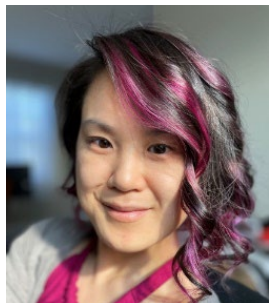


Faculty Updates



Lila Ninh, DDS, Assistant Professor, Dentistry

Dr. Ninh joined Pediatric Dentistry on March 1 and comes to CHCO from NYU Langone's Holyoke Health Center. Dr. Ninh graduated from UCLA's School of Dental Medicine and completed her residency at Tufts University. Dr. Ninh enjoys treating the medically complex patient population in the clinic and operating room, as well as providing residents with experience treating anxious patients under sedation. She also has special interest focused on patients with autism in promoting desensitization in office using the D-terminated

program based on applied behavioral analysis.

Staff Updates

Kylie Fernandez, Practice and Operations Manager, Orthopedics



Kylie joined CHCO in 2015 as a member of the Rehabilitation team working with the concussion and brain injury programs. In 2018, she transitioned to the Orthopedics department working with a wide range of programs from sports, neuromuscular, and spine. Kylie then took the role of operations supervisor overseeing the orthopedic scheduling team in March 2020, and from there to the role of practice and operations manager in February 2023. Prior to joining CHCO, Kylie earned her bachelor's degree from the UC Boulder in Molecular,

Cellular, and Developmental Biology in 2015. She also completed an internship at Centura Health within the telehealth department after completing her degree. Kylie has a passion for health care and is excited to use her previous experiences to help the Orthopedics Institute grow!



Sarah Riggs, Executive Director Service Lines, CCS, was featured by the Denver Business Journal as a winner the 2023 of 40 under 40 award. Congrats Sarah!!



Our friends in marketing created this **excellent video promoting the CCS!** Check it out [here](#)



All **CCS internal grant proposal submissions** for the Ponzio, Innovation, QPS, and SILC awards are **due June 1**. Contact sandra.talley@childrenscolorado.org with any questions.

The **6th annual CCS research symposium** was held on 2/17/23. We had a total of 18 presentations from 8 different units as well as 68 posters from 10 different units. Our guest speaker was Dr. Rowland Illing from Amazon Web Services. Congratulations to this year's awardees! Next year's event is scheduled to take place **Friday, February 16th, 2024**

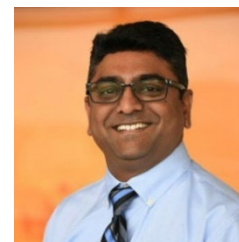
Outstanding Podium Talk- Obinna Diala, MBBS, MPH, ENT - Reclassification of high-risk children for overnight adenotonsillectomy monitoring: an outcome analysis

Outstanding Poster- Tyler Benjamin, Ophthalmology: Depictions of Strabismus in Children's Animated Movies

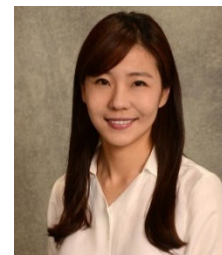


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Congratulatory Corner



Dr. Chaitanya Puranik, Dentistry, was accepted as an American Dental Education Association Leadership Institute Fellow for 2023-2024. He also received a Leadership in Education and Administration Program (LEAP) scholarship from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the AAPD Foundation.



Dr. Jennifer Jung, Ophthalmology, received the CSEPS Humanitarian award from the Colorado Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons. This award was in recognition of her extraordinary work creating a telemedicine program for babies at risk of retinopathy of prematurity on the Western Slope.

Programmatic Updates

Pediatric Pearls CME event

CHCO's Offices of Physician Relations and Continuing Medical Education offered a unique conference called *Pediatric Pearls: Partnering with Surgeons* on 3/4/23. This conference brought Pediatric Surgical Specialists and Community Pediatricians together to discuss standards of practice for surgical interventions from the Orthopedic, Plastic Surgery, Urology and ENT surgical specialties.

30+ attendees from 6 different states tuned in live to learn about the updated guidelines for referral for surgical management, how to improve clinical performance in the medical management of conditions prior to consideration of surgical intervention and develop a deeper understanding of co-management of medical and surgical conditions with their surgical colleagues.

By working to impact these gaps in clinical care, pediatricians can reduce waste in our health care system with unnecessary referrals, improve efficiency by referring at the optimal time for surgical intervention, and avoiding delays in necessary care. The committee will be offering another Pediatric Pearls conference on September 9, 2023

Contact Matt Stern with questions



Patient reported outcomes in Orthopedics

Utilizing an award from the Tai Foundation, the Orthopedics Institute has begun collection of patient reported outcomes for outpatient and surgical patients. Four surgeons (hip, spine, sports, limb deformity) have piloted the work since the fall of

2022 with steady increase in patient enrollment and high compliance with completion of tasks by families. They have enrolled over 2,000 patients in their pilot phase with nearly 80% compliance completing assigned patient reported outcomes (target range is 60-80%).

The group is using the Patient IQ platform to collect our metrics which allows for customization of pathways based on specific needs of each provider. Recently in partnership with IT they automated enrollment of patients into their patient reported outcomes program by integrating into EPIC. This has simplified data collection as well as making it easier to share real time data and progress with families in clinic. They can share how patients are doing relative to population norms and compared to their own prior scores. The group looks forward to further expansion of this program to all the surgical and non-surgical providers in Orthopedics over the next year.

Questions? Contact Dr. Sumeet Garg/ Kelea Damp

Congratulatory Corner cont.



Dr. David Partrick, Pediatric Surgery, was one of the inaugural recipients of the University of Colorado School of Medicine Distinguished Clinician Award. The award was created to recognize faculty members for their dedication to providing excellent patient care and for sharing their clinical knowledge and skills with others. The awardees were selected by a committee of peers based on their demonstrated clinical expertise, sustained exceptional clinical service, patient-centered care, and high standard of professionalism. Read more about this [here](#)



Dr. Megan Adams, Transplant, received the 2023 Pipeline Award from the American Society of Transplant Surgeons. The award honors her excellence in mentoring medical students, residents and fellows. Read more about this [here](#)

Dr. Shannon Acker, Pediatric Surgery, and **Dr. Kristin Lowe, Plastics**, were featured by the Department of Surgery in an article Celebrating CU Department of Surgery Women. Read this [here](#)



Antonio Porras, PhD, SPH, Plastics, (PI), Brooke French, MD, Plastics, Allyson Alexander, MD, Neurosurgery, received an R01 grant for their project, "Data-driven quantification and prediction of pre-surgical local head volume distributions and post-surgical development in patients with craniosynostosis." Read more about this exciting project [here](#)

Dr. Brian Herrmann, ENT (PI), Dr. Norman Friedman, ENT, and Mark Rentschler, PhD, were awarded a CU SPARK grant for their prototype "Slumberscope for Efficient Obstructive Sleep Apnea Diagnosis." This work was initially supported by a **CCS SILC grant**.

Dr. Pepe Diaz Miron, Pediatric Surgery, was awarded the American College of Surgeons Faculty Research Scholar award (\$80K for 2 years), for a study looking at extracorporeal pulmonary resuscitation in children.

Dr. Julia Sanders, Orthopedics, was awarded a 16K grant from the Enrichment Fund for Women in Surgery from CU for her project, "Persistent Pelvic Dismorphism Following Pediatric Pelvic Fracture."