

# Hemophilia & Thrombosis Center

# The Clotting Connection

A Quarterly Newsletter for Families with Bleeding and Clotting Disorders



## WHO WE ARE

The Hemophilia and Thrombosis Center at CU Anschutz is a clinic, 340B pharmacy, and research facility specializing in caring for individuals with bleeding and clotting disorders in the Rocky Mountain Region. We serve Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, and parts of Nebraska. We are located in Aurora, Colorado on the CU Anschutz campus.

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## Newsletter Adjustments at the HTC

For more than a decade our HTC has sent out a newsletter once a month to patients, families, and other interested parties. These we print, send via email, and post digital versions at our website. The University of Colorado has set in place some additional security adjustments in recent months that has made some of our digital delivery a challenge. This required us to make some changes to the software we are using, which took some time to get in place.

In addition, our HTC team has decided to shift from a monthly newsletter to a quarterly one. We may also send out mini news updates to our subscribers between the quarterly newsletters when it is important to share information. We thank all our readers for their patience as we work through the best practices to communicate with our patients and families.

As a part of our adjustments, know that we are working hard to continue to connect via Facebook, X/Twitter, and have recently begun building a plan to start regularly posting on Instagram and YouTube. If you use any of these platforms, we'd love to have you connect with us in that way as well.

This paper/pdf version we will continue to have available in our office, at our website, and included with mailed pharmacy medication. We hope you can take a few minutes to read about what the HTC has been up to when it crosses your path. You can sign up for the digital version via the link/QR code below and it will arrive in your email. As in the past, we will never sell your contact information. Your email subscription is purely for communication between our HTC and you. If you change your mind and no longer want to receive our newsletters and updates, you can always go to the bottom of our digital newsletter and opt out. We also welcome your feedback, which can be shared with us at any time via our newsletter email: [HTC.Newsletter@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:HTC.Newsletter@cuanschutz.edu).

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# Outreach Clinics for 2026

Our HTC team visits several locations in our region to offer comprehensive care to our patients who live in more distant areas from our main clinic. This gives our patients the opportunity to more easily visit with our providers in-person on at least an annual level.

In 2026 we currently have four outreach clinics planned.

## Grand Junction, CO

- June 23-25, 2026

## Missoula, MT

- Aug 25-27, 2026

## Billings, MT

- Sept 15-17, 2026
- Sept 29-Oct 1, 2026

For each clinic, forms and details will be mailed to our regular patients in the area. If you want more information, or to schedule an appointment for one of these clinics, please contact our front desk at 888-297-0724 or 303-724-0724.

More details can be found at our website [Outreach Clinic page](#) on our website.

Go to:

[medschool.cuanschutz.edu/htc](https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/htc)

Look under the Clinic tab and find Clinics, then Bleeding Disorders, then Outreach

# Supporting Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month

Did you know that every March is Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month? In 1986, President Ronald Reagan designated March as Hemophilia Awareness Month, and in 2016 the US Department of Health and Human Services officially broadened the designation to include those with von Willebrand Disease and other bleeding disorders.

In late February, the Colorado NBDF chapter held a local advocacy event to bring awareness to the Colorado capitol about chronic diseases, including bleeding disorders. It was one of the larger local advocacy visits to the Colorado capitol in recent years. Our HTC pharmacy sent representatives to help educate participants on how the 340B pharmacy program supports and sustains the care for patients at our HTC.



Education Days provided learning and fun for all ages. Photo: NBDF Colorado



A small but mighty team from the NBDF Colorado chapter flew to Washington DC to advocate for families with bleeding disorders. Photo: NBDF Colorado

The chapter was also able to coordinate a small group of participants to attend Washington Days in early March, where they visited Washington DC to share their experiences living with a bleeding disorder. These advocacy efforts are an important way to let political leaders know the impact they have when creating laws or making changes to regulations that affect healthcare.

In March, NBDF Colorado hosted their annual Education Days in Denver. They had over two hundred participants this year who learned and connected with others in the bleeding disorders community. Our HTC participated in a wide variety of events and sessions, including our nurses teaching an infusion class and our PTs supporting a breakout session on wrapping joints. Dr. Buckner and Dr. Ng provided a session update

on gene therapy that was well received.

The HTC led an interactive panel that was the highest rated session of the weekend. It included representatives from each of the major disciplines we provide at the HTC including Research-Beth Warren, Pharmacy-Desi Hill, Social Work-Bryn Denham, Nursing-Kim Hurdstrom, Physical Therapy-Laura Singer-Fox, and Clinical Care-Kate Hoeft.

We thank all who participated in this and other events that both educate and support the ongoing care of those with bleeding disorders.

