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A Holiday Message From Frank



This has been a year of wrenching changes that have tried our souls. We have lost loved ones, been forced into isolation, and been asked to work directly in the teeth of mortal danger. We have been pushed to the point of exhaustion and beyond. We have made decisions in the face of things we have never seen before, in the face of massive uncertainty. We have been very, very uncomfortable for long stretches of time. We have been running on fumes, our patience and goodwill and trust and

forbearance all used up. We are vulnerable and at risk. We wonder what fresh hell will visit us tomorrow. This has been a long, hard year.

And yet. And yet, here we are. Showing up every day, showing up for our patients and our promises and commitments, showing up for each other. And so today, as we enter this strange holiday season, I am overcome with gratitude for the privilege of working with you, of having you. You are my family for this huge, consequential part of my life. I thank you for the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of knowing and being known by you. Of the privilege of rubbing shoulders with you who have a noble calling, and who are living out that calling nobly. You are doing God's work and it is such a blessing to me and for the world.

It is not just that I have you or that you have me—we each have each other. So in this season made for gratitude and thanksgiving, let's celebrate each other, let's give thanks for each other, let's offer up our gratitude for the privilege of each other's presence even in the face of this cold gray winter.

Thank you. You have my deepest gratitude and most sincere thanks. You are the best.



Moving On To A New Adventure!

Kari Mader, MD, is off to a new role with the developing [Aurora Community Health Commons](#).

A new job that gives her the chance to dream big and make those dreams come true - for herself and for the chronically underserved populations in Aurora.

Click on the button below to read the full story.

Read The Story

Featuring Dr. Corey Lyon

The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) chose our own Dr. Corey Lyon as the subject of their *Family Doc Focus*.

The title of the story is, **Teaching Residents to Follow the Evidence**.

Click on the button below to see what Cory has to say.



Read The Story

Coming Soon!

Dr. Cleveland Piggott and mentees have a paper in the upcoming issue of the *Annals of Family Medicine* titled **The Potential for Cloth Masks to Protect Healthcare Providers from SARS-CoV-2: A Rapid Review**.

The paper will be available online Monday, January 11, 2021.

Click the button below for a sneak peek.



Preview The Paper

Happy Retirement!

We bid so-long to Kellyn "Kelly" Pearson this month.

She is off to some well-deserved time doing whatever the heck she wants!

Thank you, Kelly, for your humor, dedication, and your smile.

The Practice Innovation team and all of DFM will miss you.



UPDATES

Education and Training

Check out the [new recruitment video](#) from the Clinical Psychology Internship.

Research and Innovation

Here are the newly funded projects for November:

Evaluate telemedicine practices that may better patient outcomes and reduce health care costs

PI: Shale Wong/Farley Center (Contact: Shale.Wong@cuanschutz.edu)

Sponsor: State of Colorado/HCPF

Regional Health Connectors Assistance with Organizations who Support the Homeless-COVID-19 Technical Assistance (TA)

PI: Perry Dickinson/Practice Innovation (Contact: Perry.Dickinson@cuanschutz.edu)
Sponsor: State of Colorado/OBH

Increasing the state of Colorado’s system capacity to provide treatment coverage for opioid use disorder (OUD) (“SOR2”)

PI: Kyle Knierim/Practice Innovation (Contact: Kyle.Knierim@cuanschutz.edu)
Sponsor: State of Colorado/OBH

PCORI Grant Enhancement; LEADERS

PI: Megan Morris (Contact: Megan.Morris@cuanschutz.edu)
Sponsor: PCORI

Johnson Depression Center

After six years, the Department of Family Medicine is bidding adieu to our faculty at the Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Depression Center and the Stephen A. Cohen Military Families Clinic. Family Medicine has been the administrative home to over a dozen faculty members over the past several years and they are now transitioning to the Department of Psychiatry.

The JDC is at the forefront of increased national recognition of mental health as a major concern for individuals, families and communities. It delivers and promotes state-of-the-art, evidence-based approaches to diagnosing and treating mood disorders. The center’s community programs educate the public on mental health issues and improve awareness that mental health is as essential to healthy living as physical health. The Cohen Clinic improves access for and treats veterans and their families and ensures that cost will never be a barrier for care.

We are proud to have hosted these faculty and they will maintain secondary appointments in the Department of Family Medicine. Best of luck to the JDC and Cohen crews!

CU Medical Consulting/Med Legal Income

We wanted to provide some clarification and guidance around CU Medicine Consulting/Med Legal Income. This process isn’t always clear and we want you to know we are here to provide support.

As you know, all School of Medicine (SOM) faculty members are required to sign a CU Medicine Member Practice Agreement as part of their University of Colorado (UCD) employment. The agreement specifies which earned income must be remitted to CU Medicine. Per the member practice agreement, all consulting service and medical legal income provided and earned by all SOM faculty members who are greater than or equal to .5 FTE must be billed and collected by CU Medicine. Failure to remit consulting service/medical Legal income via CU Medicine may result in UCD employment termination. [Check out this chart](#) that clarifies how to determine if an agreement represents assignable income.

If you are approached by an individual/entity to provide these types of services, please contact me immediately. The consulting and med legal processes differ according to the nature of the services. I can help you determine if a contract is needed and if so, help negotiate the rate of pay along with other terms in the contract. Please be aware- if a contract is needed, there is a 28-day turnaround for CU Medicine to review the contract. Since most services cannot be provided until a fully executed contract is in place, this can delay the start of the work if the review time is not considered.

When in doubt, please email LaShona Lewis at LaShona.Lewis@cuanschutz.edu.





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Professional Development Pro Tip!

The University of Colorado Denver
and the Anschutz Medical Campus
are now offering an Equity Certificate
Program (ECP).

The goal of the ECP is to provide
knowledge and skills building
opportunities in equity principles to
improve equity and inclusive
excellence on our campuses.

Due to high demand, they have
added more sessions starting in
January. The ECP consists of four (4)
90-minute modules and delivered live
via Zoom. You can also take the
modules individually if you can't do all
four.

Module 1: Unconscious Bias and
Virtual Settings

Module 2: From Bystander to Active
Allyship

Module 3: What's in a Name? Equity

Module 4: Leading Through an
Equity Lens

For more information and to register,
click [here](#).

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