



Faculty Updates



Christopher Discolo, MD

Assistant Professor, Otolaryngology

Dr. Discolo joined Otolaryngology in September 2023. He is practicing at AMC, North, Uptown and Wheatridge clinics. He will also join the Anschutz Cleft Clinic team caring for Cleft Lip and Palate Patients in the MDC. Dr. Discolo comes to CHCO from Riley Children's Hospital. He completed his residency at the Cleveland Clinic and then pursued a fellowship in Pediatric Otolaryngology at the University of Minnesota.



Jonathan Hills Dunlap, MD, MPH

Assistant Professor, Pediatric Surgery

Dr. Hills Dunlap joined Pediatric Surgery in September 2023. Dr. Hills Dunlap completed his residency at Brigham and Women's and his Pediatric Surgery Fellowship here at AMC. He is currently part of the SCORE fellowship program focusing his research on identifying surgical disparities in pediatric patients and working to eliminate those disparities through effective dissemination, advocacy, and policy-level initiatives.



Lauryn Roth, MD

Assistant Professor, Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology

Dr. Roth joined PAG in October 2023. Dr. Roth will practice at AMC, South and Parker. She will also see patients in the polycystic ovarian syndrome multi-disciplinary clinic. Prior to joining CHCO Dr. Roth received her MD from the University of Utah, completed her OBGYN residency at OHSU, and PAG fellowship at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

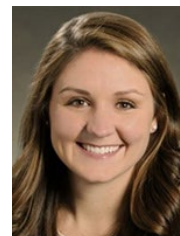


Kristina Wilson, MD, MPH

Associate Professor, Orthopedics

Dr. Wilson joined Orthopedics in September 2023. Dr. Wilson specializes in sports medicine, concussion care and fracture management and serves as the Pediatric Orthopedics Primary Care Medical Director and Medical Director of the Sports Medicine Center. Dr. Wilson joins us from the University of AZ/ Phoenix Childrens Hospital where she served as the Medical Director of Pediatric and Adolescent Sports Medicine and Sports Physical Therapy.

Congratulatory Corner



Sarah Riggs has accepted the role of Vice President, Service Lines, with responsibility for the CCS, the Heart Institute, CFCC, Neonatology, and Transplant. Sarah has been with CHCO since 2013 and was instrumental in the CCS Strategic Plan development and the CCS has grown more than 20% in volume since the plan completion. **Congratulations Sarah!!**

Pepe Diaz Miron, MD, Pediatric Surgery, received a CEPS award for his project, "Delivering Language-Concordant Pediatric Surgery Care for Spanish Speaking Patients in Colorado."

Aubrey Armento, MD, Orthopedics, received a Specialized Centers of Research Excellence (SCORE) on Sex Differences Scholar Award. Her funded project is "*Understanding Exercise Behaviors and the Impact of Weight-bearing Exercise on Bone Health in Female Adolescents with Restrictive Eating Disorders.*"



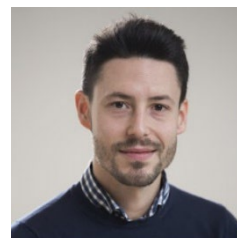
Emily McCourt, MD, Ophthalmology was featured in an [article](#) that describes outstanding patient care and innovative treatment.

Bailey Lyttle, MD, a research resident in **Pediatric Surgery** recently won the Radiological Society of North America's Trainee Research Prize for her project, "*Comparison of best Landmarks for Calculating Fetal Jaw Index by Ultrasound and MRI to Predict Postnatal Outcomes in Micrognathia.*"

Nancy Miller, MD, Orthopedics received a grant from the Scoliosis Research Society for her project, "*Expanding our Understanding of Human KIF7 Mutations Associated with AIS and Responsiveness to Estrogen.*"

Ash Gosain, MD, Pediatric Surgery is the new President-Elect of the Society of Asian Academic Surgeons.

Abidin Tuncer, DDS, Dental is the new President of the Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities (ADPD).



