

The Clotting Connection

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HTC PHARMACY CONTINUES EXCELLENT SERVICE AND CARE

In October we celebrate Pharmacy Week and American Pharmacists Month. We thought it would be a great time to touch base with our Pharmacy Manager, Paul Limberis, and share updates about the HTC Pharmacy. As you may know, our pharmacy has made many intense adjustments with the onset of COVID-19 to make sure that their operations stayed in full working order.



Some of our pharmacy staff this month. Back row from left: Jonathan Truong, Desi Hill, Paul Limberis, Kara Taylor, Tiffany Tran; Front row from left: Talia Garramone, Trish Tucker, Yvette Portillo-Corral.

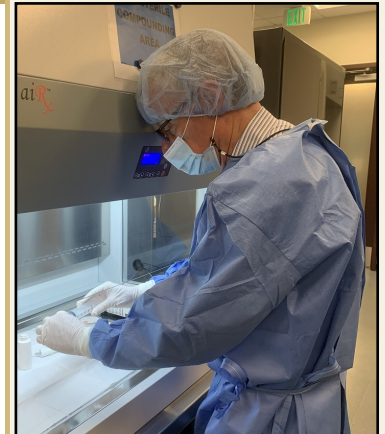
Over the past 19 months they had to be creative, to adapt, and change to keep working and keep everyone as safe as possible. By breaking into rotating teams, and using strict social distancing and sanitizing efforts, they made it possible to quickly isolate if there was exposure and still have a team in place to keep the pharmacy running. When the vaccines became available, our pharmacy team were among the first to get vaccinated to keep one another safe. Our clinic and pharmacy continue to abide by strict standards to maintain a workspace that protects both patients and co-workers. In the last several months, we've added two new pharmacists, a pharmacy tech, and a new intern to our talented staff. We so appreciate the hard work and dedication of our pharmacy team!

Paul Limberis has been working as our Pharmacy Manager since 2014. He has overseen some great upgrades and changes to streamline and update our operations and policies. We asked Paul a few questions about our pharmacy and how things are going.

Q: How is the University of Colorado HTC pharmacy different from other home health care pharmacies?

A. The HTC Pharmacy is a not for profit, 340B pharmacy supporting the operations of the University of Colorado HTC. The federal 340B program mandates that income received from the sale of prescription medications dispensed by the HTC pharmacy must be used to provide comprehensive healthcare services to our bleeding disorder patients. Our pharmacy is part of the care team that provides services to the bleeding disorder patients seen at the HTC. We work directly with the nurses, doctors and other providers, physical therapists, and psychosocial team to provide integrated services for our patients.

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Our Pharmacy Manager, Paul Limberis, working in our pharmacy. He shares what makes our pharmacy unique in this issue.

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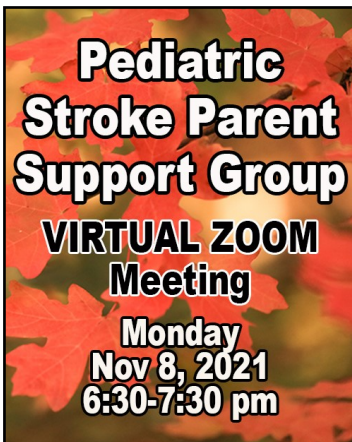
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PEDIATRIC STROKE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP



Our Pediatric Stroke Parent Support Group will be on **Monday, November 8, 2021 at 6:30 pm** on Zoom. This group invites parents of children who survived a stroke to meet with one another and our stroke team each month.

Normally we meet in person, but with the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions we are continuing to have these meetings on Zoom until things improve.

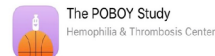
We have changed the date of our meetings to the second Monday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Meetings are open to families of children of all ages and all types of stroke. Your child does not need to be seen at our stroke clinic to join our meetings.

For more details, see our [website here](#), or [follow us on Facebook](#). To join our September meeting, please RSVP to strokesupport@ucdenver.edu or call 303-724-8520.

NEW APP TO TRACK YOUR BLEEDING DISORDER

How to get started...

