

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Congratulations to this year's Castle Connolly Top Docs

Denver Health is pleased to announce that 28 of our physicians have been named in the Castle Connolly Top Docs list this year. The selection process is rigorous, and only 7% of practicing doctors from across the nation receive this prestigious honor.

Denver Health takes pride in providing quality care, and our patients know that the teams that work alongside our physicians are matched with the same heart, dedication, and commitment to excellence. Congratulations to our employed and affiliated physicians who made the Top Docs list. Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication to providing quality care to our patients.

[See full list](#)

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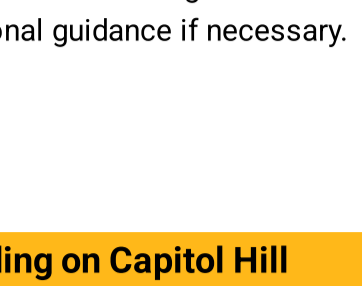
Introducing Workday Learning

Workday Learning is coming to Denver Health. Our new learning management system will be replacing Cornerstone. A freeze in employees' ability to take online courses is in effect until **Monday, March 25**, when Workday Learning will go live. All access to Cornerstone will end on **Friday, March 29**.

Employees should be reassured that all course history and transcripts will be available in Workday.

The Workday team is creating job aids that will be available soon on the [Workday Resources Hub](#). Workday Wednesdays also are returning for employees and leaders looking to make contact with those who can answer questions and provide additional guidance if necessary. You can join upcoming Workday Wednesday sessions below:

- Noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, April 3.
- Noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, April 17.

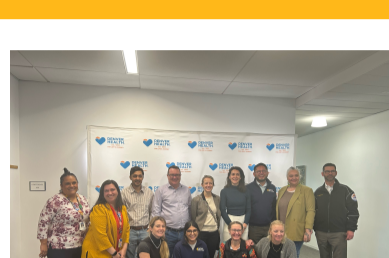


Denver Health seeks frontline designation, funding on Capitol Hill

Last week, **CEO Donna Lynne** and **Steve Federico, MD, chief government and community affairs officer** were on Capitol Hill discussing the need for a frontline hospital designation and funding to offset costs for the migrant crisis. Their meetings went well, and most of the delegation was supportive of Denver Health's designation bills. Later in the week, responding to another member of the Senate Finance Committee, Sen. Michael Bennet fervently supported Denver Health, calling us a "national treasure" for the services we provide to all regardless of their ability to pay and corrected some misinformation regarding our finances. (Pictured above, from left to right: Sen. John Hickenlooper, Lynne, Treasurer Dave Young)



Closer to home, **Dr. Alexis Rigby**, one of our pediatric dental residents, presented at the STEM poster day at the Colorado Capitol on Denver Health's medical dental integration work to increase flu vaccine administration. (Pictured at right, from left to right: Dr. Rigby and Rep. Sheila Lieder)



Harkness fellows explore innovative health care solutions at Denver Health

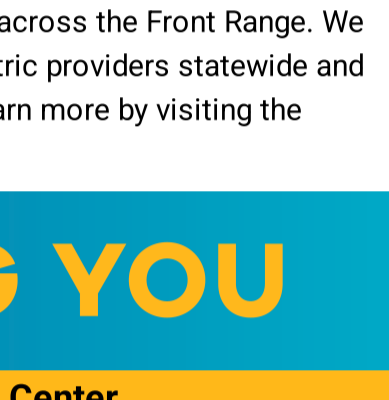
The Commonwealth Fund's Harkness Fellowships provide a unique opportunity for individuals who are committed to advancing health care policy and practice to spend a year in the United States conducting internationally comparative research with mentorship from leading U.S. experts. Fellows visited Denver Health this week and heard a presentation from **Steve Federico, MD, chief of government and community affairs**, and the Government Relations team to better understand the breadth of work happening at Denver Health and how we continue to innovate and address social needs of our community while exploring better long-term funding strategies. The group took a tour of campus and made a site visit to the school-based health center at West High School.



DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION & BELONGING

Denver Health recognizes World Down Syndrome Day, promoting awareness and quality of life improvements

Denver Health is proud to recognize World Down Syndrome Day (WDS). Down syndrome is a chromosomal condition that happens when someone is born with three copies of chromosome 21 instead of two. WDS is celebrated on March 21st to signify three copies of the 21st chromosome. Since 2012, the United Nations (UN) has observed WDS to raise public awareness of Down syndrome across the world and to improve the quality of life for people with Down syndrome.

