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New Chief of Neurosurgery is named at Children's Hospital of Colorado

We are excited to announce that **Todd Hankinson**, MD, Clinical Medical Director of the Department of Neurosurgery at Children's Hospital of Colorado, will assume the role of Chief of Neurosurgery in **January of 2021**. In addition to this new position, he will continue his responsibilities as Clinical Medical Director.

Dr. Hankinson, a professor of Neurosurgery and Pediatrics, has been a member of the CU Neurosurgery faculty, since Aug. 2010. He is a worldwide leader in the care of patients with craniopharyngiomas and has made many significant contributions to clinical outcome research. Dr. Hankinson is eager to advance his leadership vision and expand our focus on research and unique approaches to multi-disciplinary care.

Dr. Hankinson will take over for **Michael Handler**, MD, Associate Surgeon-in-Chief, who has held this role for the past 15 years. The Department of Neurosurgery at CHCO, thanks in large part to Dr. Handler's leadership, has earned national and international recognition as a center for excellence in neuro-oncology, fetal neurosurgery, epilepsy surgery and more.

Additionally, under Dr. Handler's leadership, the CHCO Neurosurgery team has developed a competitive International Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellowship, expanded from two attending physicians to seven, introduced an additional four advanced practice providers and fostered a culture of innovation and excellence. Dr. Handler will continue serving as Associate Surgeon-in-Chief.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Hankinson and thanking Dr. Handler for his continued commitment to Children's Colorado, and to the CU Neurosurgery Department.

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