1. Download the app from the Apple store:



2. Let a member of our team know you are interested and we will send you an email with further information.

For more info contact:

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Track bleeding events, medications, & activities that may have contributed to bleeding.

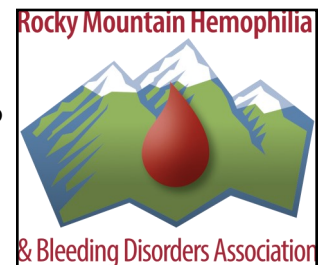
Currently available on iPhone or iPad.

[Android development is in process!]

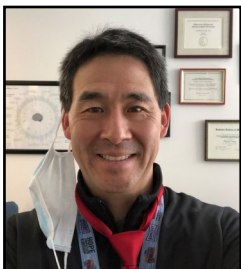
UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BLEEDING DISORDER FAMILIES

RMHBDA Women's Retreat

The Rocky Mountain Hemophilia and Bleeding Disorders Association will be hosting an in-person Women's Retreat on November 5-7, 2021 at Chico Hot Springs, in Pray, Montana. To find out more details on how to participate and get involved, please see the rmhbda.org website.



Ask the HTC: Staying Healthy this Holiday Season



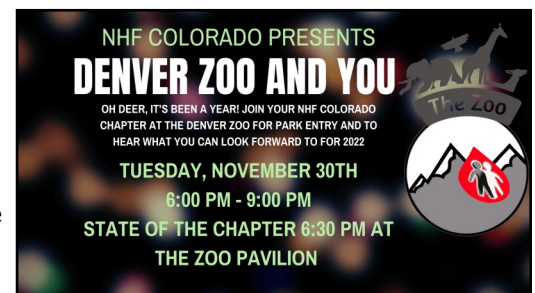
Join us online for a virtual event on November 17th at 6 pm to both learn from and connect with our HTC staff. Dr. Wang will be joined by others from our HTC to provide an in-depth look at the newest COVID information for bleeding disorders, a Q & A session, and tips and tricks to stay healthy this holiday season.

Attendees will receive a \$50 GrubHub gift card (one per household). To register, [sign up at the cohemo.org event page here](http://cohemo.org).

The Zoo and You! Denver Zoo Lights with NHF CO

You are invited to bypass the excruciatingly long line and parking headaches by joining NHF Colorado for a semi-private viewing of Denver Zoo Lights on November 30, 2021 from 6-9 pm. Free to all NHF Colorado community members, this outdoor event will give families an opportunity to safely connect and enjoy the scenes at the Denver Zoo!

Registration is open now and the deadline to register is November 18th. Be aware that strict COVID protocols will be in place for this event. For more details and to register [go to cohemo.org on their event page](http://cohemo.org).



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Talia pulling an order for a patient.

Q: What changes do you expect in the future for the HTC pharmacy?

A. As therapies for bleeding disorders evolve, including gene therapies, the HTC pharmacy is planning to expand their services to include sterile compounding of these new therapies. This will involve expanding the pharmacy space, training of staff, and new policies to provide these therapies.

Q: What makes our HTC pharmacy staff unique?

A. The HTC pharmacy has added new staff to the pharmacy this past year. This allows us to provide increased patient care services including individualized patient care plans to meet the unique needs of our patients. We strive to know each of our patients personally and customize our services to meet their needs. The HTC pharmacists are available 24/7 to assist with our patient's needs.

Q. What has been the pharmacy's biggest accomplishment during your time at the HTC pharmacy?

A. The pharmacy took on the challenge to become accredited as a Specialty Pharmacy starting in 2016. Through these endeavors, the pharmacy has created and maintained policies and procedures that align with the specialty pharmacy standards and promote a high level of specialized care to patients. The pharmacy was accredited by URAC in December 2017 and reaccredited in December 2020. We are very happy to report that we received a second accreditation as a Specialty Pharmacy through ACHC in May of 2021. The University of Colorado HTC is one of only a few HTC Pharmacies in the country that are dual accredited.

