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[Colorado K-12 outbreaks continue to grow; infections far outstrip spread from 2020](#)

But hospitalizations are not complete rarities: **Eric Simoes** of Children’s Hospital Colorado [and CU School of Medicine] said earlier this month that his pediatric hospital has treated more than 2,000 kids since the pandemic began. “Delta spreads through children, through schools and into families,” he said at an event celebrating the approval of vaccines for children between the ages of 5 and 11. “And we’re seeing that. Families are (being) affected now from children bringing it home.”

Denver Gazette, Nov. 18, 2021



[Colorado weighs how to ration health care should COVID surge continue to worsen](#)

If the situation worsened enough to require rationing, decisions would depend on the answers to three general questions, said **Anuj Mehta**, a pulmonary critical care physician at Denver Health[and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], who wrote a first draft of updates to the current guidelines: Will the patient get better with a lower level of care? Would the patient likely die anyway, even with maximum care? And if patients would be fine with outpatient care, can they get it, or would factors like being uninsured get in the way?



The scoring system doesn’t allow the triage team to consider non-medical factors, like a person’s socioeconomic status, but those could be relevant in deciding who can safely be sent home with a referral to outpatient care, said **Matthew Wynia**, a member of the advisory group and director of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities on the University of Colorado’s Anschutz Medical Campus.

Denver Post, Nov. 11, 2021



[Colorado health officials discuss emergency measures for hospitals as COVID-19 cases rise](#)

“We’re not trying to predict mortality. We’re trying to predict will you be OK if you don’t get the service?” said **Matthew Wynia**, the Director of the University of Colorado’s Center for Bioethics and Humanities.



“If we’re discharging people, are sending them out from the [emergency department] to only present tomorrow with the same complaint, they should, based on this principle, be admitted,” said **Anuj Mehta**, a pulmonary critical care physician at Denver Health [and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

Channel 7, Nov. 11, 2021



[COVID-19 advisory group looks to revise crisis standards of care for hospitals](#)

“What we are largely talking about with most of these dilemmas is the other end of the spectrum,” said **Matthew Wynia**, the director of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. “It’s trying to find those people who will be OK even if they don’t get a service that they would normally get... These predicting models are almost the opposite. We’re not trying to predict mortality. We’re trying to predict whether you’ll be OK if you don’t get this service.”

Colorado Newsline, Nov. 11, 2021



[With Colorado hospitals full and short-staffed, some health care providers may need to work in roles they aren’t certified for](#)

“I think it’s actually a kick in the pants for even people who are vaccinated, that even routine health care things may get delayed and everybody will be impacted when they go to the hospital,” said **Anuj Mehta**, a pulmonary and critical care physician with Denver Health Committee [and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] and advisor to the Governor’s Expert Emergency Epidemic Response.

Everyone is working really hard, taking care of hospitalized COVID patients, **Lily Cervantes**, an associate professor in the department of medicine, at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, who also cares for patients as a hospitalist at Denver Health. She stressed Coloradans could help by getting vaccinated, if they aren’t already. “We all know that the majority of these hospitalized COVID patients



are unvaccinated. And so protecting ourselves, protecting others through vaccination and mask use is critically important.”

CPR News, Nov. 9, 2021



[State launches effort to get monoclonal antibody treatment into assisted living facilities](#)

Adit Ginde [professor of emergency medicine at CU School of Medicine] started on the research side of the clinical trials when the development of the treatments was first happening. “So we’ve been developing these agents and testing them in clinical trials for both patients prior to hospitalization and in the hospital for over a year now,” he said.

9News, Nov. 14, 2021

[Will COVID patients who reject vaccines embrace monoclonal antibodies? Colorado is counting on it.](#)

To **Adit Ginde**, it’s a now-familiar conundrum. Ginde is an emergency medicine physician with UHealth [and professor of emergency medicine at CU School of Medicine]. One of his responsibilities involves working with the clinics that provide monoclonal antibody treatments to people infected with the coronavirus. And many of the patients he sees in that role have not been vaccinated against the virus.

Colorado Sun, Nov. 18, 2021



[New data shows who is infected with breakthrough COVID-19 cases](#)

“The unvaccinated are younger. The unvaccinated are sicker. The unvaccinated are more in the ICU,” said **Richard Zane**, chief of Emergency Services at UHealth. “Those that are vaccinated have significant underlying medical conditions.”

9News, Nov. 11, 2021



[States in the Southwest U.S. are facing COVID surges](#)

It also allows for workers to be moved around and, in some cases, to care for a sicker level of patient than they normally would. And it also gives hospitals and doctors emergency protection from liability. This is welcome news for frontline providers like **Lily Cervantes**. She's a hospitalist at Denver Health [and associate professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. LILY CERVANTES: It's a message to the state that we're taking this seriously because our health care workforce is burned out.



I spoke with another doctor, Denver Health pulmonologist **Anuj Mehta** [assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. He says hospital patients may experience slower or delayed care. ANUJ MEHTA: You may wait a lot longer for a nurse to come to you when you're, like, in the emergency room or on the hospital floor. One nurse may be taking care of a lot more patients.

NPR, Nov. 11, 2021



[Reports show mild COVID vaccine side effects in children 5 to 11 years old](#)

Sara Saporta-Keating, a pediatric infectious diseases specialist at Children's Hospital Colorado Springs [and assistant professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], says the most reported side effects among kids in this age group are headaches and fatigue. "And fever, while it was reported in some children, it certainly was not among the highest," says Saporta-Keating.