Antonio Porras, PhD, Plastic Surgery, is the PI and **Allyson Alexander, MD, Neurosurgery**, is Co-I on two new awards. A NIH R21 entitled, "*Development of CT image-based cranial bone markers of intra-cranial hypertension*" and a CCTSI Co-pilot award, "*Identification of intracranial hypertension in pediatric patients using CT images and machine learning.*" Congratulations!

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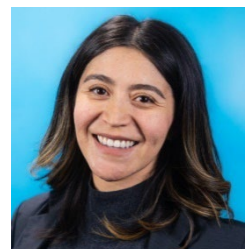
Rebecca Edwards Mayhew, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor, Ophthalmology

Dr. Edwards Mayhew joined Ophthalmology in November 2023. She completed her residency here at the AMC followed by a fellowship in pediatric ophthalmology and adult strabismus at the Kellogg Eye Center at the University of Michigan. Dr. Edwards Mayhew's area of surgical focus is adult and complex strabismus. She is also interested in pediatric uveitis clinical care and research.



Cory McLaughlin, MD
Assistant Professor, Pediatric Surgery, COS

Dr. McLaughlin joined Pediatric Surgery, Colorado Springs in September 2023. Dr. McLaughlin received his MD from Florida International University, completed his residency at Baylor University as well as a Pediatric Critical Care Fellowship at Children's Hospital LA and a Pediatric Surgery Fellowship at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital.



Paloma Reyes Nguyen, DMD, MSD
Assistant Professor, Dentistry

Dr. Nguyen joined Pediatric Dentistry in October 2023. She received her DMD from UPenn as well as her Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry and MS in Dentistry from the UT Health Sciences School of Dentistry in Houston. Dr. Nguyen's research interests are in cleft lip and palate and medical decision-making.

Giving Back



Our **Pediatric Dental team** participated in the annual CO Mission of Mercy in Greeley in Sept. The team provided dental exams, cleaning, fluoride applications, education, home care kids and operative procedures including preventive dental sealants to the underserved and uninsured children. Thank you for giving back!

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We are incredibly excited to formally announce that **Dr. Katherine Chin** is the new **Chair of Pediatric Dentistry**. Dr. Chin has served as the Clinical Medical Director for the Pediatric Dental team since 2011 and has served as the Interim Chair since December. In her time in these roles, she has been influential in process improvement projects, residency education, faculty recruitment, and strategic planning for the department. She is also a member of the Colorado Multiple IRB and has served on the Colorado State Dental Board's Anesthesia Committee. Dr. Chin received her Dental degree, MS in Oral Biology and Pediatric Dental Specialty Certificate at

UCLA. She also completed a fellowship at the NIDCR at the NIH. She is passionate about caring for underserved populations, participating in multi-disciplinary care and helping students, residents and team members achieve their full potential. We are thrilled to welcome her and see all the future improvements and impact she will have on the dental team. Congratulations Dr. Chin, we are so lucky to have you at CHCO!



Please join us in welcoming **Dr. Phuong Nguyen as the Chair of Pediatric Plastic Surgery** and Co-Director for the cleft lip and palate program. Dr. Nguyen joins CHCO from the UT Health Science Center in Houston, where he was the chief of pediatric plastic surgery, director of craniofacial surgery and associate program director for the integrated and independent plastic surgery training program. Dr. Nguyen received his MD at the University MN. He completed residency at NYU and a plastic surgery residency at UCLA. While at NYU, he also completed a two-year post-doctoral research fellowship at the Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery. He has since completed his

surgical training with a pediatric craniomaxillofacial surgery fellowship at the Hospital for Sick Children at the University of Toronto. He is dual board-certified by the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Plastic Surgery.

In his new role Dr. Nguyen's goals are to create an internationally renowned pediatric plastic surgery unit that provides comprehensive complex reconstructive surgical care, innovative research incorporating cross-sector collaborators and leadership in surgical education through a culture of trust, transparency and collaboration. In addition, he is focused on building CU's global surgery program and expanding international relationships to provide bidirectional opportunities for clinical, educational and research endeavors.