Q. How has COVID affected the HTC pharmacy and its operations?

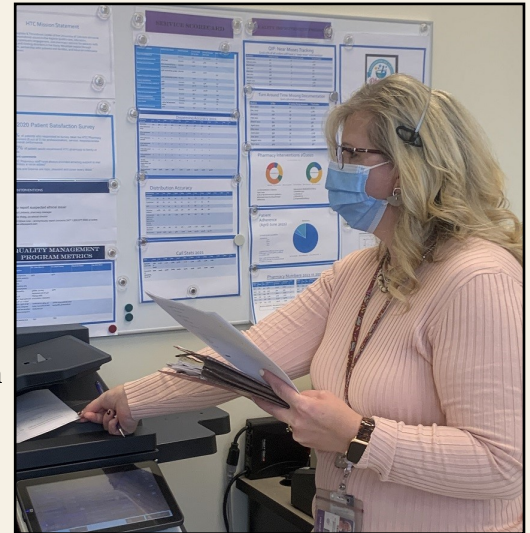
A. The past one and a half years has presented many challenges to the operations of the HTC pharmacy. When operations at University of Colorado Anschutz Campus were suspended due to COVID-19 in March 2020, the pharmacy was granted authorization to remain open and fully functional to continue to serve our patients. The pharmacy team was split into two groups, with one working remotely and one on-site and the pharmacy manager on-site every day. Currently all staff members are on-site every day. The HTC pharmacy has been able to provide uninterrupted services to our patients throughout the pandemic.

Our pharmacy team has done so much and continued to provide stellar service throughout this challenging time!

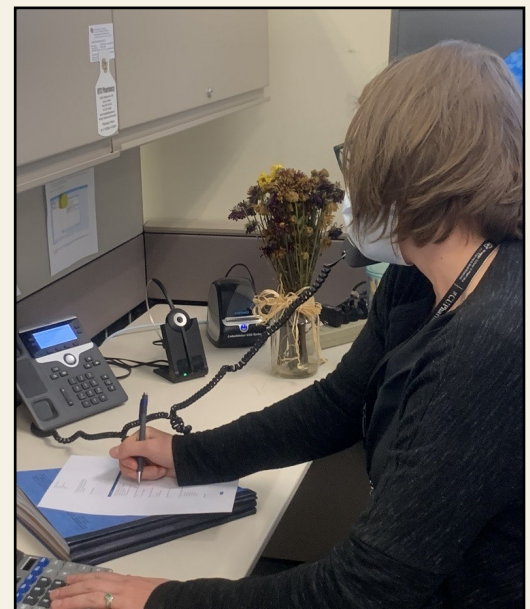
Next time you call and chat with our pharmacy team, be sure to thank them for their efforts. The HTC could not function without them!



Kara preparing an order for shipping.



Desi printing information for an order.



Erica consulting with one of our patients.

RECENT HEADLINES

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

Long-Term Preventative Use of Esperoct Effective in Hemophilia A Patients

“Reverse Vaccination” May Help Prevent Immune Response

Study Finds Breakthrough Bleeds Likely for Hemophilia A Patients on Hemibra

FDA Restores BeneFIX as Prophylactic for Children with Hemophilia B

SerpinPC Prevents Bleeds in Hemophilia A and B Patients in Phase 2a Trial

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. Go to medschool.cuanschutz.edu/hemophilia-thrombosis/resources/newsroom to read more. We also share news on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars:

Please note. These dates may be tentative and subject to change. Please check appropriate websites for confirmation of events.

Oct 28-29: ATHN Data Summit

Nov 5-7: RMHBDA Women's Retreat-Chico Hot Springs, Pray, MT

Nov 8: Pediatric Stroke Parent Support Group

Nov 9: NHF Colorado Annual Stakeholder Meeting

Nov 17: NHF CO-Ask the HTC: Staying Healthy this Holiday Season-VIRTUAL

Nov 25-26: Clinic, Pharmacy, and Admin offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov 30: NHF CO Denver Zoo and You

See more at our Events Page on our website:
medschool.cuanschutz.edu/hemophilia-thrombosis/resources/events-calendar

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