

# The Clotting Connection

A Newsletter for Families with Bleeding and Clotting Disorders



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## CHRIS MASHBURN RETIRES



Dr. Beth Warren with Chris Mashburn at her retirement celebration. Photo: Kristi Norton

After 42 years in nursing, and four years serving as our HTC clinical manager, Chris Mashburn retired on December 6, 2019. Chris was a huge positive influence in our clinic and many of our patients and families were impacted by her kindness and skills.

Chris was a registered nurse for her entire career and has always worked in pediatrics as her primary role. She worked for many years in pediatric intensive care and was able to be a part of the early days of a pediatric heart transplant team. Over the years she has had the opportunity to do many different types of nursing. She loved working in pathophysiology and got an adrenaline rush working with intensive care. Her experience in working with transplant patients allowed her to see children on death's door and then blossom into healthy, active, normal kids.

Chris has participated in research for nearly all of her career, and firmly believes that it is an essential component of nursing and every team. When she worked with Dr. Mark Boucek in transplants, their team was awarded a grant to increase the number of donors. Lack of donors is the limiting factor of all types of transplants, especially pediatrics. Her work with the grant and their research was very successful and was published in the New England Journal of Medicine. This accomplishment was one she was very proud of and just recently, their project was duplicated by Duke University, making national headlines.

Four years ago, when Chris joined the HTC, she immediately got to work to help organize primary care teams for patients. This helped our clinic manage care in a more personal way. Primary teams allow patients to be mostly assigned to a team of providers so the relationships between patient and provider can grow. This helps families feel more comfortable and providers have a stronger understanding of that patient's needs. Chris shared ***"I love the model of primary care teams. Building relationships with patients and families and being a conduit for great communication is rewarding and works!"***

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Rose Drake, Laura Fox, Chris Mashburn, and Dr. Marilyn Manco-Johnson at Chris' retirement. Photo: Kristi Norton



Be aware we have several closures coming up for holidays. See holiday hours online at [medschool.ucdenver.edu/htc](https://medschool.ucdenver.edu/htc).

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# STROKE SUPPORT GROUP HOLIDAY PARTY

Our Pediatric Stroke Parent Support Group had a delightful holiday party earlier this month! Santa visited, games were played, treats enjoyed, and marshmallows raced! So much fun was had by all!

We thank all who were able to come and support our group this year! We will continue having these support group meetings in 2020 on the 2nd Tuesdays of the month from 6-7:30 pm. Dinner and childcare are always provided and your child does not need to be a patient at our center to attend.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2020. Please see our website for more details at [www.pedsstrokesupport.ucdenver.edu](http://www.pedsstrokesupport.ucdenver.edu) or find our Facebook page at [facebook.com/Colopedsstroke](https://facebook.com/Colopedsstroke). If you have any questions, please contact us at [strokesupport@ucdenver.edu](mailto:strokesupport@ucdenver.edu). Happy Holidays!



Photos: Kim Richfield and Cindy Nederveld.



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Chris loved working here at the HTC for her final years as an RN and enjoyed learning a new specialty.

***She said, “I feel fortunate to have entered the realm of bleeding disorders when I did, as I have been able to be a part of many incredible advancements for this patient population. I’ve witnessed many patients and families benefiting from them, and I’m grateful for the opportunity to work with everyone I’ve encountered!”***

She told us that the thing she most liked about working here at the HTC is that everyone is dedicated to the bleeding disorders community and is always pushing science forward to find better ways to treat them. The patients and families were inspiring to her, especially watching them deal with their disorder but not letting it rule their lives. She shared that she loved the relationships she was able to make with so many patients and their families, and watching the HTC staff do so as well.

Chris plans on enjoying retirement, spending time on the beach, gardening, quilting, and being with her four beautiful grandchildren. She expressed her confidence in our new clinical manager, Kate Hoeft, and how she is excited to see her take the reins with her experience and leadership.