You can find more upcoming events from the Colorado NBDF Chapter at their website: <https://co.bleeding.org/> and the RMHBDA Chapter in Montana at their site: <https://rmhbda.org/>.

# Celebrating our Social Workers



DeEtta Barnhardt and Bryn Dunham, make a huge impact on our HTC!

We are grateful for their hard work every day! Happy National Social Work Month!

Photo: Merilee Ashton

March is National Social Work Month! Our HTC has two incredible social workers who work with our patients every day, making their lives better. Bryn Dunham, MSW, LCSW and DeEtta Barnhardt, MSW, LCSW are both highly experienced, creative, and unfailingly kind. Social workers at the HTC help our patients and their families navigate the challenges that come with managing a chronic health condition like a bleeding disorder.

They provide resources, support with insurance issues, guidance with needle phobias and

treatment avoidance, as well as helping our children learn to take steps to manage their own care as they grow older.

Bryn is on the National Bleeding Disorders Foundation (NBDF) Social Work Working Group, where she connects with others across the country, addressing issues our patients face. In particular, she has helped teach and share on a national level the specific needs of patients living in rural communities.

DeEtta is the primary social worker for our HTC Spots and Dots Clinic. This is a

special clinic that works with women and girls who have bleeding disorders. She helps them navigate some of the unique obstacles that women face as they deal with the additional problems a bleeding disorder can bring to their daily life.

Our entire HTC is so grateful for all Bryn and DeEtta do here at our center.

They work behind the scenes to make our patients and staff feel so appreciated. We are very lucky to have them on our team!

# Drops of Love

Our HTC has a program called “Drops of Love” to help celebrate and thank those who work at our center. Any patient, family member, caregiver, or visitor to our HTC can recognize anyone at our center who went above and beyond with a simple scan on a smartphone.

We know that even one great interaction with a clinical team member can make a visit to the HTC a positive experience and help patients improve their health. This is an easy way to thank our nurses and other providers who make a difference to your care.

Just scan the QR code (below) or scan the code in our office to send a “drop of love” to our staff members. Let us know how they made a difference in their service to you!

Thank you for sharing your feedback with us!

## Recent Headlines

These are a few of the headlines that we've recently featured on our website Newsroom page and/or on social media.

**Survey Shows Little Interest in Gene Therapy for Many Hemophilia Patients**

**CSL Behring Announces Temporary Disruption in Hemgenix Supply**

**Study Shows Lower-Dose Gene Therapy Effective in Hemophilia A**

**Gene Therapy for Hemophilia B Continues to Show Factor Production After 6 Years**

**BioMarin Pulls Gene Therapy Roctavian from US Market**

**Hemophilia Patients Face 46% Higher Risk of Bone Fractures**

**NBDF and WFH Issue Statement on Severe Adverse Event with Hympavzi**

We maintain a newsroom page at our website with a list of news articles that may be of interest to our patients and families. Go to [medschool.cuanschutz.edu/htc](https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/htc) and look under Resources for the Newsroom page to read more. We also share news on our [Facebook](#) and [X/Twitter](#) accounts.



**Mark Your Calendars:**

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

**April**

- Apr 10-12: RMHBDA Big Sky Family Retreat—Fairmont Hot Springs, Anaconda, MT
- Apr 16-19: HFA Annual Symposium 2026—New Orleans, LA
- Apr 16: NBDF Colorado World Hemophilia Day Dinner (in English and Spanish)
- Apr 16: World Hemophilia Day
- Apr 21: NBDF Colorado, Young Adult, Chef-Led Meal at Ronald McDonald House
- Apr 19-22: WFH World Congress—Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- April TBA: Registration opens for Mile High Summer Camp

**May**

- May 2: NBDF Colorado—Backpacks & Bleeders Hike
- May 9: NBDF Colorado—Women's Luncheon
- May 16: NBDF Colorado—Mini Education Day at Colorado Springs Great Wolf Lodge
- May 25: Clinic, Pharmacy, and Admin offices closed for Memorial Day

**June**

- Jun 5-7: NBDF Colorado Family Camp
- Jun 19: Juneteenth (our clinic is open)
- Jun 27: NBDF Colorado—Families on the River

**July**

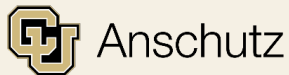
- Jul 3: Clinic, Pharmacy, and Admin offices closed for Independence Day
- Jul 11-15: ISTH Congress—Paris, France
- Jul 12-16: Mile High Summer Camp and Teen Retreat—Empire, CO
- Jul 13-15: 340B Coalition Summer Conference—Washington, DC

See more at our Events Page on our website: [medschool.cuanschutz.edu/htc](https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/htc) and find the Events page under the Resources tab.

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