

Pathology Newsletter

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WORDS FROM THE PD/APD



Welcome to the latest edition of our Pathology Residency newsletter! As the new academic year is in full swing, we are delighted to announce the successful immersion of our first year residents into our program. Our entire new cohort of residents has been contributing greatly to our clinical and academic productivity by embracing their new roles with enthusiasm and dedication. This is also the time of the year when faculty, trainees and staff are laboriously recruiting our next talented class that will join us in 2025. We are truly grateful for these efforts.

As with previous editions, we would like to take a moment to celebrate the remarkable achievements of members of our department, both personal and professional, and the joyful culture of our workplace. Take the time to learn about one of our incredible educators, Morgan Bagley! She was recently awarded by our trainees as one of the best teachers in our department. We successfully graduated our senior residents who are now spread across the country in prestigious fellowships. We welcome all the pathologists that have recently join our faculty. They say a picture says a thousand words, so get a glimpse of our culture through these various pictures that were shared by faculty, trainees, and staff.

We also want to thank and recognize Hannah Schmidt who will be leaving us shortly. As a program coordinator, Hannah has been an instrumental contributor to the program's leadership. Over the past year, Hannah has been both a Physician Assistant student and a Program Coordinator. Her schedule as a student is now more restrictive. We wish her the best!

Lastly, despite the increasing negative environment for initiatives on DEI at the national level, the University of Colorado and the department of Pathology have doubled down on our commitment to foster an inclusive workforce with equity. In that spirit, the office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Community Engagement has been offering a series of training on DEI to members of our department through their Health Equity in Action Lab (HEAL). Look out for an announcement on the next scheduled session.

-Drs. Von Samedi, Mary Berg, Lindsey Westbrook, John Fowler

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

MORGAN BAGLEY MHS, PA(ASCP)^{cm}

Instructor - Pathologists' Assistant

**University of degree**

Masters of Health Science in Pathologists' Assistant Studies
from Quinnipiac University

Where did you grow up?

Stafford Springs, CT

What are you most proud of?

The relationships and community I've built in CO.

Favorite thing to do in Colorado.

Skiing, it's a big part of what brought me to Colorado in the first place.

Best place you've ever traveled.

Istanbul, Turkey

Something you're passionate about.

Women's health care.

Who had the greatest influence on your education and/or career path?

A family friend Nicole, also a pathologists' assistant, knew I wasn't quite sure what I wanted to do once I graduated with my undergraduate degree and thought I may enjoy this field. She brought me in to shadow in her lab and got me into Yale to shadow surgical pathology and autopsy as well. I fell in love with pathology and when I was applying to Quinnipiac she endorsed my application.

Most impactful part of your job.

I think there are two very impactful aspects of this job. 1. Ensuring proper diagnosis for patients through appropriate handling of specimens and 2. Teaching residents the principles of macroscopic dissection and gross anatomy.

What advice would you give to your younger self or someone still pursuing their education? .

Find what you are passionate about and pursue it to the best of your ability.

Denver's Best: 295 CU Medicine Physicians Named Top Doctors in 5280 Magazine's 2024 List



University of Colorado School of Medicine and CU Medicine continue to lead Denver's medical landscape, with 295 providers recognized in 5280 Magazine's prestigious Top Doctors list for 2024

This year's compilation showcases the cream of Denver's medical community, featuring hundreds of exceptional doctors across 70+ specialties. The selection process, rooted in peer recognition, asks Denver-area physicians to nominate colleagues they would trust with their own or their family's care.

Click [here](#) to see the full list

5280 Top Doctors - Pathology Faculty

Dara Aisner, MD, PhD

Mary Berg, MD

Carlyne Cool, MD

BK Kleinschmidt-DeMasters, MD

Ann Thor, MD

Resident Feature



Chike Nwabuo, MD
PGY4 Resident

Reappointed to a second term as a Junior member in the CAP/ACMG Biochemical & Molecular Genetics Committee 2025-2026

Recent publication



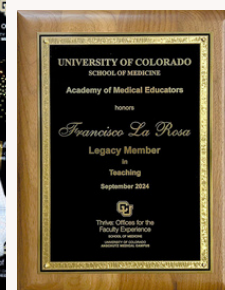
Current Oncology

Reduced Risk of All-Cause, Cancer-, and Cardiovascular Disease-Related Mortality among Patients with Primary Malignant Cardiac Tumors Receiving Chemotherapy in the United States

[Duke Appiah](#)^{1,*}, [Carina R Goodart](#)², [Grishma K Kothari](#)¹, [Imo A Ebong](#)³, [Chike C Nwabuo](#)^{4,5}

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Faculty Feature



Franciso G. La Rosa, MD

New member of the Academy of Medical Educators (AME) of our University as a "Legacy Member in Teaching."

Each year, the AME hosts an induction ceremony to celebrate the achievements of new members and recognize existing members with new designations. This annual event honors faculty educators who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to teaching and innovation in medical education.

The Legacy Member in Teaching is an honorary status that recognizes faculty members who have made significant and sustained contributions as leaders and innovators in medical education, both nationally and internationally.



MICHAEL CLAY, MD

TGCT DAY OF LEARNING IN
COLORADO
7.27.24



TGCT Support
@TGCTSupportorg

Today, we awarded @CUCancerCenter and the sarcoma team as the first #TGCT Center of Excellence. Their talks at #TDOL were exceptional and we are lucky for their dedication to our community. Thank you @breelynwikyMD Drs Nathan Donaldson, Steven Thorpe, @AMaleddu and Michael Clay

What is TGCT?