The HTC wishes Chris Mashburn well in retirement and we are all grateful for her leadership and friendship!

## Holiday Closures

Be aware that our clinic, pharmacy, and offices will be closed on the following dates:

- ♦ **Tue & Wed, Dec 24-25, 2019 for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**
- ♦ **Wed, Jan 1, 2020 for New Year’s Day**
- ♦ **Mon, Jan 20, 2020 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Please plan ahead and order any factor or other supplies you may need in time for these closures.

Shipping dates and deadlines, closure information, and after hours contact information can be found at our website at:

**[www.medschool.ucdenver.edu/htc](http://www.medschool.ucdenver.edu/htc)** and click on the **CONTACT US** page.

## MEET KATE HOEFT— NEW HTC CLINICAL MANAGER

Our HTC would love you to meet our new HTC Clinical Manager. Kathryn Hoeft, who goes by Kate, is taking over the role Chris Mashburn has just left. She has been working at the HTC since November, learning the ropes with Chris and the clinical staff.

Kate comes to us with 19 years of nursing experience in a variety of critical care, acute care, and ambulatory settings. She grew up in a small rural community in south central Minnesota. She moved to Denver in 2007 and is married with two school-aged kids. Kate earned her RN in Minnesota and her Bachelors in Nursing in Denver. She has a Masters in Health Services Administration that she earned in 2017 at Regis University in Denver. Kate loves being outdoors with her family, hiking, biking, and exploring new places.

Kate enjoys working closely with patients and their families to create a plan of care they can successfully manage at home. She is a leader in nursing and finds great joy and pride in supporting the clinical team through innovative projects and improvements.

She is excited to work with the bleeding disorder community because our patients span all age groups and build a close connection with their providers over the years of their care.

She already loves working here and

says, ***“The team at the HTC is so incredibly passionate. It is inspiring to work with such a wonderful, professional, caring group!”***

Kate loves the opportunity to work with patients and families to conquer the challenges a bleeding disorder brings. She will be a great strength to our team and has jumped right in, caring for many patients already.

Keep an eye out for her the next time you visit our clinic. Welcome to the HTC Kate!



Chris Mashburn with our new HTC Clinical Manager, Kate Hoeft. Photo: Kristi Norton

## RECENT HEADLINES

These are a few of the headlines that we've recently featured on our Newsroom page or on Facebook.

**UniQure and Pfizer Share Updates on Gene Therapy Trials for Hemophilia B**

**Takeda and Enzyre Partner to Develop Home Blood Test for Hemophilia Patients**

**Study Examines Adherence Rates for Hemophilia Patients Using Emicizumab**

**Sangamo Shares Data for Gene Therapy Study on SB-525 for Hemophilia A**

**Emicizumab May Yield Improvements in Joint Health in Hemophilia Patients**

We maintain a Newsroom page at our website with a list of the news we feel may be of interest to our patients and families. To see more go to: [www.medschool.ucdenver.edu/htc](http://www.medschool.ucdenver.edu/htc) then find the **RESOURCES** tab, and go to the **NEWSROOM** page. Find other stories at our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ColoradoHTC/](http://www.facebook.com/ColoradoHTC/)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Mark Your Calendars:

**Dec 24-25:** Clinic, Pharmacy, and Administrative Offices closed for Christmas Holiday

**Jan 1:** Clinic, Pharmacy, and Administrative Offices closed for New Year's Day

**Jan 14:** Pediatric Stroke Parent Support Group 6-7:30 pm

**Jan 20:** Clinic, Pharmacy, and Administrative Offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Feb 11:** Pediatric Stroke Parent Support Group 6-7:30 pm

**Feb 17:** Clinic, Pharmacy, and Administrative Offices Closed for Presidents Day

**Feb 21-23:** RMHBDA Education Weekend and Annual Meeting—Bozeman, MT

**Feb 26-28:** NHF Washington Days

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