Dear Colleague,

This is the fifth Monday of March – only three days remaining in the third quarter of the fiscal year, the first quarter of the last year of the first decade of the new millennium, and only seven days until the end of the college basketball season. Like many of you, I have watched a lot of basketball over the last couple of weeks, and while the professional season will go on for another season, the Final Four weekend ends as baseball season begins. Could this be the year of the Rockies?

For those of you who expressed concern about the number of meal functions I described enduring in last week’s email, I haven’t had one since (and won’t for the rest of this week either). Maybe I will drop a few pounds.

The University Hospital Board reviewed the plans for a new tower last week and will make a final decision next month after a final review of the architectural and financial plans. Congress is in recess, and they and the rest of us can perhaps unwind after the pressure of the health care debate. Among the hundreds of provisions written into the legislation just signed by President Obama is a competitive grant program within NIH sponsored by Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania: the Cures Acceleration Network. It authorizes up to half a billion dollars a year to translate research into treatment. It’s unclear, however, how this will be funded, so stay tuned. On the Colorado health-care front, Gov. Bill Ritter was expected this to sign this morning legislation banning gender discrimination in setting individual health-insurance rates. Studies show that some women pay much more than men when buying individual insurance.

About 165 people attended the University of Colorado Cancer Center (UCCC) scientific retreat in Westminster earlier this month. They heard about breakthroughs and exciting prospects in preventing, detecting and treating cancer. The conference also emphasized the underlying theme of collaboration and was attended by nearly all of the schools and hospitals that are part of the UCCC. At the event, incoming Cancer Center director Dan Theodorescu, MD, PhD. (he starts July 1) said that Gail Eckhardt, MD, Professor of Medicine and Head of the Division of Medical Oncology and Andrew Thorburn, PhD, Professor of Pharmacology, will become deputy directors. Andrew is currently serving as acting director.

Connections with the Yamagata Prefectural University of Health Sciences in Japan were renewed Friday as the School of Medicine’s Physical Therapy Program and the College of Nursing officially re-signed their agreement to exchange students and faculty. Officials from our university and theirs attended, as well as representatives of the Japanese government. This is the third five-year agreement with Yamagata.

The School of Medicine’s web migration into MOSS, our new content-management system, is entering its final stages. By July 1, all Web sites under the School of Medicine will need to move over to the new system. Some programs have already made the journey; others are nearly ready.
If you’d like to see what the new site will look like, visit these pages in areas that have completed the move:

- Dean’s Office
- CHAPA
- General Internal Medicine

If you have any feedback – positive or constructive - please click on the Send Your Feedback button on the School of Medicine home page at www.medschool.ucdenver.edu

Have a good week.

With warm regards,

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