

The Clotting Connection

A Newsletter for Families with Bleeding and Clotting Disorders



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CELEBRATING OUR HTC PHARMACY



Suzanne Kasim, Desiree Hill, and Talia Garramone are just a few members of our wonderful pharmacy team.

October brings fall colors and cooler temperatures, but it is also the month when we celebrate Pharmacy Week and American Pharmacists month. Our HTC Pharmacy works closely with our clinical team to quickly provide needed products to our patients. Because we treat such a specialized group of patients, our clinical and pharmacy staff understand their unique needs and can respond immediately to fulfill medication requirements.

Our HTC Pharmacy team had several changes in staffing over the last year but continue to provide outstanding service with both efficiency and quality. Our new

Pharmacy Manager, Desiree Hill, has been working with our pharmacy team since 2010 and brings vast experience to our pharmacy. She took some time to answer a few questions about our HTC Pharmacy and what makes it unique.

How is the HTC pharmacy different than other specialty pharmacies?

Our HTC Pharmacy is an accredited specialty pharmacy which provides clotting factor and specialty medications for the bleeding disorder community. The HTC Pharmacy is different from other specialty pharmacies because they are a designated 340B entity. This means the pharmacy operates as a non-profit organization under a special government designation which allows us to purchase hemophilia medications at a discount from manufacturers, with the stipulation that the profits be invested back into the HTC and used to reduce the cost of care for patients.

Unlike other specialty pharmacies, the HTC Pharmacy only fills prescriptions for bleeding disorders. Bleeding disorders are the HTC Pharmacy's one and only focus—we are experts in bleeding disorder medications. The HTC Pharmacy is also unique in that we are a part of the HTC team and work side by side with our providers, nurses, physical therapists, and psychosocial team to help patients find the right medication and care they need.



Talia Garramone puts together an order for a patient to be shipped. Our team always use strict protocols to make sure all our orders are both correct and properly cared for at all stages of preparation.

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Our HTC hopes everyone has a spooky, fun, and safe Halloween! We will be open on Halloween day. See our website for upcoming holiday closure dates.

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Who is our pharmacy team?

The current pharmacy team is made up of Desiree Hill-Pharmacy Manager, Clair Kaiser-Senior Clinical Pharmacist, Suzanne Kasim-Part-time Clinical Pharmacist, Talia Garramone-Pharmacy Technician, Trish Tucker-Administrative Assistant, Candice Murchison-Insurance Specialist, Tiffany Tran-Pharmacy Intern, and Michelle Krey-Pharmacy Intern. This group works diligently to ship these specialized medicines to patients quickly and safely, including making sure they are kept at the correct temperature, that insurance authorizations are in place, and that patients understand how to administer them.

Who can use the HTC pharmacy?

The HTC Pharmacy can only service established patients of the HTC and we can only fill medication orders from our HTC providers. We fill for all Medicaid patients (except Nebraska) that can self-infuse or have someone who will infuse for them at home. We can also fill for most Medicare patients that are self-infusers, Kaiser plans, and most Anthem plans. If you work for a large business, chances are good that the company funds your health care insurance policy. For these insurance plans, the HTC Pharmacy can negotiate with your employer to have hemophilia and bleeding disorder medications filled by the HTC Pharmacy and not the contracted pharmacy. This saves the company money and supports the HTC at the same time.

If you would like to fill with our HTC Pharmacy or have questions about your health plan and if it is eligible to fill with the HTC Pharmacy, please call our pharmacy team. We



The HTC Pharmacy has specialized equipment, including multiple refrigerators that are strictly monitored for product safety.

are happy to answer any questions and help patients and families understand this often complex insurance issue.

Our pharmacy is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. To contact our HTC Pharmacy, reach out by phone at 303-724-0168 or toll free at 1-888-724-7427. We generally follow the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus holiday schedule, which we have posted and available at our [website](#). If you need to contact our pharmacy team after-hours or during holidays, we do have a pharmacist on call. You can also email us at hemophilia@ucdenver.edu.

The HTC would not be the same if we did not have our fantastic pharmacy. We celebrate their incredible dedication to our patients and are grateful for the huge part they play in making the HTC a powerful resource for so many.

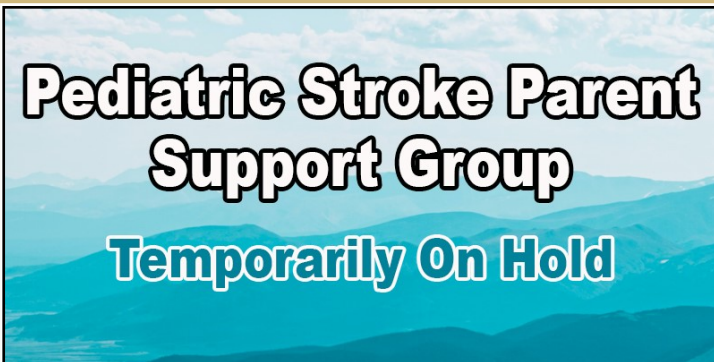
OUTREACH CLINICS

Our HTC is excited to share that we were able to hold three Outreach Clinics so far this year. It's been wonderful to visit our patients who live closer to Montana or Grand Junction after two years of being unable to do so! We have one more scheduled Outreach Clinic for 2022 and the dates have changed. For those living in the Billings, Montana area, our final clinic this year will be:

Billings, MT — November 9-11, 2022

Patients who live in the area should be contacted by our HTC, however if you live closer to Billings, Montana and would like to meet with us in November, please reach out to our schedulers at 303-724-0724.

