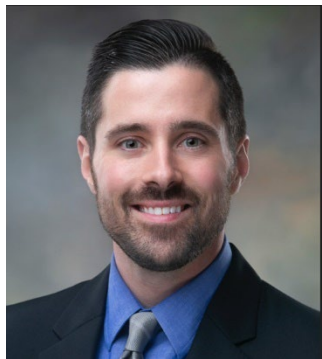


Faculty Updates



Derek "Clay" Samples, MD
Assistant Professor, Neurosurgery

Dr. Samples joined Pediatric Neurosurgery on August 15th. Prior to being a pediatric neurosurgery fellow at CHCO in 2021-22, Dr. Samples completed his neurosurgery residency at the University of Texas-San Antonio. Dr. Samples will be developing the neurosurgery program at CHCO - Colorado Springs and will also practice at the Anschutz Medical Campus. He will care for children with general neurosurgical conditions and will also focus on Chiari Malformation and Craniofacial disorders.



Kristine Corkum, MD
Assistant Professor, Pediatric Surgery

Dr. Corkum joined Pediatric Surgery on September 15th. Prior to conducting her pediatric surgery fellowship at CHCO from 2020-22, Dr. Corkum completed a post-doctoral research fellowship at Lurie Children's Hospital as well as her residency at Northwestern University. Dr. Corkum's research interests include bioethics, standardization of oncofertility care and pediatric fertility preservation as well as the critical assessment of processing and reimplantation of prepubertal gonadal

tissue along with chemotherapy dose adjusted gonadotoxic effects on prepubertal gonadal tissue



Casey Smith, MD
Assistant Professor, Ophthalmology

Dr. Smith joined Pediatric Ophthalmology on September 12th. Prior to conducting her pediatric ophthalmology fellowship at CHCO, Dr. Smith completed her residency at the Hamilton Eye Institute Memphis. Dr. Smith's academic and clinical interests include pediatric keratoconus, ophthalmic outcomes and visual sequelae in children with neuro-oncologic diagnoses, eye disease in children with Down Syndrome, pediatric eye trauma, and general pediatric ophthalmology.

Updates and Reminders



The **International Center for Colorectal and Urogenital Care** has two events coming up. **The Pena course** will be held April 5-7th. For more details visit penacourse.org. Following the course, there will also be a celebration of the long and productive career of esteemed surgeon and innovator Alberto Pena, MD. Please contact colorectal@childrenscolorado.org to RSVP or with questions.

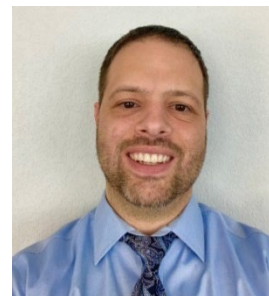


DID YOU KNOW?

It's now easier than ever to access Medical Media video content! The team's videos (close to 150) are now on Altitude, an in-house video platform for training materials on MyChildrensColorado. Since this is the default home page for Children's workstations, it should

be easy to get to. From the home page, click on **Altitude** (on the left, blue 'Top Links' column). Please contact **Kristina DeRycke** with any questions or requests.

Staff Updates



Matt Fiorillo, COS Business Program Manager

Matt took on the role as the Business Program Manager for Surgical Services in Colorado Springs in July. Matt had previously served as a Business Services Analyst at Briargate since 2019. In his new role, Matt is responsible for all aspects of financial and contractual administration and reporting. Matthew will partner closely with surgical faculty, CHCO staff and leadership on operational and financial issues, as well as with CHCO and Department leaders on issues pertaining to strategy and planning.



Serah Haley, MHA, Practice and Operations Manager

Serah joined the CCS in July as the Practice and Operations Manager for Ophthalmology and Plastics. Before taking this role, she completed an Administrative Residency and Fellowship at Charlotte Eye Ear Nose & Throat Associates, a physician-owned Eye and ENT practice in North and South Carolina. During her Fellowship, Serah served as the Interim Director for SouthPark Surgery Center, whose physicians provided Eye and ENT surgical care, for five months. She is excited to join the CHCO team and

draw on her previous experience to help the team improve the lives of our pediatric patients daily.

Program Update



We are excited to announce the launching of the **second season of the podcast "PEDIATRAS EN LÍNEA" (PEL)**. This is the first podcast in Spanish from Children's Hospital Colorado which has reached listeners in 72 countries, including 100% of countries where Spanish is recognized as the official language since it was launched in May 2021. We've had 365% growth in downloads since launch, 18K+ total unique downloads and 72 Total episodes released. Our top 10 countries by unique downloads include: USA, Peru, Mexico, Argentina, Panama, Spain, Germany, Ecuador, Costa Rica, as well as Chile.

You can listen to "PEDIATRAS EN LÍNEA" in Spotify, iTunes, Google Podcast y Google Play. **Are you interested in participating as a guest or have a pediatrician in mind?** Send us an email with their contact information, topic suggestions and feedback to us pediatrasenlinea@childrenscolorado.org

Visit our website to know more about our episodes and guests at [PEDIATRAS EN LÍNEA Podcast | Children's Hospital Colorado \(childrenscolorado.org\)](https://www.childrenscolorado.org/podcast)

Congratulatory Corner



David Howell, PhD, Assistant Professor in Orthopedics received a 3.3 million R01 grant entitled, Modulating Exercise Dosage to Improve Concussion Rehabilitation: A Randomized Clinical Trial. See an article about this exciting research [here](#)

Dr. Howell has also been named as the Director of Clinical Research for Orthopedics.



Dr. Lucy Kohn, Assistant Professor, in Dermatology was accepted into PEDSnet Scholars, a K12 career development program. She will also have 2 new grants starting in FY 23 from the Dermatology Foundation and the Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance.

Congratulatory Corner



On May the 12th we received confirmation that CHCO was awarded the **American College of Surgeons Children's Surgery Verification Program – Level 1 Children's Surgery verification for its Surgical Quality and Safety Program**. This verification recognizes the superb quality and safety programs we have at Children's. Using the resources we've gained and lessons learned, we will continue to strive to improve care for all our surgical and procedural patients.

This could not have happened without the enormous dedication and hard work put in over the last two years by our large multidisciplinary, multispecialty Surgical Quality and Safety team lead by **Dr. Cindy Barrett**. A huge thank you to all of you who contributed to this great achievement.



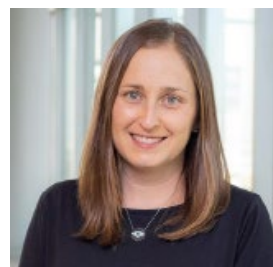
Dr. Jose (Pepe) Diaz-Miron, Assistant Professor, Pediatric Surgery recently completed the two-year Surgical/Subspecialists Clinical Outcomes Research (**SCORE**) Fellowship offered through the Adult and Child Consortium for Health Outcomes Research & Delivery Science (ACCORDS). The SCORE fellowship is a competitive early career mentorship program that assists junior investigators in health outcomes research by providing career guidance and resources for data analysis and grant development. Dr. Diaz-Miron

is in the final stages of completing his K23 career development award proposal with plans to submit this October.



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](#)

New study presents first data-driven model of cranial bone development in children. Read more [here](#)



Dr. Emily McCourt has received an Endowed Chair for Pediatric Ophthalmology which will allow CHCO to establish the first pediatric genetic eye disease program in the region. Read more about his achievement [here](#)