KRDO (Colorado Springs), Nov. 16, 2021



[Colorado health leaders ask state lawmakers to use \\$150 million to address teen mental health crisis](#)

"Unfortunately, we are still in a state of emergency," said **David Brumbaugh**, chief medical officer of Children's Hospital [and associate professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine].

Another pediatrician, **Sophia Meharena** [assistant clinical professor of pediatrics], said that four of the 16 patients she treated on a recent Friday afternoon told her they had suicidal thoughts.



“COVID has taken a lot from our kids and we, truly, at this moment have an incredible opportunity to give them something they desperately need,” said **Jenna Glover**, director of psychology training at Children’s Hospital [and associate professor of psychiatry].

Denver Post, Nov. 16, 2021



[Routine childhood vaccinations lag as experts push to catch up](#)

“We’re still not back to where we need to be,” said [Sean O’Leary](#), a pediatric infectious disease doctor at Children’s Hospital Colorado and a professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

NBC News, Nov. 17, 2021



[Offering flu shot to kids undergoing general anesthesia significantly increases uptake](#)

Tyler Morrissey, an assistant professor of pediatric anesthesiology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, and colleagues initiated the best practice alert in October 2020. The alert appeared on an intake nurse’s screen when a pediatric patient checked in for a procedure involving elective general anesthesia.

Healio, Nov. 18, 2021



[US Army vet was rejected from multiple elder care homes. She says it’s because she’s transgender.](#)

“Especially for the older LGBT community, who grew up when being gay was dangerous, or even illegal, to stay safe they had to develop this silence about who they are,” said **Carey Candrian**, an LGBTQ elder-care expert and associate professor at the University of

Colorado School of Medicine. “That stays with them, despite growing acceptance and new laws. They’re fearful to disclose their identity.”

USA Today, Nov. 14, 2021



[Biden salutes troops as ‘spine of America’ on Veterans Day](#)

“We’re discovering there is a whole host of lung conditions related to deployment,” said **Richard Meehan**, an immunologist and rheumatologist [and clinical professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. The retired U.S. Naval Reserve officer, who served in the Mideast during the 1990s and again in 2008, is co-director of the Denver-based National Jewish Health Center of Excellence on Deployment-Related Lung Disease.

Associated Press, Nov. 11, 2021



[Biden nominates Robert Califf, former Obama FDA chief, as agency commissioner](#)

Eric G. Campbell, a University of Colorado health-policy expert who has done extensive research on the impact of financial conflicts of interest in medicine, said Califf’s past ties with industry should not disqualify him. “To my knowledge those relationships have been fully discussed and widely debated in the academic and political arena,” Campbell said, adding that many academic trials are underwritten by drug companies.

Washington Post, Nov. 12, 2021



[Mom’s High BP Not a Driver of Offspring’s Cardiometabolic Woes in Adulthood](#)

“It is well known that BP elevation has both genetic and environmental causes and the relationship between a mother’s BP during pregnancy and her offspring’s BP later in life has been a source of debate,” noted **Stephen Daniels**, of University of Colorado School of Medicine and Children’s Hospital Colorado.

MedPage Today, Nov. 17, 2021



[Stem Cells Don't Prevent Acute Heart Failure Events](#)

While “interesting,” the “subgroups with ‘significant benefit’ don’t necessarily make sense,” said late-breaking clinical trial session discussant **Larry Allen** of the University of Colorado.

MedPage Today, Nov. 15, 2021



[5 things radiologists should know before choosing an at-home display](#)

“It is essential that physicians, physicists, PACS personnel, and administrators address the logistical challenges related to remote reading and understand the performance, calibration, and quality assurance requirements necessary to ensure proper image presentation,” **Michael Silosky**, with the Department of Radiology at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, and co-authors noted.

Health Imaging, Nov. 15, 2021



[Only half of medical residents consistently complete SNF discharge summaries for patients, survey finds](#)

Upper-level residents were more likely to respond that they knew how much therapy patients received at a SNF. But post-acute care knowledge didn’t otherwise vary at all by residency year or experience level, reported **Christine D. Jones**, of the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

McKnights Long-Term Care News, Nov. 18, 2021



[University of Colorado researchers provide evidence linking extracellular vesicles with drusen formation and age-related macular degeneration](#)

[CellSight](#) researchers at the [University of Colorado School of Medicine](#) are offering the first evidence connecting drusen formation, or yellowish deposits that accumulate under the retina, with extracellular vesicles and age-related macular degeneration (AMD). In the study,¹ **Miguel Flores-Bellver**, and **Valeria Canto-Soler**, highlight groundbreaking insight into mechanisms underlying early manifestations of AMD that could lead to early diagnosis and targeted treatment options of dry AMD.

Ophthalmology Times, Nov. 16, 2021



[10 spine surgeons to know](#)

Evalina Burger-Van der Walt. University of Colorado Medicine. [Burger-Van der Walt](#) treats adult patients and has a special interest in complex spine surgery, deformity and scoliosis. She also spends time as a mentor for orthopedic residents and spine fellows.

Becker's Spine Review, Nov. 18, 2021

[Hosting unvaccinated guests at Thanksgiving? Here's some advice](#)

Michelle Barron, senior medical director of infection prevention and control for University of Colorado Health [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], has some tips for Turkey Day hosts this year. "You want to have an honest conversation with whoever's coming and you can decide whether or not that is something that will dictate who comes or who doesn't come," Barron suggested.

Fox40 (Sacramento), Nov. 17, 2021