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[University of Colorado received \\$1.45 billion in research funding in 2021](#)

Faculty within the University of Colorado system received a total of \$1.45 billion in sponsored research funding and research gifts this year, the university announced Monday....The University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus received \$770.3 million of the funding, supporting projects including developing COVID-19 modeling, contact tracing, vaccine trials and treatment therapies.

Denver Gazette, Oct. 25, 2021



['This Is A Wakeup Call': Colorado Governor Says State Is Running Low On ICU Beds Due To COVID Cases](#)

Michelle Barron, the senior medical director of infection prevention and control for UCHHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], agrees. She says that while vaccine efficacy varies, being vaccinated severely cuts your risk for hospitalization and breakthrough cases are among at risk populations who can get a booster. "I want to reassure people that are vaccinated that aren't eligible for a booster yet that they are still considered protected," Barron says.

CBS4, Oct. 21, 2021

[A combination of medical care drives up hospitalizations, 93% of ICU beds are in use](#)

Michelle Barron, the senior medical director of infection prevention and control for UCHHealth, said they are seeing a record number of Respiratory Syncytial Virus cases. RSV is a respiratory virus that causes cold-like symptoms.

Channel 7, Oct. 21, 2021



[UCHealth says hospitals are getting packed with COVID-19 patients](#)

UCHealth says hospitals are getting so packed with COVID-19 patients, the system is considering postponing non-emergency surgeries. "This is one of the hardest times in the history of health care," said **Richard Zane** at UCHealth.

9News, Oct. 24, 2021



[Does previously having COVID-19 affect your need for a booster?](#)

"It's consistent and the studies show that one: you can become reinfected, and two: even having had infection before, you're still two times more likely to get COVID-19 if you weren't vaccinated, so the vaccine is still highly protective," said **Michelle Barron**, Senior Medical Director of Infection Prevention at UCHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

KRDO (Colorado Springs), Oct. 26, 2021



["It shouldn't be this hard": Colorado COVID patients struggle to get monoclonal antibody therapy](#)

Adit Ginde, an emergency physician at UCHealth [and professor at CU School of Medicine], said some systems and providers have a knowledge gap. UCHealth has provided nearly half of the monoclonal antibodies infusions in the state in the last month, and has started proactively reaching out to high-risk patients who would most benefit from the treatment.

Channel 7, Oct. 25, 2021



[Nuggets and Avs fans pack Ball Arena, with few masks in sight – even though they're required](#)

"Any large, in-person events definitely have increased risk of COVID-19 transmission," said **Richard Zane**, chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

UCHealth's **Michelle Barron** [professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] said especially the unvaccinated should think twice about attending. "I wouldn't, certainly, but I also obviously feel strongly about vaccines. And so, I think you're at high risk in getting something or



potentially giving it to someone,” said Barron, the senior medical director of infection control and prevention for UCHHealth.

CPR News, Oct. 21, 2021



[Judge declines to block CU Anschutz’s policy for religious exemptions to vaccines](#)

A federal judge has declined to block the University of Colorado from enforcing its vaccination policy against a Roman Catholic physician and a Buddhist medical student who unsuccessfully sought religious exemptions, while cautioning that a recent revision to the mandate may bring about new arguments in the case.

Denver Gazette, Oct. 27, 2021

[A Colorado lawsuit is testing the boundaries of religious exemptions to COVID vaccines](#)

The first major decision in the lawsuit came down Monday, when U.S. District Court Judge Raymond P. Moore denied the plaintiffs’ request for a preliminary injunction against CU. But he did so for a technical reason — the policy on religious exemptions that the plaintiffs were trying to stop CU from enforcing has since been rescinded and replaced with a new policy.

Colorado Sun, Oct. 27, 2021



[Blind faith? CU Anschutz professor studies vaccine hesitancy among faith communities](#)

Long before the COVID-19 pandemic and the surge of people hesitant to receive a potentially life-saving vaccine, University of Colorado Anschutz professor of pediatrics **Joshua Williams** found himself drawn to investigating why people decline routine inoculations.

Aurora Sentinel, Oct. 27, 2021



[Breast Cancer Decision-Making Tool Uses Data Insights](#)

University of Colorado Cancer Center researchers are gathering data insights to create a decision-making tool for women who receive a breast cancer diagnosis. In 2019, assistant professor of surgical oncology **Sarah Tevis** and her team began gathering data by surveying women diagnosed with breast cancer to better understand the quality of life outcomes.

Health IT Analytics, Oct. 26, 2021



[The legacy of CU's first African American doctor is preserved – but not his home](#)

The Mile High Medical Society, an organization of Black healthcare professionals in the Front Range ... recently awarded scholarships to four first-year medical students at CU, the first **Charles Blackwood** Scholars. Initially slated as one stipend, the number of recipients quadrupled after \$3 million was raised, with a third of the money coming from private donations that were matched by the School of Medicine.

CPR News, Oct. 22, 2021



[How Public Health Took Part in Its Own Downfall](#)

In fact, “public health has actively participated in its own marginalization,” **Daniel Goldberg**, a historian of medicine at the University of Colorado, told me. As the 20th century progressed, the field moved away from the idea that social reforms were a necessary part of preventing disease and willingly silenced its own political voice. By swimming along with the changing currents of American ideology, it drowned many of the qualities that made it most effective.

The Atlantic, Oct. 23, 2021



[The curious case of the shrinking genome](#)

In later decades, researchers described other worm species that dropped segments from several chromosomes during early rounds of cell division in embryos. “But they didn’t have the technology to really explore it,” says **Richard Davis**, an emeritus molecular biologist at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Knowable Magazine, Oct. 21, 2021



[Itepekimab lowers events indicating loss of asthma control, improves lung function](#)

“Severe asthma remains a big problem, and there are many patients who continue to have poor asthma control despite standard of care therapy and even advanced biologics,” **Michael E. Wechsler**, of the department of medicine at National Jewish Health [and CU School of Medicine], told Healio.

Healio, Oct. 27, 2021



[Millions more in funding unlocked for CU Denver, Anschutz now that they're Hispanic-serving institutions](#)

“This designation is a point of pride for our campus, and important recognition of our commitment to educating a diverse student body of future leaders in medicine and health,” said **Donald M. Elliman, Jr.**, chancellor of the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

CPR News, Oct. 26, 2021



[Benson Hotel and Faculty Club Under Construction on Anschutz Medical Campus](#)

Named in honor of former University of Colorado President Bruce Benson, the 106-room [Benson Hotel and Faculty Club](#) is being developed by Aimco and is part of a collective vision for the future of the campus.

Mile High CRE, Oct. 25, 2021