

Faculty Updates



Murthy, MD, Assistant Professor, Dermatology

Dr. Aditi Murthy joined Dermatology on September 1. Dr. Murthy received her MD from the University of Pennsylvania, completed her residency at the University of California San Francisco and her fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.



Wood, MD, Professor, Urology

Dr. Daniel Wood joined the Division of Urology on Sept 1. He previously held posts at University College London Hospitals as well as with London Urology Associates. His major interest and work is in adolescent and reconstructive urology – with an expertise in complex reconstruction, surgical aspects of bladder exstrophy, cloacal exstrophy, posterior urethral valves, disorders of sex development and neuropathic bladder. Dr. Wood has received UPL funding to develop a Urology transitional care program.



Major, OD, Instructor, Ophthalmology

Dr. Erin Major joined Ophthalmology on October 11th. Dr. Major graduated from the Southern California College of Optometry and completed her fellowship at CHCO.

Announcements & Reminders



The Center for Children's Surgery's 5th Annual Research Symposium will be held **Friday, February 18, 2022**. Depending on the status of the pandemic, some or all of this symposium may be held virtually. This day-long event will include a day filled with podium talks, panel session, poster presentations, and a keynote speaker. Poster and podium awards will be announced at the end of the event. The symposium welcomes research related to the surgical care of pediatric patients in the areas of Basic Science, Translational Science, Outcomes/Health Services, Multidisciplinary Team Science, and Quality Improvement. Please contact **Claudia Mata** with questions.

Faculty updates, continued



It is with great regret that we announce the departure of **Dr. Aaron Mason**, Chief of Pediatric Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery from Children's Hospital Colorado and University of Colorado effective November 30, 2021. Dr. Mason will be pursuing a new opportunity at the University of Arizona and we wish him all the best.



Partrick, MD, Professor, Pediatric Surgery

Dr. David Partrick will serve as the Interim Chief of Pediatric Surgery. In this role, Dr. Partrick leads the division of 17 board-certified pediatric surgeons and 16 advanced practice providers.

Program Spotlights



The **Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology** team is excited to relay that the Buell Foundation has awarded a grant to support the Adolescent Reproductive Health ECHO Program. **Dr. Eliza Buyers** and ECHO Colorado created this 6-week interactive learning series in 2019 and over 150 primary care providers have participated. The Buell funding will allow the program to expand by offering additional trainings for primary care providers, nurses, and health aides, as well as launch an ongoing, weekly case-based learning session for course graduates. Learn more at <https://echocolorado.org/echo/adolescent-reproductive-health/>

We are excited to announce the match of the **inaugural Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology fellow, Dr. Kellie Woodfield**. Dr. Woodfield is currently a 4th year Obstetrics and Gynecology resident at the University of Utah and will be joining our team in July 2022. She will primarily be working with our PAG team, but she will also have dedicated rotations over the two-year fellowship in Adolescent Medicine, Endocrinology, Urology, Colorectal Surgery and Pediatric Surgery, among others. We can't wait for our patients, learners and colleagues to meet her!



Dr. Diaz-Miron is holding a new monthly Pediatric Surgery bilingual clinic on the Anschutz campus. The first patients were seen in this clinic on October 1st. Dr. Diaz-Miron is excited to participate in this opportunity to better serve our patients and families.



Congratulatory Corner



Dr. Garg, Orthopedics, was recently elected to a two-year term on the Board of Directors for the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America as a Member at large.

Dr. Wilcox, Urology recently had his project, "Deformable surgical needle" accepted for the CCS Surgical Innovation Towards Commercialization award and will be working in conjunction with the Design Center at CU Boulder.

Dr. Puranik, Pediatric Dental Center is pleased to announce a prestigious SPARK/REACH award for a project titled, "Oral Biofilm Disruption and Selective Inhibition of *S. mutans* Biofilms". This award is given in collaboration with National Institutes of Health and The University of Colorado. PI: Devatha Nair, PhD, Co-PI: Chaitanya Puranik, BDS, MS, MDentSci, PhD and Michael Schurr, PhD. SPARK/REACH Awards supports CU Anschutz faculty developing therapeutics, medical devices, and diagnostics to address unmet medical needs. SPARK/REACH is a flagship commercialization funding mechanism to advances new technologies towards the clinic

The podcast, *Pediatras en Línea*, hosted by **Dr. Carla Torres-Zegarra, Dermatology**, was recently featured on 9 news. See the story [here](#)

Jill Kaar, PhD, was the recipient of the 2021 Outstanding Women in STEM (WiSTEM) Mentorship Award. Dr. Kaar, an Associate Professor in Pediatric Endocrinology, is the Director of our Research Outcomes in Children's Surgery (ROCS) team. Congrats Jill!



Have an **announcement** you would like included in the next CCS newsletter? Contact Sandra Talley sandra.talley@childrenscolorado.org