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**CHILD HEALTH ASSOCIATE/PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM RECEIVES DENTAQUEST FOUNDATION GRANT**

AURORA, Colo. (Feb. 23, 2010) – The DentaQuest Foundation has awarded \$60,000 to the University of Colorado School of Medicine’s Child Health Associate/Physician Assistant program.

CHA/PA will use the money to incorporate oral health into Physician Assistant practice and education. Specifically the grant will help engage the four national Physician Assistant Professional Organizations in an Oral Health Summit to share information about oral health as well as the role of primary care providers in oral health services.

“This grant allows us to further our mission to provide comprehensive physician assistant education in primary care across the lifespan,” said Anita Glicken, MSW, associate dean for physician assistant studies. “Dental care is a vital part of that mission and the support of DentaQuest allows us to further that goal.”

The vision of the [Physician Assistant Program](#) is to be a leading educational program with a national reputation for excellence in innovative curriculum, research and scholarship, community engagement and clinical care.

The DentaQuest Foundation works with statewide, regional, and local community leaders to foster solutions that support and promote oral health. Foundation grant partners emphasize community solutions and prevention programs. Funded programs are actively engaged in addressing oral health issues and willing to devise responses to decrease dental disease at the local level. Since 2000, the Foundation has awarded over \$17 million in grant funding.

Faculty at the University of Colorado’s [School of Medicine](#) work to advance science and improve care. These faculty members include physicians, educators and scientists at University of Colorado Hospital, The Children’s Hospital, Denver Health, National Jewish Health, and the Denver Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Degrees offered by the School of Medicine include doctor of medicine, doctor of physical therapy, and masters of physician assistant studies. The School is located on the University of Colorado’s Anschutz Medical Campus, one of four campuses in the University of Colorado system. For additional news and information, please visit the [UC Denver newsroom](#) online.

The Anschutz Medical Campus is a model for the type of interdisciplinary research in translational medicine that will take basic discovery “from the bench to the bedside.”

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