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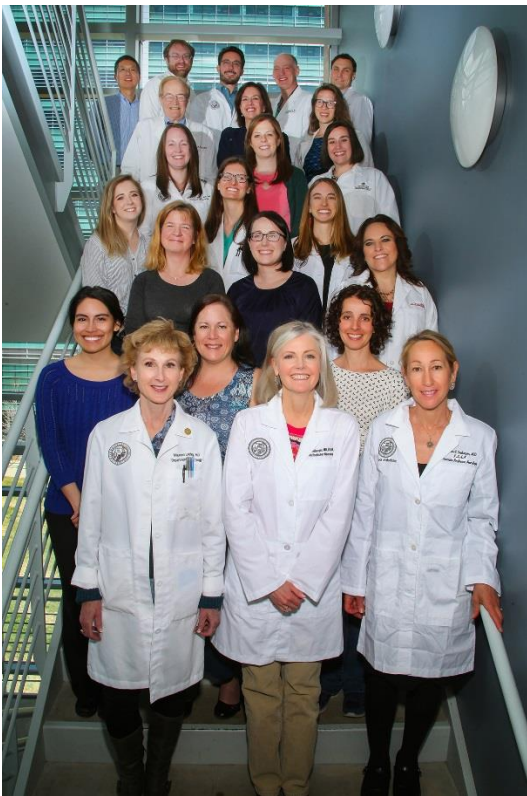
University of Colorado Movement Disorders Center Designated a Parkinson's Foundation Center of Excellence

The faculty and staff at the University of Colorado Movement Disorders Center (MDC) are excited to announce that we have earned the designation of Parkinson's Foundation Center of Excellence. Dr. Lauren Seeberger and Dr. Maureen Leehey will serve as co-directors.

The MDC is one of now 34 Centers of Excellence in the United States and one of 48 sites internationally.

MDC showcased its commitment to the criteria of a Parkinson's Foundation Center of Excellence throughout the application process. These criteria include practicing the highest level of evidenced-based patient care, conducting relevant research that serves patient priorities, leadership in professional training, and educating patients and the community through outreach programs.

The team at MDC is made up of Movement Disorders-trained neurologists, neuro-palliative neurologists, neuro-behavioral neurologists, neuro-ophthalmologists, neurosurgeons, rehabilitative medicine specialists, speech language therapists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, neuro-psychiatrists, and many others, including the



invaluable Parkinson disease organizations throughout our community. This team has a deep understanding of all aspects of Parkinson Disease and its therapies.

"We learned so much about our own program going through the rigorous process to receive designation as a Parkinson's Foundation Center of Excellence," said Dr. Seeberger.

Receiving this designation is an incredible honor and we look forward to deepening our relationships with those in our PD community. In doing so, we also look forward to elevating standards of care for people with PD and those who care for them.

"The team at the University of Colorado is thrilled to be part of a larger network of high performing sites that allow us to share what we do well and create opportunities to raise the bar by incorporating successful programs from other sites," said Dr. Leehey.

In 2018, the Movement Disorders Center served 3,281 people with Parkinsonism, conducted 39 PD studies involving nearly 300 patients, and delivered 78 talks to professionals and the community.

The Movement Disorders Center offers a Newly Diagnosed Educational Visit shortly after diagnosis. During this visit, patients are given one-on-one education on the diagnosis and treatment options for Parkinson disease. This time is dedicated to answering all questions and providing extra support and encouragement.

The Movement Disorders Center will host its 6th Annual Parkinson Disease Symposium on Saturday, October 26, 2019 on the Anschutz Medical Campus. Please register at <https://6thpdevent.eventbrite.com>.

The full press release can be read at <https://www.parkinson.org/about-us/Press-Room/Press-Releases>.