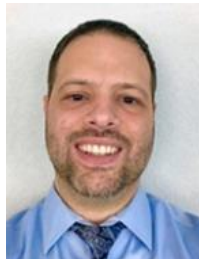


Staff Updates



Congratulations to **Matthew Fiorillo**, CCS-COS Business Services Program Manager, who recently completed the CU Manager Certification program. This year long program includes core courses and elective modules in leadership and management development as well as the completion of a Capstone project. Congrats Matt!



Claire Champlain will transition into a new role as Director of Operations for the Health Pavilion and Dental service line, effective August 17, 2026. Over the past four years as Business Manager for Urology, Gynecology, and Dermatology, Claire has led efforts to expand Urology market share, increase awareness of adolescent gynecologic care, and onboard a gene cell therapy in Dermatology. She also served as co-Chair of the Surgical Family Advisory Council, helping to incorporate the patient and family voice into operational decisions. In her new role, Claire will lead operational and strategic initiatives for

Dental while driving care operations for Primary Care to help ensure vulnerable populations receive the care they need. Good luck Claire!



Please welcome **Spencer Shreve**, the new Service Line Manager for Orthopedics. Spencer recently completed the Administrative Fellowship at CHCO, after an operational leadership internship with UHealth in COS. During his fellowship, he participated in strategic planning, clinic operations, process improvement, financial and data analytics, and other key organizational initiatives. In his new role, Spencer will partner closely with Orthopedics leadership, faculty, and operational teams to advance our strategic and operational priorities

and support the continued growth and success of the service line. Welcome Spencer!



Congratulations to **Ally Calderon**, CCS, who was recently promoted to Senior research services coordinator. Ally helps faculty, staff and trainees with their research needs via ROCS. During her two years in the CCS, Ally has been pivotal in supporting and spearheading multiple ROCS events and initiatives including the Coordinator hub, Coordinator forum, the CCS Research Bootcamp and Symposium. Great work Ally!

Faculty Updates



R. Carter Clement III MD, Associate Professor, Orthopedics

Dr. Clement joined Orthopedics on July 1, 2026 and will serve as the Director of the Comprehensive Hip Care Program. He joins us from the Manning Family Children's Hospital in New Orleans, where he served as Associate Professor of Orthopedics and Associate Residency Program Director at the LSU School of Medicine. Dr. Clement's clinical practice will focus on adolescent hip surgery and he will be based at our Anschutz and Southeast Aurora campuses.



Jill Larson, MD, Associate Professor, Orthopedics

Dr. Larson joined Orthopedics on August 1, 2026 and will serve as the second holder of the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals/Helppie Family Endowed Chair in Pediatric Orthopedic Movement Analysis. She joins us from Lurie Children's Hospital/ Northwestern University where she served as Co-Medical Director of the Computerized Motion Analysis Center at the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab. In addition to her expertise in neuro-orthopedic conditions, Dr. Larson specializes in treating clubfoot and complex foot deformities and will also lead our Foot and Ankle Program.

Congratulatory Corner

The CCS awarded our **FY27 Ponzio Research, Innovation and Quality and Patient Safety grants** in July. Congrats to the awardees and a big THANK YOU to our reviewers.

Innovation

Dr. Hadley-Miller, Orthopedics, *Beyond the Cobb Angle: Spatial Transcriptomic Profiling of Concave and Convex Facet Joint Tissue in Severe Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis*

Dr. Sanders, Orthopedics, *Persistent Pelvic Dysmorphism Following Pediatric Pelvic Trauma*

Quality and Patient Safety

Dr. Khechoyan, Plastics, *Implementation of Timely and Accessible Behavioral Health Care for Children Undergoing Orthognathic Surgery: A Quality Improvement Initiative*

Dr. Scott, PAG, *Stakeholder-Engaged Design of an Early Adjunctive Pain Intervention for Adolescents with Dysmenorrhea: A Pre-Trial Engagement and Quality-Gap Study*

Ponzio Research

Dr. Hankinson, Neurosurgery, *Surface-omic Characterization of Adamantinomatous Craniopharyngioma*

