

## Faculty Updates



### Jill Kaar, PhD, Associate Professor, Pediatrics

We are thrilled that **Jill Kaar** has assumed the role of Director for our Research Outcomes in Children's Surgery (ROCS) team. Jill has worked with ROCS for over two years providing expert consulting in methods, grant writing, and protocol development, serving as a mentor for many of our new researchers. We are grateful to Jill for her service and excited for the future growth and development of ROCS under her leadership.



### Andrea Bischoff, MD, Pediatric Surgery

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Andrea Bischoff has been appointed as the Director for the International Center for Colorectal and Urogenital Care at Children's Hospital Colorado. Dr. Bischoff is an Associate Professor of Surgery and she joined Children's Hospital Colorado in 2016. Dr. Bischoff has a passion for teaching and improving the colorectal care of children across the world.

## Project Spotlight



### Post Covid Olfactory Dysfunction (OD) and Olfactory Training in Children

Early in the pandemic OD became a marker for COVID-19 affecting over 60% of adults. There is very little OD epidemiologic data in children. Treatment of post-viral OD is anecdotal but olfactory training (OT) has been shown in a recent meta-analysis to be efficacious. Similarly, there are no published reports in children.

Department of Otolaryngology decided to explore using OT in a clinical setting to treat and simultaneously collect certain data to establish clinical efficacy. The OT clinic started in March with an estimated 50 patients screened and over 30 entering the OT clinic.

This important work has received extensive media coverage- check out some of these stories [here](#) and [here](#)

## Announcements & Reminders



The **Hirschsprung Disease Course** will take place **August 12-13<sup>th</sup>**.

The course is designed for pediatric surgeons, fellows, gastroenterologists, pediatricians, pathologists, radiologists and pediatric nurses managing patients with colorectal problems. During the course, participants will learn state-of-the-art methods for the diagnosis, treatment and postoperative care of children with [Hirschsprung disease](#)

Find more information [here](#)



ROCS is hosting the **3rd Annual Research Bootcamp** with 3 virtual sessions through Zoom covering research basics and providing hands on opportunities to learn about the design of a research project. The presenters will also share best practices, lessons learned, and available resources across campus. The series will be held on the following dates from 11:00am – 12:00pm:

- August 6th – Designing your study and IRB
- August 13th – Data collection practices
- August 20th – Presenting your results

The bootcamp is open to faculty, research fellows, and residents. If you would like to attend, please RSVP [here](#). We look forward to seeing you there!



Submissions for **CCS internal awards** are due **June 1**. Funding opportunities include Ponzio Research, Innovation as well as a new funding stream for projects focused on Quality and Safety. In addition, the CCS is also funding another round of Surgical Innovation Leading to Commercialization (SILC) awards.

Questions? Contact Sandra Talley [sandra.talley@childrenscolorado.org](mailto:sandra.talley@childrenscolorado.org)

## Communication Spotlight

### New Spanish language podcast- Peditras en Línea



**Peditras en Línea** is a weekly podcast for Spanish speaking pediatric healthcare providers, nurses, students and the general healthcare community. Following the success of Charting Pediatrics, we are about to launch this new Podcast in Spanish with multidisciplinary specialists from Children's Hospital Colorado and around the world. The podcast will cover conversations about the latest treatments and innovations for the delivery of pediatric medicine. Listen and subscribe on Spotify, iTunes, Google Podcasts and Google Play. The first episode is scheduled to air in early May.



#### Meet the host!

**Carla Torres-Zegarra, MD** is a Pediatric Dermatologist and an Assistant Professor of Dermatology. She was born and raised in Lima, Peru and has been a part of the Children's Hospital Colorado since 2013. Dr. Torres-Zegarra is an avid learner and teacher and is very active in several social medial platforms to educate healthcare providers and the general public on topics related to her two passions: Dermatology and Pediatrics. You can follow her on Instagram and Facebook @DermaskinMD to receive the latest updates about

Peditras en Línea.



The **Office of Research Development and Education (ORDE)** has a variety of resources to help researchers including:

- Faculty seminar series on grant writing
- Personalized search for funding opportunities
- Suggested faculty collaborations
- Indiv or group mtgs to discuss proposal development

Want to learn more? Go here: [ORDE](#)

## Congratulatory Corner



**Nancy Miller, MD, Orthopedics** has been received a Zimmer Biomet grant from the Pediatric Orthopedic Society of North America for her project entitled, *Discovering Protein Signatures Within AIS Plasma Using SOMAScan Technology*.

**Carlos Zgheib, PhD, Pediatric Surgery**, is the recipient of the 2021 Wound Healing Foundation-Medicine Research Grant Innovation Award for his project entitled, *Inhibition of Pressure Ulcer Development with Nanosik*.

**Emily Gurnee, MD, Dermatology** has been awarded a Weston Career Development award from the Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance and Society for Pediatric Dermatology for her project entitled, *Investigating the role of Staphylococci in Pediatric Skin Disease*.



Even in a virtual format, we had a great turnout for the **4th annual CCS Research Symposium** with 107 attendees. We had a total of 19 presentations from 8 Depts/Divisions and 47 posters representing 7 Depts/Divisions

[Congratulations to this year's podium talk and poster winners:](#)

**Outstanding Podium Talk- Rachael Martino, BA, Orthopedics**, *Use of an organized perioperative protocol to decrease surgical time, blood loss, and radiation exposure during a periacetabular osteotomy*

**Outstanding Poster-Jenny Stevens, MD, MPH, Pediatric Surgery**, *Impact of transition zone on postoperative outcomes following primary pull-through in Hirschsprung's disease*

A special thank you to the event's Co-Chairs, **Dr. McCourt** and **Dr. Alexander** as well as **Claudia Mata** for organizing a truly impressive event.



Have an **announcement** you would like included in the next CCS newsletter? Contact Sandra Talley [sandra.talley@childrenscolorado.org](mailto:sandra.talley@childrenscolorado.org)