AURORA (March 15, 2011) – Primary Care at the University of Colorado School of Medicine bumped up one notch nationally in the latest *U.S. News & World Report* annual survey of medical schools.

The newest findings show School of Medicine rankings in the broadest two categories:

- 4th in Primary Care
- 38th in Research

The research ranking was predictable because the School of Medicine spun off the Department of Preventive Medicine and the Native American and Alaska Native Mental Health Program into the School of Public Health. Separately the medical school’s NIH rankings for 2010 are more desirable at 27th out of all 133 medical schools, and 12th for public medical schools.

Two other programs at the school rose in the top 10 positions as well:

- 4th in Family Medicine
- 5th in Pediatrics
- 13th in Rural Medicine
- 22nd in Internal Medicine

In addition, the school's Physician Assistant program placed 11th nationally.

The report also ranked CU School of Medicine 25th in the nation for the number of graduates entering primary care specialties in the 2008-10 graduating classes. Colorado and the rest of the nation are facing a health care crisis with fewer graduates entering those specialties.

In separate rankings of hospitals released last year, affiliate institute National Jewish Health was ranked 1st in adult pulmonology and 15th in pediatric pulmonology. The two Anschutz Medical Campus hospitals also were highly rated:

**University of Colorado Hospital** (out of nearly 5,000 hospitals surveyed):

- 8th in Pulmonology
- 15th in Kidney Disorders
- 19th in Rheumatology
- 44th in Cancer

**The Children's Hospital** (out of 160 children’s hospitals surveyed):

- 4th in Diabetes and Endocrine Disorders
- 5th in Gastroenterology
- 5th in Pulmonology
- 9th in Orthopaedics
- 9th in Neonatal Care
- 11th in Cancer
Every year, *U.S. News* ranks hospitals and medical schools based on expert opinions about program quality and measures of quality of faculty, research and students. Surveys conducted last fall sought feedback from 126 medical schools and 20 schools of osteopathic medicine, and comprised 1,200 programs and 12,400 academics and professionals.

All of the latest *U.S. News & World Report* rankings are available on the [U.S. News website](http://www.usnews.com). Several other University of Colorado schools and programs performed well in the survey, including the College of Nursing Master's Program, which ranked 15th. To see how other CU programs fared, please go to the [CU Newsroom](http://www.cu.edu) website.