Dear Colleagues,

It is that time of year in which, if you have even a mild addiction to sports, there are too many opportunities to become glued to the tube. It was the weekend of the Rockies' no-hitter followed by a blown game the next afternoon similar to the blown Avalanche leads Friday night, and a nice win by the Nuggets in between. And hoping that the Oklahoma City team could beat the Lakers seemed a little fantastic … But by 10:30, the Avalanche had redeemed themselves (on what had to be one of the flukiest goals of the season). I love this time of year.

Speaking of Oklahoma City, I was there Friday and had my first visit to the OU Health Sciences Center in 22 years. I was impressed with the place, which sprawls over 15 blocks of Oklahoma City. One of the nice things they have on their campus is something we have plans for, but not money yet: an anatomic donor memorial. There are some interesting connections between OUHSC and Denver in that their hospital is an HCA hospital reporting in to Jeff Dorsey, former head of Rose Medical Center in the 90s and now CEO of Health One in Denver. And, as I found out when I had dinner with some of the Pediatric and Child Abuse faculty, this leads to some interesting conversations should they want to refer patients to Denver.

Many faculty are traveling this month (a lot of professional society meetings happening). Watching the impact of the Icelandic volcano eruption on European air traffic, it makes me wonder how many of our faculty are trapped over there.

The annual rankings of schools of medicine by U.S. News & World Report came out last Thursday. It’s important to note that while some of the excellent work here was noted by the magazine, not all of it was. That’s because some of our efforts are relatively new or because the magazine simply didn’t look at those categories. If you are interested in detailed information, it is posted on our School of Medicine web site and rankings in all the categories are available on the U.S. News Web site.

The Excellence in Teaching Awards honor six outstanding residents for their humanism, leadership and teaching. The honors, chosen by the medical school class of 2011, this year go to the following: Kara Brogan (Obstetrics & Gynecology); Ben Heinzen, (Medicine); Gregg Marshall (Surgery); Swati Patel (Medicine); Matthew Rustici (Pediatrics), and Arek Wiktor (Surgery). The award ceremony will be held this Friday from noon-1:30 pm in the AMC Education Quad (Ed 2 South Auditorium in case of inclement weather).

Congratulations to Lilia Cervantes, MD, who has been chosen as a faculty recipient of the 2009-2010 President's Diversity Award. Cervantes spent most of her childhood in Juarez, Mexico, before her family immigrated to Denver. An assistant professor at the School of Medicine and hospitalist at Denver Health, she was cited for her work creating the Healthcare Interest Program, HIP, which began last fall, pairs undergraduate minority students from UC Denver with Denver Health physician or physician assistant mentors. The students shadow at Denver Health at least two half-days a month and also attend a monthly "Books to Bedside" lesson that helps them
integrate their college coursework with the diseases seen in the hospital. HIP’s objective is to
diversify the healthcare workforce to decrease health disparities in Colorado.

I mentioned last week that voting is open for the annual 5280 “Top Doctors list” and recalled
that we had the “Cover Doc” two years in a row but forgot that Joy Hawkins, MD, professor of
anesthesiology, was one of three doctors on the cover in 2006.

Larry Gold, PhD, former chairman of the Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology
Department of the University of Colorado, invites you to a symposium called Time: The Crucial
Fourth Dimension of Personalized Medicine. The School of Medicine is a co-sponsor and you
can find the flyer attached to this e-mail.

On Thursday you’ll see tents and tables set up on the east lawn of Building 500 at the Anschutz
Medical Campus. It’s an Earth Day event that will include information about various ways of
getting around: Zimride, a ridesharing service; RTD’s FlexPass, and a bicycle-lending program
for the AMC. Transit officials will be there to answer questions about light-rail expansion to the
campus.

Finally, the annual Kempe Foundation event was held Saturday night. It was really well done,
mostly because the individuals who spoke were spontaneous and the entertainment -- students
from the Denver School of the Arts performing a Broadway revue -- was really nice. Next
weekend is the Denver Health Gala. I hope Garth Brooks will be as entertaining as these very
talented middle and high school students were.

Have a good week.

With warm regards,

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