Dear Colleague,

Hard to believe that it is March already. Spring will officially be here soon and we will probably have our biggest snow month. And it has been an interesting Sunday afternoon (when I write these notes) with both the US-Canada Gold Medal Hockey Game (which was really a good game in spite of the outcome) and the Nuggets-Lakers on at the same time (which was also a really good game until the last two minutes). I suspect the long-term impact of the hockey loss on the US will be less than if it went the other way.

In a recent ranking of Research organizations that provide the best environment for post-doctoral students, we (UCD) were listed seventh in the US, and the best among universities. The announcement, including links to more details, is attached.

It’s worth repeating that on Tuesday CCTSI will have a great start to its Grand Rounds series. Three speakers will cover NIH funding and Clinical and Translational Science Awards. The keynote speaker is Barbara Alving, MD, director of NIH National Center for Research Resources. The session will be 10 am-2 pm in Ed 2 South, L28-1102.

When CU Nobel Laureate Tom Cech, PhD, last spoke at the Anschutz campus the room was packed. He’s returning to the campus this month to speak at the Joseph W. St. Gome, Jr., MD Lectureship. The topic: The Aviator: From Colorado to the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Round Trip. (Remember that Tom was the President of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute from 2000-09. In April 2009, he returned full-time to his lab at CU Boulder). His talk will center on science policy and the best way to organize scientific efforts. The lecture is March 15 from 4-5 pm at The Children’s Hospital, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Mt. Oxford Auditorium.

Congratulations to Dan Tollin, PhD, Assistant Professor of Physiology and Biophysics, who has received the Young Investigator Award from the National Organization for Hearing Research at the annual meeting of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology.

Individuals and teams now can register for the AMC Cancer Fund’s Gift of Life and Breath 5k Run/Walk. The race, to raise money for an endowment for research into early screening of lung cancer, will be held Saturday May 15, 2010 at the Anschutz Medical Campus. Check-in begins at 8 am, and the race starts at 9am. Details here. By the way, the University of Colorado Cancer Center itself has a team, with a fundraising goal of $3,000. Anyone can join.

Remember that health care providers may give feedback to UPI and the University of Colorado Hospital by sending an email with questions, concerns, suggestions or general commentary about issues that affect your daily practice. Click this link or go to “Provider Satisfaction” in the Outlook contact list.
Our students do remarkable things in the campus and the community. Faculty and staff advisers can help honor them for that through the second annual Excellence Awards for Student Organizations, Leadership, and Service. The AMC Student Assistance Office is looking for nominees for various leadership awards. The categories are: Outstanding Student Organization Leader; Outstanding Student Organization; Outstanding Community Service by an Individual Student; Outstanding Community Service by a Student Organization, and Outstanding Service to the University by an Individual Student. Details are attached. The awards ceremony will be held on April 13, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, on the Community Bridge, Education II North Building. Questions? Contact Cheryl Gibson at 303-724-7684 or cheryl.gibson@ucdenver.edu. The Excellence Awards ceremony is sponsored by AMC Student Senate.

And while I am speaking of students, last week I told you Christina Crumpecker, MSIII, was this year’s winner of the Melissa Adams Memorial Award in Medicine and the Humanities. This week, I got a letter telling me she placed second in a national poetry contest for medical students, the annual William Carlos Williams competition run by Northeastern Ohio College of Medicine. Her poem, Insensible Losses, is attached.

When I moved to Denver in 1968, there was maybe one “top” restaurant in town. It was called the Top of the Rockies, and it was OK, but not what I would call gourmet. To give you perspective, the Trail Dust Steakhouse was maybe next best. In what is one of the better marketing efforts by the now robust restaurant industry in this community, we are in the second and last week of the 5280 celebration (that’s $52.80 for a three course meal for two at several hundred restaurants in the area). I had two opportunities this past weekend to enjoy nice company and good food. The promotion ends Saturday night. You need reservations.

Have a good week.

With warm regards,

[Signature]

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