Please see our Outreach Clinic page on our website at: medschool.cuanschutz.edu/hemophilia-thrombosis/clinic/clinics/bleeding-disorders/outreach for details about and directions to our clinics. If you have questions about attending one of our Outreach Clinics, please contact your medical team or our schedulers at 303-724-0724.



Our [Pediatric Stroke Parent Support Group](#) is on hold temporarily as we make some adjustments within our center. We hope to soon provide this service in a way that will best fit the needs of our families.

Please check our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for more information and details on upcoming meetings.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at strokesupport@ucdenver.edu or (303) 724-8520. Follow us on Facebook for the latest at www.facebook.com/Colopedsstroke.

HTC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Did you know that our HTC is hiring? We have several job openings available and some that are coming soon. A few that have been posted include:

- Pharmacy Technician
- Senior Clinical Pharmacist
- Social Worker
- Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant
- Finance Professional
- Clinical Science Professional/Research



If you or someone you know have these skillsets and would like to join our team, go to cu.edu/cu-careers and click on the Anschutz Medical Campus link, and their [CU Anschutz Openings](#) page. If you put "Hemophilia" in the Keyword section of the search bar, the current jobs available at our center will appear. Be aware there may be some listed that are not at our HTC, so read the descriptions carefully.

NHF COLORADO FALL EVENTS

Nov 29: The Zoo and You! Denver Zoo Lights Party



NHF Colorado has arranged a semi-private viewing of the Denver Zoo Lights as a part of their Holiday Party and State of the Chapter event on Tuesday, Nov 29, 2022. Hot cocoa, snacks and social time begins at 5:30 pm. For more information and to sign up go to cohemmo.org.

Dec 13: Bleeders and Blades: A Men's Event—Axe Throwing at Primal Axe House

A special event for all men in the bleeding disorder community, including directly impacted or caregivers, will be on Tuesday, Dec 13, 2022 from 6-9 pm. Registration includes dinner and 2 hours of training and throw time. Details and registration can be found at cohemmo.org.



HOLIDAY CLOSURES & SHIPPING DEADLINES

As the holiday season approaches, be aware of upcoming clinic closures, as well as the shipping deadlines needed to ship pharmacy orders on time.



Clinic, Pharmacy, & Admin offices are closed on the following dates:

Thur-Fri Nov 24-25, 2022: Thanksgiving Holiday

Fri-Mon Dec 23-26: Christmas Holiday

Mon Jan 2, 2023: New Year's Day (observed)

Last date to ship before each holiday:

Before Thanksgiving Tues, Nov 22, 2022

Before Christmas Wed., Dec 21, 2022

Before New Year's Wed., Dec 28, 2022

If you need to contact our clinic or pharmacy during any holiday, see our [contact page](#) for our after-hours info.

RETURN SLIPS & RECYCLE BOXES!

Our pharmacy is required to have records on file about medications and supplies they send out to our patients. When you receive factor or other items from our HTC Pharmacy, please remember to return the delivery receipt stamped in **red ink**. Instructions are included in the packaging.



These slips must be signed, dated and mailed to us.

There is a self-addressed and stamped envelope provided. Thank you for your help!



Our pharmacy also has made it easier for you to recycle your Certis, specialized shipping materials! We include recycling instructions with each of our factor shipments that explain the process to have FedEx pick up your box and return it. The pharmacy is happy to print out as many return labels as you need. [Contact our pharmacy](#) if you have questions about this program or other questions about your medications at 303-724-0168 or at hemophilia@ucdenver.edu.

RECENT HEADLINES

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

BioMarin Resubmits Hemophilia A Gene Therapy for FDA Approval

Research Shows Untreated Hemophilia A Bleeds are Common

Pfizer/Sangamo Gene Therapy Phase 3 Trial to Resume After Pause for Safety Concerns

FDA Grants Orphan Drug Status to SerpinPC for Hemophilia B

FDA Grants Priority Review of Efanesoctocog Alfa for Hemophilia A

Hemlibra Improves Joint Health in Younger Hemophilia A Patients in 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.

Sign up to get this newsletter delivered directly to your email box each month! Just go to eepurl.com/bnszoz and fill out the form!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars:

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

Nov 4-6: RMHBDA Women's Retreat — Chico Hot Springs, Pray, MT

Nov 9-11: HTC Outreach Clinic — Billings, MT **(Date Change)**

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

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