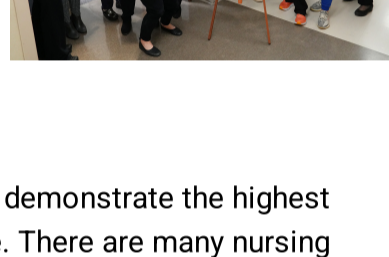


At Denver Health, we proudly provide equitable and evidence-based health care for adults with Down syndrome at the GLOBAL Adult Down Syndrome Clinic at the Southwest Pena Family Health Center, generously funded by the Anna and John J. Sie Foundation in partnership with the Global Down Syndrome Foundation. Since 2018, we have provided care to over 200 individuals with Down syndrome from the Denver metro area and across the Front Range. We anticipate growth as we continue to build partnerships with pediatric providers statewide and aim to be a specialty care referral for adults across Colorado. Learn more by visiting the [Global Adult Down Syndrome Clinic](#) at Denver Health website.

RECOGNIZING YOU

La Casa-Quigg Newton Family Health Center recognized for exceptional quality scores

Congratulations to La Casa-Quigg Newton Family Health Center (La Casa) on receiving the 2023 award for exceptional quality scores, adding to its previous achievement as the most improved clinic for quality in 2022. The latest recognition highlights La Casa's commitment to delivering excellent health care services to our patients. Thank you, La Casa, for demonstrating how Denver Health strives to be the most trusted health care provider in Colorado!



Denver Health honors board-certified nurses

Dozens of nationally board-certified nurses came by the Osler/Nightingale classrooms on Tuesday morning to get free breakfast burritos and refreshments as a thank you from Denver Health and nursing leaders on Certified Nurses Day. Denver Health observed Certified Nurses Day on Tuesday to honor its 470 board-certified nurses. Denver Health encourages national board certification for all its nurses, and those designated wear a badge proudly announcing "RN Board Certified."

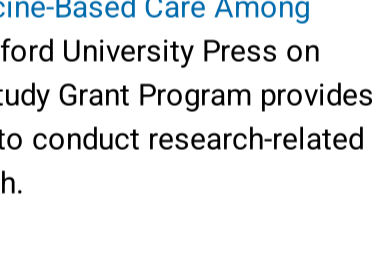


This voluntary designation is awarded to experienced nurses who demonstrate the highest level of competency, skill and knowledge in their field of expertise. There are many nursing certification specialties such as medical-surgical, pediatric, pain management, cardiac vascular, oncology, hospice, case management, emergency nursing, critical care and others.

Please join Denver Health in honoring those hardworking, dedicated nurses for their professionalism and contributions to the highest standard of care!

Honoring excellence in community health

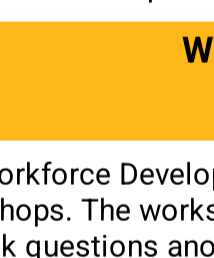
Simon Hambidge, MD, PhD, chief ambulatory care officer, was awarded the 2024 Stanley J. Brasher Excellence in Community Health Award from the Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN). The award is given to a Community Health Center (CHC) executive who has worked at a CHC for ten years or more and has accomplished something extraordinary as it relates to CCHN's priorities during their career.



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RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

Denver Health physician's study published in Oxford University Press



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Congratulations to **Sarah Rowan, MD, infectious disease physician**, for her recently published research study on hepatitis C virus (HCV) treatment for people who inject drugs and for the ongoing funding the study's program has received from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The Office of Research 2022 Pilot Study Grant Program funded her study, "[Barriers to Hepatitis C Treatment and Interest in Telemedicine-Based Care Among Clients of a Syringe Access Program](#)," published in February by Oxford University Press on behalf of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. The Pilot Study Grant Program provides junior investigators in the health system with financial resources to conduct research-related activities that could potentially be funded outside of Denver Health.

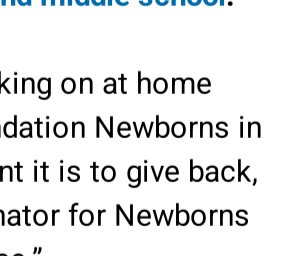
Rowan and her team first gathered input from clients at a syringe access center to develop an HCV treatment program there.

"Telemedicine is a fast-growing field, and I am grateful to Denver Health for supporting this important intersectional research for populations that have not been well served by traditional clinic-based care models," Rowan said.

