Dear Colleague:

There I was, all set to give my annual state of the school talk and the snows came – and came and came. It reminded me of the October 40 years ago when we had three storms just like the one we had last week on successive weekends. We have rescheduled it for Thursday afternoon November 12 at 4:30 in Hensel Phelps Auditorium. It will be televised to Denver Health, the VA and National Jewish. If you are on this campus (including Children’s) you need to stop by in person. We will have a reception after it.

Fortunately the snow in Colorado moves out quickly, but issues surrounding our snow plan communications can linger. Some of us were confused when the e-mail came out and closed the Anschutz Medical Campus. The AMC includes University of Colorado Hospital, which never closed last week. The AMC does not include Children’s Hospital (yet) but it never closed either. When UC Denver sends out announcements about closures, they are campus specific and for all non-essential personnel. The UCD announcement does not speak for the hospitals, so if you are a faculty member, resident or students scheduled to see patients on a snow day or your work is at one of our affiliate hospitals, it’s important for you to be in communication with your hospital or practice administrator before deciding not to show up. We also recognize that there are patients being seen in Bldg. 500 and efforts will be made to assure they can get into that location to see their providers. Please read the entire closure announcement because efforts are made to provide this level of detail even if the headline says UC Denver Closes Downtown and Anschutz Medical Campus. Thank you for your commitment to our patients and students on these snow days.

The first ever (that I can remember) University of Colorado Hospital/University Physician’s provider satisfaction survey is now available. The link is
All school of medicine faculty physicians who practice at UCH are encouraged to complete the survey.

For the fourth year, the School of Medicine will offer the Teaching Scholars Program (SOM TSP). The 2010-2011 SOM TSP will be offered jointly by the Educational Development and Research (ED&R) Office and the University of Colorado Academy of Medical Educators; the Program is co-directed by Carol Hodgson, PhD and Eva Aagaard, MD. The purpose of the program is to develop a cadre of highly skilled academic leaders for the School of Medicine and its departments. Faculty members selected for this 14-month, part-time, certificate program will work on developing their teaching, curriculum development, educational scholarship, and academic leadership skills. This program is designed for faculty members who wish to make teaching their primary area of responsibility. Faculty members who complete the application process, with the support of their department chairs, will be chosen to start the program in January 2010.
The Program description, tentative schedule, and application forms are attached. If you have questions about the Program, please e-mail Drs. Hodgson (carol.hodgson@ucdenver.edu) or Aagaard (eva.aagaard@ucdenver.edu).

Two school of medicine students, Bietel Belay and Emily Kauvar are among more than 270 medical and dental students from 70 U.S. schools who will be at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center on Nov. 5-6, for the seventh-annual Clinical Investigator Student Trainee Forum. These students, represent the next generation of clinician-scientists, and will have the opportunity to learn more about new medical research methods and technologies and to network with established clinical and translational researchers. Congratulations Bietel and Emily!!

Welcome, Ken Tyler to the Neurology Chair today, and thanks, Don Gilden for all the good years. We wish you both the best.

Finally, one of our very engaged clinical faculty passed away Friday. John Biddinger, MD was Clinical Professor of Psychiatry. He and his wife Terri have been terrific supporters of not only our School and Department of Psychiatry, but the entire campus. Our condolences go out to Terri, her children Ann and Paul and their grandchildren. He will be missed.

Have a good week.

With warm regards,

Richard D. Krugman, MD
Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and
Dean, School of Medicine

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