

The Pediatric Ophthalmology Update

The Children’s Hospital Eye Clinic is pleased to introduce a new pediatric ophthalmology clinic at the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute in fall swing.

Dr. Arlene Drack is the Chair of the Ophthalmology Division at the Children’s Hospital, Theodore Curtis, and Rebecca Barnes Brackman, are available for pediatric consultation at BMLingly by calling the TCL CICHI on 82.

Our pediatric ophthalmologists are proud to be associated with the Colorado Lions Midargram Program.

Drs. Drew and Curtis are also approached by the program, and eye clinic manager Camille Mose and CO, MD, will serve as program coordinator. The Colorado Lions Midargram Program.

Volunteers from various Lions Clubs go to preschools across the state of Colorado to take photoscreening of children’s eyes. The light reflected from the retina is analyzed to detect refractive errors, strabismus, and/or media opacities. Bright crescents in the pupils indicate a possible vision problem - the specific type of error can be determined by the size and shape of the crescent.

A photo of a Girl with a cataract. The child has a typical aphakic eye.

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Drs. Arlene Drack and Vikram Durairaj have contributed articles to the American Journal of Ophthalmology.

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**FOCUS ON FACULTY**

Dr. Aline Durack is the Eleanor Marmaduke Professor of Ocular Genetics and Retinal Disease. She has been at the University of Colorado for 11 years and is the Chief of the Ophthalmology Division in the Department of Medicine.

Dr. Ciardella was born in Victoria, Texas and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Texas at Austin. She then went on to the University of Iowa for her MD degree and trained in Ophthalmology at Iowa University and in Ophthalmic Genetics at the University of Washington.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Department of Ophthalmology and the Rocky Mountain Eye Institute are engaged in many translational projects that are the potential to bring new drugs and devices to our patients and the field of ophthalmology.

Translational research uses knowledge of human biology to develop new therapies for ophthalmic-relevant conditions in humans and/or determine the biological mechanisms of the disease in individuals with ocular disease or in populations at risk for eye and vision loss. This work is critical to improve access to care for our patients as well as our academic and research initiatives to invent, innovate, and implement these new technologies.

The NIH Institute of Health and other funding agencies have recently focused research funding on areas that have the potential to provide clinical benefits. Clinically irrelevant research is no longer funded. This is not to say that the most basic research is irrelevant. We are fortunate to have some projects which have the potential to provide clinical benefits.

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