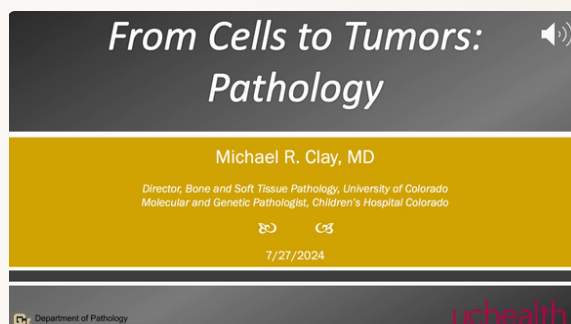
TGCT Support has a simple purpose: to improve treatment of a rare disease — Tenosynovial Giant Cell Tumors (TGCT) — and to help those living with it. To do this, TGCT Support focuses on three key areas: research, patient support & education, and advocacy, which lay the foundation of our mission to ensure the quality of life of TGCT patients through a comprehensive approach connecting individual patients' needs, the worldwide community of TGCT advocates and the global health and research environment.

Watch webinars from TGCT Support [here](#)

TDOL

A TDOL is a free half day event to help TGCT patients and caregivers learn more about this rare disease, find support, and enhance their knowledge base to help them navigate their journey.

Watch recording of Dr. Clay's presentation [here](#)



FEATURED CONTENT

VICE CHAIR OF FINANCE
AND
ADMINISTRATION

GARY BROWN, MA, MBA



Distinguished Service Award in Pathology Department
Administration

July 24, 2024

ASSOCIATION FOR
ACADEMIC PATHOLOGY



ANNUAL WELCOME EVENT

Denver Botanic Gardens

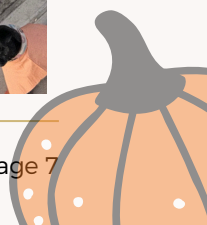


Thank you to all who came
to welcome our new
interns and their families!





HALLOWEEN







PLEASE
JOIN US FOR A

HOLIDAY PARTY

9 DEC | 11:30-1:30 PM

PATHOLOGY APPRECIATION HOLIDAY POTLUCK

KRUGMAN HALL RC2 2ND FLOOR

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE - SIGN UP [HERE](#)



WELCOME NEW HIRES

PATHOLOGY

TIMOTHY MILLER, MD, PHD

HEME PATH, MOLECULAR PATH UCH AND CMOCO

LYNELLE SMITH, MD

BREAST, GYN PATH, CYTOPATH UCH

RYAN THOMAS, MD

CYTOPATHOLOGY, SURGICAL PATHOLOGY UCH

JEANNE BENOIT, PHD

BIOINFORMATICS AND DATABASE TECHNOLOGIES, CMOCO AND RESEARCH

REEMA WAHDAN-ALASWAD PHD

RESEARCH ASSIST PROFESSOR

HARRY PORTERFIELD, DO

DIRECTOR OF MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS, UCH LABS

ADEKUNLE ALABI, PHD

DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY AND MASS SPECTROMETRY UCH LABS

DAVID KEMBLE, PHD

DIRECTOR CLIN CHEMISTRY, CHCO

SULAKSHANA RANJAN SHIVAKUMAR, MD

INFORMATICS, BLOOD BANKING AND TRANSFUSION MEDICINE CHCO

MONICA SANCHEZ AVILA, MD

GI, LIVER, PANCREATICO-BILIARY PATHOLOGY UCH



UPCOMING

events



Monday @ 11am-2pm

Holiday Potluck

Please join us for a holiday potluck!

Sign up sent via email

Anschutz campus - Krugman Hall

December

9
2024



Christkindl Market

Enjoy some holiday festivities!

Denver - Civic Center Park

Nov 22-
Dec 23
2024



Match Day

An exciting time when we know who will join us next academic year!

March

21
2025

Did you KNOW?

November Highlights

Transgender Awareness Month

Transgender Awareness Month brings attention to the struggles and resilience of transgender individuals, and encourages understanding, acceptance, and allyship. This month provides an opportunity to educate ourselves, advocate for trans rights, and support those who are marginalized due to their gender identity. A pivotal part of the month is Transgender Day of Remembrance (Nov 20), which honors transgender people lost to violence. Now more than ever, we need to advocate for equality, visibility, and amplify transgender voices.

- LGBTQ+ HUB support and resources tab [here](#)
- Access the DEI Office's HEAL training and workshops [here](#)



Prematurity Awareness Month

Each November, Prematurity Awareness Month shines a spotlight on premature birth, which affects approximately 1 in 10 babies in the U.S. The month promotes awareness of the medical and emotional challenges faced by preterm infants and their families. World Prematurity Day on Nov 17 draws global attention to this cause and advances research and support.

- [NICHQ](#) - National Institute for Children's Health Quality
- [March of Dimes](#)



American Diabetes Month

November is American Diabetes Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about diabetes and the importance of prevention, early diagnosis, and proper management. This month emphasizes the role of healthy habits in preventing type 2 diabetes and improving the quality of life for people with diabetes.

- [American Diabetes Association](#)
- [CDC](#)

