Colorado State welcomes its first class of medical students in partnership with CU

Though the program is in its early phases, Suzanne Brandenburg, associate dean of the Fort Collins branch, said a Fort Collins school had been in the works for no small amount of time, with conversations about the collaboration starting around 10 years ago. “These are both really strong institutions,” said Brandenburg. “CSU is excited about having a medical school on its campus and CU is excited about the collaboration. … It's great for our students to get to see such a high functioning medical community and see how medicine is practiced.”

Greg Amberg, a professor at the branch campus and director of basic science curriculum, said having the expertise of people at CU was integral to getting the CSU branch up and running. “The culture and the attitude is definitely different, so having those people to rely on (helped),” he said. “And we helped them a lot as well. So it's a really nice, mutual relationship.” Students will spend their four years of schooling on the fourth floor of the CSU Health and Medical Center, which was under construction until 2020.

Nicole Kelp, a CSU branch professor and interim chair of the Medical Science Content Directors at CU, said the new curriculum integrates field and classroom work more than the previous — which she said is traditionally more divided — meaning students will have a more clear understanding of how to use what they’re learning in the classroom. “This new curriculum is really exciting because it integrates the basic medical sciences and the clinical sciences, as well as health system sciences all throughout the three years,” she said, adding that during the fourth-year students are largely out in the field.

The Coloradoan (Fort Collins), July 29, 2021
As The Delta Variant Continues To Spread Among Colorado’s Unvaccinated, Some Wonder If Vaccine Mandates Could Ever Happen – And If They’d Work

Richard Zane has had it. “The Delta variant is ripping through under-vaccinated communities, and health care is tired. I’m telling you, health care is tired,” said Zane, a medical doctor who leads the emergency department at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital, the state’s biggest and busiest hospital, as well as the facility that’s cared for more COVID-19 patients than any other.

CPR News, July 27, 2021

Local doctors explain delta variant breakthrough cases

Richard Zane with UCHealth said that most people coming to the hospital with the delta variant are unvaccinated.

9News, July 23, 2021

All UCHealth, Denver Health Staff And Volunteers Will Need To Be Vaccinated – Or They Could Face Termination

Two major Colorado health systems are now the latest large employers to require mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for employees and even regular visitors to their buildings, like hospital volunteers. UCHealth and Denver Health made separate announcements Wednesday that they will join Banner Health in mandating vaccination.

CPR News, July 28, 2021

UCHealth, Denver Health will require all employees to get COVID-19 vaccines this fall

“We want to ensure our hospital and health care clinics are the safest place for people to receive care,” said Heather Young, an infectious disease physician at Denver Health [and associate professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], adding, “By doing this mandatory vaccination, we really hope to be a model for the community.”
Michelle Barron, senior medical director of infection prevention for UCHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], said patients and visitors to the hospital won’t have to get the shot, though they’re encouraged to do so. The Oct. 1 deadline is meant to give everyone “ample opportunity” to schedule their shots around summer vacations and other commitments, she said. “The focus is the safety of our staff, our patients, our visitors,” she said.

*Denver Post, July 28, 2021*

**COVID Travel Restrictions Not Expected To Ease Up**

Michelle Barron, the Senior Medical Director of Infection Prevention at UCHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], says the number of cases there has gone up, once again. “About 6% of our COVID patients are in the vaccinated — that means 94% are unvaccinated,” she said.

*CBS4, July 26, 2021*

**The pandemic has pushed children’s mental health and access to care to a ‘crisis point’**

“We really have never seen anything like this rapid growth in kids presenting with mental health problems and the severity of those problems. I’ve never seen this in my entire career,” said Jenna Glover, the director of psychology training at Children’s Hospital Colorado [and associate professor of psychiatry at CU School of Medicine].

*CNN, July 22, 2021*

**New guidelines for infants with fevers: Here’s what parents need to know**

“Most of these infants never get a fever, but when one does it can be pretty scary,” says Sean O’Leary, a co-author of the guidelines, vice chair of the Committee on Infectious Diseases for the American Academy of Pediatrics, and a professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus on *Today*.

*Motherly, July 22, 2021*
As Covid-19 cases climb, Colorado hospitals get morale boost from new U.S. News rankings

“We’re very excited and grateful for the high ranking,” said Jean Kutner, chief medical officer for the University of Colorado Hospital [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “What it shows is, while collective attention has been on Covid-19, we have continued to take care of all of our patients and the other diseases and illnesses they have. We focus on quality and the safety of those patients.”


Best Hospitals in Colorado

UCHHealth University of Colorado Hospital ranked No. 1 in Colorado.


UCHHealth ranked among top 50 hospitals nationally in 8 specialties

UCHHealth ranked in the top 50 nationally for gastroenterology; ear, nose and throat care; adult diabetes and endocrinology; cancer treatment; urology; and rheumatology.

Denver Gazette, July 27, 2021