Can you pass this quiz?

It's Halloween and October was American Pharmacists Month. To celebrate both CU Pharmacy faculty member, Morgan Payne, PharmD, put together this quiz for the APhA New Practitioner Network. Can you tell the difference between candy and medicine? [Click here to take the quiz.]

DEA Drug Take Back

National Take Back Day was October 27th and several CU Pharmacy students and preceptors volunteered at the CU Anschutz Campus to help collect old and unused medications from members of the community. Over the last two years, Coloradans have safely disposed of more than 20 TONS of prescription medications!

CU Pharmacy at ACCP

The American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) held their Global Conference in Seattle at the end of October. Several faculty and students gave presentations. Congratulations is due to three students who made it to the quarter finals of the Clinical Pharmacy Challenge along with faculty members who were presented with awards.

Faculty member and new Associate
Dean Brian Hemstreet, PharmD, is highly active in ACCP and sat down for a Q & A about this year's conference and his new role with CU Pharmacy. Click to read the story.

What's Up DOPS?

Melanie Joy, PhD, was recently awarded a new Research Project Grant (R01) from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), worth over $200,000. The grant will fund a study questioning the relationships between 5-HT3A drugs and cisplatin kidney injury. Acute kidney injury is a growing public health concern. Cisplatin is a widely used anticancer agent, considered one of the World Health Organization’s (WHO) Essential Medications. Unfortunately, kidney injury occurs in up to one-third of patients treated with cisplatin.

Dr. Joy is the Principal Investigator on the study with Dr. Lauren Aleksunes from Rutger’s University School of Pharmacy. Dr. Cindy O’Bryant in the CU Department of Clinical Pharmacy Dr. Dan Bowles from the CU Cancer Center, and Dr. Edgar Jaimes from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center are co-investigators.

This study is Dr. Joy’s third NIH funded grant since joining CU Pharmacy in 2012.
Search for CU's Next President

CU Pharmacy faculty member and Associate Dean Laura Borgelt, PharmD, has been chosen as part of the search committee to find the next president of the University of Colorado.

"I am honored to serve on the search committee and look forward to receiving input from the campus community regarding our next president," Dr. Borgelt said. [Click here to read more about the search.]

Great Turnout for Homecoming!

CU Pharmacy had the largest gathering of University of Colorado alumni, faculty, staff, and students at this year's Homecoming Tailgate and CU Buffs football game with over 160 people. The Class of 1978 also had a special reunion over homecoming weekend. [Check out photos from homecoming weekend our blog by clicking here.]

Congratulations!

Faculty member Emily Kosirog, PharmD, has been named the 2018 recipient of the Pharmacy Residency Excellence New Preceptor Award from the American Society of Health System Pharmacists! She will be presented with the award at ASHP Midyear in December in Anaheim, CA.

Contribute to the future at CU Pharmacy

David Elm, PhD, is synonymous with The Apothecary at CU Boulder. To honor the three decades he has dedicated to CU Pharmacy students a scholarship has been created in his honor. Because of his patriotic love of country, Dave has directed his scholarship be awarded to an active or former service member.

Sculpture Donation

Gerra Lewis (78') recently donated an alabaster Rx sculpture. She is the program coordinator for the Grillo Health Information Center in Boulder, CO. The sculpture was created by a Boulder physician and has been on display outside

David Elm Scholarship

CU Pharmacy Alumnus, Richard (Dick) Deitrich, recently passed away at the age of 87. According to his [obituary](#), Dick was inspired to attend pharmacy school at CU Boulder by his uncle, who was a
the Grillo Center but the center is now moving locations. Lewis thought CU Pharmacy would make a good home for the sculpture instead. It is now on display in the Jack and Edith Sassone Pharmacy Student Room in the Ed 2 North building on the Anschutz Medical Campus. The room is named in honor of another alum, Jack Sassone, and his wife Edith.

To honor him, his family has asked everyone to consider a gift to CU in his memory; to support the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, please make your check payable to CU Foundation and write CU Skaggs School-in memory of Dick Deitrich in its ‘memo’ portion. Mail your gift to: CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, ATTN: Jonathan Wanderstock, Mail Stop C238, 12850 E. Montview Blvd, Aurora, CO 80045.

In the News

CU Pharmacy and its experts are consistently sought out by reporters covering a variety of topics. The school was featured in the media several times in October:

- Melanie Whittington, PhD, and Brett McQueen, PhD, had their study on published in The Journal of the American Medical Association and covered in MedScape, MedCity News and MedPage Today.
- Sara Wettergreen, PharmD, was interviewed about the new age guidelines for the HPV vaccine by CBS 4 Denver and KUNC radio. She was also featured in Pharmacy Today Magazine.
- Laura Borgelt, PharmD, was featured in SELF Magazine in an article about marijuana use during pregnancy and breastfeeding.
- Brian Hemstreet, PharmD, was interviewed by the 9Health Fair on live on Facebook about supplements.
- CU Pharmacy alum Kyle Troksa (17’), PharmD, current P4 students Nikolas Kovacich and Michael Moro, along with faculty member Benjamin Chavez, PharmD had their paper on the impact of CNS Stimulant Medication Use on Growth in Pediatric Populations with ADHD published in Pharmacotherapy: The Journal of Human Pharmacology and Drug Therapy.
- Gina Moore, PharmD, was featured in this AACP article: Embedding Pharmacists with Physicians.
- Katy Trinkley, PharmD, is featured in this article for UHealth Today on managing patients with chronic pain.
- Several CU Pharmacy staff including Patricia Meyer and Jaron Bryant are featured in this blog post from Adam Martin, PharmD, aka The Fit Pharmacist. He
visited our school in October and wrote about his experience.

- **Kari Franson, PharmD**, and **Sarah Scoular, PharmD**, are featured in [this Gulf Times article out of Qatar](#) announcing a new partnership with CU Pharmacy.

- **Emily Zadvorny, PharmD**, was featured again for the new Colorado smoking cessation protocols on [Aurora 8 TV](#) and KHOW Radio.

- **Peter Rice, PharmD, PhD**, wrote a post for [My Prime Time News](#) about aspirin recommendations. Dr. Rice, along with student **Megan K. Fischer** also contributed to the [Easy Drug Card Blog about diabetes needle length](#) recommendations and [Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#).

- **Students and faculty** answered questions about vaccinations and other general health questions during Pharmacy Line9 on October 18th on 9NEWS. Faculty member **Gina Moore, PharmD**, was also interviewed on-the-air about the chickenpox vaccine after [9NEWS discovered Colorado families having "chickenpox playdates". The next call in will be on November 15th](#).