



Faculty Updates



Star Nixon, MD, MPH

Assistant Professor, Orthopedics, COS

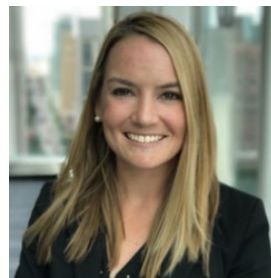
Dr. Nixon joined Orthopedics, COS on July 1, 2023. Dr. Nixon comes to CHCO from Norton Healthcare/Children's Orthopedics of Louisville, KY. Dr. Nixon received her MD from UNC Chapel Hill, conducted her residency at the University of CO and completed her fellowship at the University of Michigan. She specializes in neuromuscular and connective tissue disorders, trauma, foot and lower extremity deformities. Welcome Dr. Nixon!



Dr. Dan Wood, Urology has been named as the Associate Vice Chair of Transitional Care in the Department of Surgery. He has also been promoted to the rank of Professor.



Dr. Nick Cost, Urology hosted the 2nd Annual Urology Oncology Conference in June to promote CHCO's Surgical Oncology Program. The conference had attendees from 13 states and 4 countries.



Dr. Kristine Corkum and Dr. Jonathan Hills Dunlap, Pediatric Surgery, were accepted into the Surgical/Subspecialists Clinical Outcomes Research (SCORE) Fellowship and began the program in July 2023.

Staff Updates



Brittany Peralta, Operations Manager, Dental Center

After serving as an Operations Supervisor for over 5 years supporting Cleft and Craniofacial, ENT, Neurosurgery, Plastic Surgery and Ophthalmology, Brittany has recently accepted a new role as the Operations Manager in the CHCO Dental Center. During her time in the SIC Brittany championed several projects and improvements with important and lasting impact. Congratulations to Brittany on her role.



Alma Solorio, CCS, Operations Supervisor

Alma started in her new role as an Operations Supervisor in the CCS in May 2023. She oversees daily operations for the Gynecology, Pediatric Surgery, Urology, Colorectal, Bariatric, and Dermatology units. She has been with CHCO since 2008 working in Urology, Colorectal, and most recently Pediatric Gastroenterology. Welcome back to Alma.



Deidre Rafferty, Orthopedics, Research Manager

Deidre joined the Department of Orthopedics as the new MRC Research Manager in August. Deidre comes to us from the Division of Internal Medicine here at Anschutz where she worked her way from a PRA to a Research Manager over 8 years. In her new role, Deidre is committed to providing support for the unit's research coordinators and PIs to the very best of her ability. Welcome Deidre!



Lydia Sunderland, CCS, Practice Director

Lydia joined the CCS as a Practice Director in May 2023. She has over 10 years of healthcare experience and has been on the Anschutz campus since 2018, having worked for CU Medicine, CHCO IT and most recently serving as a Practice and Operations Manager for the CFCC and NICU. In her new CCS role, Lydia is providing leadership in such areas of strategic growth, faculty alignment, practice management and business development. We're so happy to have Lydia on the team.

Congratulatory Corner



We are very pleased to share the **2023 CCS internal grant awardees**

CCS Innovation Awards

Dr. Norman Friedman, ENT, *Development of a Novel Software to Quantitatively Assess the Upper Airway in Children with OSA*

Dr. Kristin Lowe, Plastics, *Digital Nasoalveolar Molding*

CCS Ponzio Awards

Dr. Veronica Alaniz, Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology *Reproductive Tract Anomalies Research Network and Database (ReTract RND)*

Dr. Chris Derderian, Pediatric Surgery, *Trophoblast Derived Exosomes Fail to Provide the Appropriate Signal to Promote Extravillous Trophoblast Invasion and Endothelial Angiogenesis in Fetal Growth Restriction*

Dr. Kelly Harris, Urology, *Understanding the psychosocial and sexual well-being of women with a childhood diagnosis of anorectal malformation*

Dr. Matthew Stone, CV Surgery, *Improving Heart Transplantation with Ex Vivo Heart Perfusion and Targeted Immunotherapy*

CCS Quality and Safety

Dr. Shannon Acker, Pediatric Surgery, *Identifying the optimal patient population for surgical co-management*

CCS SILC

Dr. Jennifer Jung, Ophthalmology, *Wide-field imaging device for retinopathy of prematurity examination*

Dr. Pepe Diaz Miron, Pediatric Surgery, *The mini 3mm port*



Once again several of our CCS faculty were recognized as **5280's and Colorado Spring Magazine's Top Docs** See the full lists [here](#) and [here](#)

Congratulatory Corner cont.



David Howell, PhD, Orthopedics received a new grant from the Denver Broncos Foundation for a project entitled, *Evaluating the Physical, Mental, and Emotional Effects of Youth Girls Flag Football.*



Dr. Allyson Alexander, Neurosurgery received a 30K Innovation award from the Department of Neurosurgery.

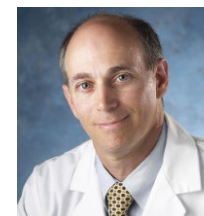


Dr. Shannon Acker, Pediatric Surgery, is a co-author of a Viewpoint [article](#) published last week by JAMA that calls for the medical profession to do better in supporting young parents among our colleagues.

Other News



The 2023 Robert E. Eilert Children's Orthopedic Day Conference brought together Orthopedic faculty, staff team members and distinguished visiting guests. The day included lectures and research case presentations. Distinguished visiting professors for the event included Harry Kim, MD of Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and Steven Frick, MD from Stanford University Lucille Packard Children's Hospital.



Dr. Brian Shaw, Orthopedics, and his RN wife Lisa just completed leading their 12th Colorado pediatric orthopedic surgical service trip to The Moore Pediatric Surgery Center in Guatemala City where the 20-person all volunteer team completed 44 procedures in 4.5 days. Read more about their work [here](#)