



GME INTERN ORIENTATION

Friday, June 12th, 2026
Room 1102, Education 2 South Building



Welcome to the University of Colorado Graduate Medical Education!

Vision

Cultivating Excellence, Transforming Graduate Medical Education.

Mission

The University of Colorado Office of Graduate Medical Education is committed to:

Providing leadership, education, and support to its residency and fellowship programs. As residents and fellows move from students to independent physicians it is our mission to provide them with the knowledge, skills, attitude, and judgement to be successful in autonomous clinical practice.

Ensuring residents and fellows strive for excellence in patient care, teaching, research, and scholarship and establish the foundation of lifelong learning.

Creating an environment where faculty and staff model joy in academic discovery, curiosity, effective problem solving and unfailing professionalism.

Supporting our learners in all ways while they undergo a crucible change in a physically and emotionally demanding endeavor.

Achieving a high and consistent level of ACGME accreditation for both the institution as well as all accredited residency and fellowship programs within.

Caring for those who provide the support and structure of our training programs – our GME team, the program coordinators and educational associates – with the same regard and expectations we have for our doctors; we recognize these teams as the backbone of any successful graduate medical education program.

Values

Leadership
Accountability
Adaptability
Confidence
Integrity
Respect

Excellence
Compassion
Dedication
Equity
Generosity
Honesty

Professionalism
Humility
Empathy
Transparency
Passion
Support

Curiosity
Collaboration
Effectiveness
Expertise
Innovation



7:30-8:30 AM

Check in & Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:30 AM

Welcome Address & Introductions

Dr. Geoffrey Connors, Associate Dean for GME/DIO

Dr. Shanta Zimmer, Executive Vice Dean for Education

Dr. Aalok Agarwala, Chief Medical Officer, University of Colorado Hospital

Dr. Meredith Bone, GME Liaison, Children's Hospital Colorado

Dr. Abraham Nussbaum, Chief Education Officer, Denver Health

Dr. Bryan Lublin, Designated Education Officer, VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System

9:30-9:40 AM

Overview of GME Committee Resources

Dr. Bonnie Kaplan, GME Director of Education and Innovation

Dr. Nicole Christian, Chair, Learning Environment and Development (LEAD) Subcommittee

Dr. Simone Boney, President, Minority and Allied Resident Council (MARC)

Drs. Elyse Katz and Allison Whitaker, Housestaff Association Co-Presidents

9:40 AM-10:00 AM

Addressing Health Equity

Dr. Jacqueline Ward-Gaines, GME Director of Recruitment, Engagement and Retention

10:00 AM-10:20 AM

Mental Health Services Available to Trainees

Dr. Stephanie Lehto, Clinical Director, Student and Resident Mental Health Clinic

Dr. Rachel Davis, Division Head, Adult Psychiatry

10:20 AM-10:30 AM

GME Quality & Safety Incentive Program

Dr. Geoffrey Connors, Associate Dean for GME/DIO

10:30-10:50 AM

Break

10:30-10:40 AM

VA Oath of Office

For Interns rotating at VA



10:50 AM-11:20 AM

Professionalism and Avoiding Lapses

Steve Zweck-Bronner, JD, Sr. Managing Associate University Counsel

Dr. Geoffrey Connors, Associate Dean for GME/DIO

11:20 AM-11:40 AM

Thinking about Personal Finances

Gregg Marsh, CFP, TIAA Wealth Management Coach

11:40 AM-12:30 PM

Your Benefits: CU Health Plan, Employee Services, GME Benefits

Harlie Tucker, Human Resources Professional, Office of Medical Education

Alex Molleck, CU Employee Services

12:30-2:00 PM

Lunch and Welcome Picnic

Grab lunch and check out the Exhibitor's Hall! Lunch provided by Gourmet for Good. Explore booths and learn about the many groups and programs that you can access throughout your training.

Booths

- Academy of Medical Educators
- Anschutz Health and Wellness Center - Fitness
- Colorado Physician Health Program (CPHP)
- Community Health Clinic
- CU Health Plans & GME Benefits
- CU Anschutz Communications
- CU Anschutz Dental
- Housestaff Association (HSA)
- Learning Environment and Development (LEAD)
- Minority and Allied Resident Council
- Office of Access and Engagement
- TIAA



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