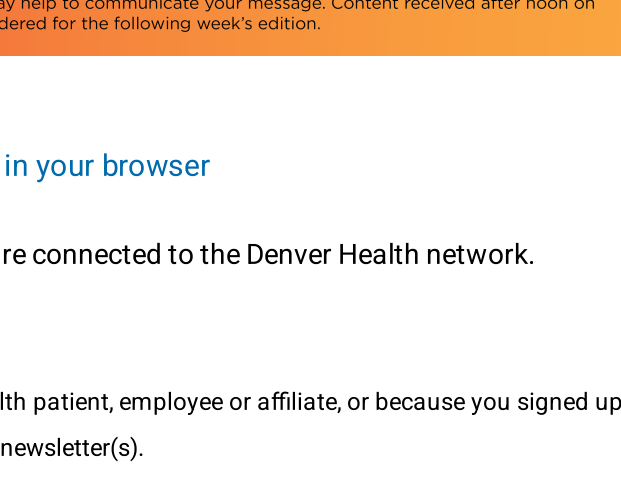


In observance of Pride Month, the Schwartz Rounds committee is hosting a LGBTQ+ panel, "Faith (However You Define It) at Work." The event is open to all staff from 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, June 26, in the Sabin Instructional Center in the basement of Pavilion C or virtually via Webex. You can learn more on the [pulse](#).

If you'd like to be added to the Schwartz Rounds distribution list and receive calendar invites for future panels, email DHSchwartzRounds@dhha.org.

Ride, refresh and refresh: Pledge to ride on Bike to Work Day

Biking has physical and mental health benefits, and keeping cars off the road improves our region's air quality. Pledge to ride on Bike to Work Day on Wednesday, June 26, and you'll be automatically entered into drawings to win cool prizes, including a Tern e-bike.



[Learn more](#)

Register for June 28 blood drive at Rita Bass

A mobile blood drive hosted by Denver Health in collaboration with Children's Hospital of Colorado is set for 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on Friday, June 28, in the Rita Bass Trauma and EMS Institute parking lot. This event allows us to extend our celebratory goodwill by making a vital contribution to help support our patients. It's a wonderful chance to give back and make a difference. [Sign up](#) today.

Denver Health physician co-hosts educational medical podcast

Jarratt Pytell, MD, internal medicine and addiction medicine physician at Eastside Family Health Center, is a co-host on the CO*RE REMS/ASAM Striking a Balance: Podcast Series. This educational podcast, a collaboration between the American Society of Addiction Medicine and the Food and Drug Administration Risk Evaluation and Mitigation System, provides free Continuing Medical Education credits for physicians, nurses and other health care professionals. The series focuses on the updated Center for Disease Control Clinical Practice Guideline for prescribing opioids for pain, aiming to enhance medical professionals' understanding of opioid prescribing practices. Dr. Pytell's involvement underscores Denver Health's commitment to advancing medical education and improving patient care. You can listen to the podcast series on your preferred podcast platform.

Research Spotlight

Pilot Study Grant Program launches Friday

The Pilot Study Grant Program opened its biannual funding cycle on Friday, June 14. To advance the organization's work as a learning health system, the program was developed in 2018 to support the advancement of employees interested in being researchers. It offers an investigator funding track and a mid-career funding track.

Letters of intent are due July 15 and proposals are due August 15. Two awards of \$25,000 are available and the 12-month funding begins in the fall.

Find out more information on the [program's SharePoint](#) or contact the [Office of Research](#) with any questions.

GRATITUDE

Denver Health LGBTQ+ Health Services praised for excellent care

It is rewarding to hear from patients who have received outstanding care at Denver Health. This week, we would like to highlight a patient review of our incredible team at Denver Health LGBTQ+ Health Services!

"They are so amazing. They are kind and caring and have so many resources. They explain everything thoroughly. So easy to work with. Loved them!"

We encourage staff to ask patients to leave a positive review online, as a higher rating helps build trust in our community. Every star counts!

IN THE NEWS

The 411 highlights top stories of the week. Please visit [In the News on the Pulse](#) for a rundown of all recent stories featuring Denver Health.

'Just Be Prepared': MD Finds Overdose Victim in an Alley
June 19, [Medscape](#)

Patrick Joynt, MD, an emergency medicine physician at Denver Health, shared his story of coming across a person who had experienced an overdose and using naloxone to save them. "I felt for a pulse and he had one, but he didn't appear to be breathing," Joynt said. "I thought, I know what this is. I said, 'Sir, I'm going to open your eyes.' I opened his eyes, and his pupils were tiny. It was almost certainly an opioid overdose. And I had naloxone in my bag."

What men need to know about breast cancer risk
June 19, [Fox31](#)

Gray Jodon, MD, an oncologist at Denver Health, spoke with Fox31 during Men's Health Month to raise awareness about an aspect of men's health that many may not think to prioritize: breast health.

What you didn't know about sunscreen that you probably should
June 17, [Denver7](#)

It's common for dermatologists to see people not applying enough sunscreen for the SPF to work as intended. When put on properly, SPF 30 blocks 97% of ultraviolet light. That number drops significantly when it's not put on correctly. "If you're choosing SPF 70, and you're putting it on like an average person, you're probably getting about SPF 35," Whitney High, MD, a dermatologist at Denver Health, said.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June | July

June 22-23: PRIDE Fest
June 23: PRIDE Parade
June 24: Financial Workshops: The Sandwich Generation

June 26: Schwartz Rounds: Faith at work
June 26: RESTORE Group Support: Newcomer Humanitarian Crisis

June 24: PRIDE table event at the Good Day Café
June 25: PRIDE: Cultivating Belonging Class

June 28: PRIDE: Wrap up happy hour
June 28: Denver Health blood drive

June 25: RESTORE Group Support: Workplace Safety Concerns
June 26: Bike to Work Day

July 1: Annual Education begins
July 2: RESTORE group support: Grief & Loss
July 17: OB Screening Room transitioning to an OB Emergency Department

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