GET INVOLVED

Join a celebration of resilience at Trauma Survivors Fun Run

Denver Health's Trauma and Orthopedics teams are excited to announce the Denver Health Trauma Survivors Fun Run! Join us for a free 5K or 1-mile walk, run or wheel event on **Saturday, May 11**, at Berkeley Lake Park, 4601 W 46th Ave, Denver, CO 80212. The event will start at 9 a.m., but we encourage participants to arrive at **8 a.m.** to check in, grab swag and listen to patients' and survivors' stories. Street parking and parking lots are available around the park. This community event will bring together trauma survivors, family members and caregivers to share stories, provide support and celebrate life. [Registration is due by April 30](#) to ensure your T-shirt size. Later registrations can pick up a T-shirt on a first-come, first-served basis.



Workforce Development financial workshops now available in English and Spanish

The Workforce Development Center has partnered with PNC Bank to provide Financial Workshops. The workshops in English will be virtual, so you can access them from anywhere and ask questions anonymously through the ON24 platform. If you need a space to attend this workshop, we welcome you to the Workforce Development Center in **Pavilion B, room B153**. The workshops in Spanish are hybrid; you can join online or attend them in person at the Workforce Development Center.

Please note that these events will begin promptly. If you miss the sign-up window, workshop recordings will be shared after it is complete.

[Learn more](#)

GRATITUDE

Denver Health's Dental Clinic receives heartfelt praise from grateful mother

Hearing from patients who have received outstanding care at Denver Health is always rewarding. This week, we would like to highlight a grateful mother's glowing review about **Tyler DeAnda, DMD**, and our incredible team at the Dental Clinic!

"To Dr. DeAnda, I want to send a heartfelt thank you to you and the entire staff at Denver Health for the dental care that was provided to my son on Feb. 29. He has done exceptionally well after you extracted nine teeth. Your professionalism and empathy towards my concerns for my special needs son was exemplary. Your thoughtfulness around his post-care (providing prescriptions for meds that were easier to ingest) expedited my son's recovery. With my son being non-verbal and with minimal cognition, the surgical care you provided meant everything, for a speedy recovery!"

We encourage staff to ask patients to give 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.

Forget TikTok. Crocheting is the new craze at this Colorado elementary and middle school. March 21, *The Colorado Sun*
The hats and blankets they create inside the classroom and continue working on at home ultimately land in a donation pile that are gifted to the Denver Health Foundation Newborns in Need program. "It's so important for kids to learn very young how important it is to give back, especially for those of us that are able," Sharon Mushkin, program coordinator for Newborns in Need, said. "And there are so many people out there that need assistance."

National Poison Prevention Week: When to call poison center March 20, *Fox31*
As a part of National Poison Prevention Week, **Shireen Banerji, MD, Director of Rocky Mountain Poison Center**, sat down with Fox31 to talk about the reasons why you might want to call the poison center.

Health care needs of Colorado's new immigrant population adds strain to a hospital system already stretched thin March 19, *CPR*
Denver Health provided \$140 million total in 2023 in uncompensated care. So caring for new arrivals comes as the hospital already faces rising costs and low reimbursement from government programs. "I don't see a path forward where the public is not helping us significantly to fund our mission moving forward," **Steve Federico, MD** said.

Dr. Anne Drabkin of Denver Health talks about educating community on safe storage of firearms March 18, *Great Day Colorado*
Anne Drabkin, MD and the firearm safety collaborative at Denver Health are doing their part to educate the community on the safe storage of firearms, ensuring those interested in properly storing firearms can obtain lock boxes at Denver Health's community clinics and soon inpatient areas.

National awareness and recognitions

March 24 is **World Tuberculosis Day**, March 26 is **Purple Day** for epilepsy awareness and **Diabetes Alert Day**. Is there a department that you'd like us to recognize during a special week or month? Let us know in a [Marketing request form](#) and we'll spotlight them in the 411.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March | April

- March 22:** Nurses Week Award nominations close
- March 22:** Colorectal cancer awareness table at Pavilion B gift shop
- March 22:** Financial workshop: Budgeting 2.0
- March 25:** Colorectal cancer awareness table at OMC
- March 25:** PNC 1:1 financial coaching
- March 25-29:** Eat with the environment in mind
- March 26:** Colorectal cancer awareness table at OMC
- March 26:** WorkLife tax preparation webinar
- March 28:** Spanish financial workshop: Budgeting
- March 29:** Creative Arts Sessions: diversity bracelets
- April 1:** Sabin and John Mortensen Burman Nursing Scholarship application deadline
- April 2:** RESTORE Group Support: Grief & Loss
- April 3:** Workday Wednesdays
- April 9:** Office of Research: Research Workshop Series: "Disseminate Your Work to New Audiences"
- April 10:** RESTORE free massage
- April 17:** Workday Wednesdays
- April 17:** Spanish financial workshop: Credit Scores

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