Dr. Herrmann, ENT, *Characterizations of Gait Patterns in Pediatric Cochlear Implant Recipients with Vestibular Hypofunction*

Dr. Hills-Dunlap, Pediatric Surgery, *Characterizing Care Trajectories in Pediatric Cholecystitis to Improve Health Care Utilization and Outcomes*

Congratulatory Corner continued



Rebecca Edwards Mayhew, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, Ophthalmology, and Tianjing Li, PhD, Professor, Ophthalmology have been awarded an NIH RO1 grant to develop a multidisciplinary telemedicine model to address gaps in chronic pediatric uveitis care. The \$1.26 million grant over four years aims to expand care, ensuring that every child with chronic uveitis receives timely, effective, and compassionate treatment, regardless of their location, financial means, or background.

CU Anschutz Innovations has selected nine new faculty-led technology teams for Cohort 9 of **SPARK** and digiSPARK, representing some of the most promising translational discoveries emerging across CU Anschutz. One of these awards went to **Duncan Wilcox, MD** for his project, "A Deformable Needle and Introducer for Minimally Invasive Surgery."

Rebecca Paquin, MD, ENT, has received one of six 2026 Guidelines Leadership Scholar awards from AAO-HNSF and the publisher of *Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery*

Michael Puente, MD, Ophthalmology has been elected to the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS) Board of Directors and will serve as the organization's representative to the American Academy of Ophthalmology

Becky Hill, CPNP-PC/AC, Pediatric Surgery, has received a Dept of Surgery Seed grant for her project, "Improving Patient Interpretation of PROM Scores Through Patient-Centered Display Design in Pediatric Surgical Care."



Shahbaz Katebzadeh, DDS, Assistant Professor

Congratulations to Dr. Boz for being appointed as the Clinical Medical Director of Pediatric Dentistry. We would like to thank Dr. Chin for serving in this critical role for the past 15 years.

Jill Landsbaugh Kaar, PhD, Associate Professor, ROCS Director, was an invited speaker at the National Action Against Childhood Obesity in Athens, Greece. The event was sponsored by UNICEF, the World Health Organization, and the Health Minister of Greece.



The CCS had **23** faculty members listed in the 5280 magazine's Top Doctors issue 2026. See the full list [here](#)

New and Noteworthy

Dr. Garg, Orthopedics was featured in a CBS news story [Teen girl in Colorado mountain town shares long road to recovery following spinal surgery](#)

Dr. White, Orthopedics was interviewed by Web MD [Expert Q&A: A Clinician's Experience With Achondroplasia](#)

Dr. Corkum, Pediatric Surgery was featured on Denver 7 news [A mother warns about the danger of magnetic toy blocks after her daughter is hospitalized in Colorado](#)

Dr. Corkum, Pediatric Surgery was featured in this ACCORDS article, [Beyond Survival: The Push to Protect Future Fertility for Pediatric Patients with Cancer](#)

Dr. Adams, Transplant, discusses the Transplant program, [Q&A: Designing the Future of Pediatric Liver Transplant](#)

Dr. Torres- Zegarra, Dermatology participated in a [six-part video interview series](#) discussing the newly published AAD Guidelines of Care for the Prevention and Management of Atopic Dermatitis in Pediatric Patients.

Todd Hankinson, MD, Neurosurgery, is a co-author of an article, "[Decompression with or without Duraplasty for Chiari I and Syringomyelia](#)," published May 27 by *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

Service



Dr. Discolo, ENT traveled with Children's Surgery International to the Tibebe Ghion Specialized Hospital in Bahir Dar Ethiopia. This organization is dedicated to training local surgeons to provide advanced pediatric surgery to their patients. Together with Dr. Raj Petersson from Virginia Commonwealth University, he spent the week providing fellowship training to the local surgeon as well as educating the OR staff on complex procedures such as: cleft lip, cleft palate, closure of cleft fistula, excision of thyroglossal duct cyst, excision of lip venous malformation and branchial cleft cyst excision.