

March 29, 2024

It's almost April and with it, we have much to celebrate! Every year in April, we recognize Arab American Heritage Month. In honor of this rich history, take a moment to [appreciate the contributions that Arab civilizations have had on healthcare](#).

In addition, April 3-9 is [National Public Health Week](#). Use the link to access shareable resources and to integrate recognition into your work.

That said, let's not count out March just yet! Saturday, March 30 is **National Doctor's Day**. In the words of DFM Chair Dr. Myra Muramoto: "I know that being a physician can be challenging, and at times the volume of work can seem close to insurmountable. Please know how much I and the rest of the DFM Executive Leadership Team appreciate and value you, and all that you do for our patients, our learners, our communities, and each other."

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS



5280 Top Doctors 2024

For over 30 years, *5280* magazine has been compiling an annual list of top doctors in the Denver metro area. Recently, they began a partnership with Castle Connelly, a health care research and information company, to create and maintain the list so that the resource can provide the most accurate and comprehensive information possible for patients.

This year, our very own DFM doctors [Brian Bacak](#), [Colleen Conry](#), [Kaylin Klie](#), [Bennett Parnes](#), [Lara Penny](#), [Sourav Poddar](#), and [Rachel Rodriguez](#) are featured on this list. On behalf of the DFM, congratulations to each of you and thank you for the hard work you do!

A selection of individuals can be found in the [hard copy magazine](#), and the full list can be found [on the Castle Connelly site](#).



Have news to share? Email
DFM Communications Program
Manager Liz Campbell
(elizabeth.3.campbell@cuanschutz.edu).

Featured doctor and DFM Vice Chair of Clinical Affairs and Quality Brian Bacak had the following to say about this publication: "I think that from a Department perspective, this is really great recognition of the work that our physicians do. The *5280* recognition is notable because it's based on votes of physicians across multiple specialties, across campus and the community. Recognition reflects professional recognition for our work as Family Physicians, Sports Medicine Physicians, Geriatricians, and Addiction Medicine

Check out all of the 5280 Top Doctors

CLINICAL CALLOUTS



Patients are saying some nice things about our DFM clinicians:

Jen Corliss, MD

"Dr. Jennifer Corliss has a great caring demeanor, listens thoughtfully to my questions and give honest intelligent feedback combining all contributing factors, not just textbook answers. I am very grateful for her perspective."

Location: CU Family Medicine - Landmark

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Ashleigh Makala, PA-C

"Ashleigh was very thorough and very personable. She made me feel at ease and listened to all my concerns. She will definitely be my new health care provider."

Location: Lone Tree Primary Care - Lone Tree

[Faculty Bio](#)



EVENTS AND MEETINGS



Listed by date:

Improving Your Communication Will Improve Your Practice, Your Research, Your Teaching, and (sometimes even) Your Life

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024



Susan H. McDaniel, Ph.D.

Levitt Lecture - Improving Your Communication Will Improve Your Practice, Your Research, Your Teaching, and (sometimes even) Your Life, with Dr. Susan McDaniel: *Wednesday, April 10, from 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (program begins at 12:00 p.m.) - Zoom or Education Building 2 South (L28) - L28-1102 Auditorium and Lobby, Anschutz Medical Campus*

This presentation will center on the complex skills involved in effective communication as a foundation of medical practice, education, and research. It will include research on doctor-patient communication, in-depth descriptions of evidence-based communication skills that can result in higher patient (and colleague) satisfaction and improved physician/faculty wellness, a communication coaching program that promotes these skills, and the use of this program to improve interactions among clinicians and patients, professional colleagues, and clinical and research teams across an academic medical campus.

