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*U.S. News & World Report, March 29, 2022*



[Colorado COVID-19 hospitalizations below 100, an all-time low](#)

“The drop in COVID-19 hospitalizations is very encouraging and something that most healthcare workers are celebrating,” said **Anuj Mehta**, a pulmonary care physician at Denver Health [and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].



Hospital staff are relieved and tired, said **Michelle Barron**, an infectious disease expert at UHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], earlier in March, but she’s also cautiously optimistic about the ongoing improving hospital trends in Colorado.

*CPR News, March 31, 2022*



### [What's next for Colorado hospitals, health care with staffing as COVID-19 pandemic ebbs?](#)

Those losses have been particularly acute among primary care providers, said Larry Green, distinguished professor of family medicine at the University of Colorado, which will have ripple effects across the system. Good primary care treatment translates to healthier populations, lower costs and fewer inequities. He and others said medical training emphasized subspecialty training, meaning there are fewer generalists, which form the foundation of health care.

*Gazette (Colorado Springs), March 29, 2022*



### [Colorado COVID-19 hospitalizations hit two-year low, but BA.2 variant raises concerns](#)

"I think everybody's breathing a sigh of relief, but everybody's really tired," said **Michelle Barron**, an infectious disease doctor with UHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], when asked about how hospital staff are holding up.

*CPR News, March 24, 2022*

### [With low risk locally, who should be thinking about getting another COVID booster shot?](#)

Unlike with other vaccines, senior medical director of infection prevention and control for UHealth **Michelle Barron** [professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] said officials are still learning what the threshold of an antibody response is needed for lasting protection from COVID-19. "We don't know what that is for COVID," Barron said. "The other bigger piece is that your immune system is not just antibodies."

*Steamboat Pilot & Today, March 25, 2022*

### [People over 50 can now get a 2<sup>nd</sup> COVID booster, but do they need to?](#)

**Michelle Barron**, senior medical director of infection prevention at UHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], said people who are over age 65 or immunocompromised should get an extra booster. "Everybody else, I think there's still some level of debate. I think the FDA approved it to be able to allow broad access," Barron said.

*Fox31, March 29, 2022*



### [Moderna 'happy' with results from its kids vaccine trial, but is it enough for the FDA?](#)

**Sean O'Leary**, a professor of pediatrics and infectious diseases at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and vice chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Infectious Diseases, pointed out that even with two doses, Moderna's vaccine appears to protect children from serious disease. "I think we can expect that it is going to offer higher protection against the more severe outcomes, which is really our ultimate goal," he said.

*Politico, March 30, 2022*



### [Idaho COVID surge drove patient transfers, strained out-of-state hospitals, new data shows](#)

This lack of communication is "an enormous data challenge" that becomes more complicated outside the realm of COVID-19 data, said **Matthew Wynia**, director of the University of Colorado's Center for Bioethics and Humanities and a leading expert on crisis standards.

*Magicvalley.com (Twin Falls, Idaho), March 27, 2022*



### [Opinion: How Colorado can prepare for the next COVID-19 variant](#)

**Stephen Berman** is professor of Pediatrics and Public Health, University of Colorado, and director of the Center for Global Health at the Colorado School of Public Health: "Community engagement is needed to develop communication methods and messaging to reach communities distrustful of our traditional health care system and/ or our government."

*Colorado Sun, March 27, 2022*



### [Colorado lawmakers advance bill expanding Medicaid to undocumented children, pregnant women](#)

"Too often, I see children who wind up in the emergency room really sick for something that could have been prevented with primary care," said **Brianna Morgan**, a pediatrician at Children's Hospital Colorado.

*Channel 7, March 25, 2022*



### [Most cancer patients discharged to SNFs don't receive further treatment or hospice care: study](#)

Nearly half (46%) of the patients did not receive either cancer treatment or hospice after discharge to an SNF, reported **Sarguni Singh**, [assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] of the University of Colorado Hospital. What's more, only 9% received both cancer treatment and hospice care.

*McKnights Long-Term Care News, March 31, 2022*



### [Drinking coffee could benefit your heart and help you live longer, research finds](#)

**David Kao**, however, said via email that he doesn't "think there is sufficient information in that abstract to support that assertion." Kao wasn't involved in the research and is an associate professor in the divisions of cardiology and bioinformatics & personalized medicine at the University of Colorado Anschutz.

*CNN, March 25, 2022*



### [Influencers, Not Dermatologists, Hold Court on TikTok Skin of Color Subjects](#)

Led by **Robert P. Dellavalle**, professor of the department of dermatology at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and a social media editor for the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology (JAAD)*, investigators sought to interpret the sources of the most popular skin of color dermatology posts on TikTok.

*HCPLive, March 28, 2022*



### [Number of patients who sought medication to end their lives under Colorado's aid-in-dying law on the rise](#)

Those numbers jibe with a study from **Eric Campbell**, a professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and a biomedical ethics researcher. The research, which included 300 physician surveys, found that many doctors are still wary of prescribing the medication.

*Colorado Sun, March 31, 2022*



### [Lack of evidence supporting DHEA for improved overall health for women](#)

In an article published in *The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*, **Margaret E. Wierman**, and **Katja Kiseljak-Vassiliades**, both professors of medicine in the division of endocrinology, metabolism and diabetes at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, said few data have been published on DHEA [dehydroepiandrosterone] administration since 2014 and most available data show no association between DHEA and improvements in sexual health, menopausal symptoms and overall well-being.

*Healio, March 25, 2022*