[Register to join in-person or over Zoom, today.](#)

From deep listening to praxis - The promise of social interaction research for promoting health equity: *Thursday, April 11, from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. - University of Colorado Boulder Chancellor's Hall Auditorium on the fourth floor of the Center For Academic Success and Engagement (CASE Building) 1725 Euclid Ave, Boulder CO, 80309*

Evelyn Y. Ho is a professor of Communication Studies, Asian Pacific American studies, and Critical Diversity Studies at the University of San Francisco. Beginning with an understanding that communication is a cultural activity and that health care systems and beliefs are profoundly cultural, Professor Ho's teaching and research focus broadly on the intersections of health, culture, and communication, with a specific focus on the use and cultural meanings of acupuncture and Chinese medicine in underserved communities. She has led and participated in grant-funded research projects examining Chinese American dietary practices, health beliefs, and communication preferences and patient education that integrates Chinese medicine and biomedicine. You can find that work at INCguide.org. Dr. Ho is co-editor of the [Wiley International Encyclopedia of Health Communication](#) and has previously chaired both the Language and Social Interaction Division and Health Communication Division of the International Communication Association (ICA).

Her talk will discuss how a communication-centered approach that takes seriously the micro-elements of talk and interaction have been essential for building patient- and culturally-centered interventions in community health clinics. The talk will be followed by a reception.

SAVE THE DATE – DFM Community Engagement Practice Monthly Meeting:
Tuesday, April 16 - Zoom

Assistant Professor for the School of Medicine and Department of Family Medicine and Rural Program Liaison for the Western Slope Megan Lykke, MD, FAAFP will be speaking about Pipelining Family Medicine in Rural Communities. Details forthcoming.



Annual DFM Spring Fling: Friday, April 26, from 5:30-10:00 p.m. - Balistreri Vineyards, 1946 E 66th Ave., Denver, CO

[Register today](#) to enjoy time with your DFM friends and colleagues and celebrate our 2024 award winner. The event will include live music and a wine tasting*. Details are reflected [on the DFM intranet](#) and your Outlook calendars. **Registration is due by Wednesday, April 10.**

**Drink tickets should be purchased in advance, though extras will be available on-site during the event. Two drink tickets can be purchased for \$25 via Venmo (@Mollie-Bailey-3 - last four digits 1102). These can be used for the wine tasting and for the provided beer.*



Human Resources

Have a question for Human Resources? Email DFMHRQuestions@cuanschut.edu and a team member will get back to you as soon as possible.



The Strategic Plan

The CU Department of Family Medicine has just

completed our first strategic plan, and we are in the process of champion identification and implementation. This plan will serve as a departmental guide over the next 3-5 years as we innovate, focus on well-being, and expand our reach. Learn more about the plan and our next steps and offer feedback [on our intranet page](#).



DFM Intranet Resources

Did you know our intranet has a wealth of information compiled just for you? Check out resources regarding:

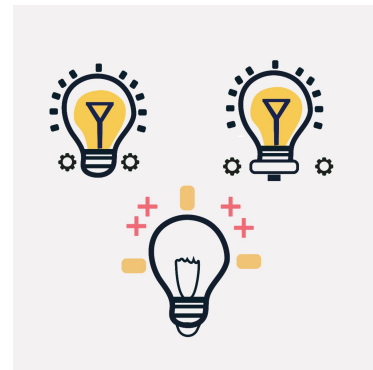
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Think Tank Mondays

Ever have an idea on how to make clinic operations or system operations better, but don't know where to start or how feasible it is? We'd like to propose a solution. Think Tank Mondays are virtual consultations with department leaders to help you figure out next steps on your idea.

[Learn more and submit your idea today.](#)



ELearning for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias

Are you interested in helping your practice improve care for your patients with Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias (ADRD)? The DFM along with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment collaborated to develop an eLearning module that is informational and interactive and is designed for primary care teams to increase their knowledge and skills related to ADRD. This module is free for all learners and completers will receive 2 AAFP CME credits.

To access the module, scan the QR code to the right or go to: <https://cuelearning.org/>. Click the Register link to create an account. For Registration Code, please enter: ADRD (not case sensitive).



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