

Graduate Medical Education COVID Champions

Week ending 5/8/2020

Department of Dermatology



Katie Hill, MD
PGY 2 Resident



Gil Weintraub, MD
Faculty

“Dr. Katie Hill (a dermatology Resident) volunteered to provide coverage for Covid19 patients in the hospital and had been reassigned to the inpatient wards from dermatology, and Dr. Gil Weintraub (a dermatology faculty member) has volunteered to cover shifts in the VA ED.”

Nominated by Dr. Nazanin Ehsani (Resident)

Department of Ophthalmology



Lucy Mudie, MD
PGY 2 Resident

“Lucy has volunteered her time to help out with the Internal medicine services. As someone who had been away from internal medicine for a year you would have thought her to lose a step, but she picked up right where she left off. She was incredibly hardworking and always looking to help the team. Her patience and kindness with her patients was admirable and is something I strive for as a physician. She helped our team when we needed it most and I am incredibly grateful for her.”

Nominated by Dr. Cory McGee (Resident)



Cara Capitena Young, MD
Faculty

“Cara has been a stabilizing force in the department of ophthalmology since the beginning of the pandemic. While clinics slowed down and the operating room became quiet, Cara was at the forefront of setting up Virtual Health capabilities for our clinic in tandem with the department's Ophthalmic Virtual Health Committee. This was an enormous undertaking that could not have happened without her hard work. As if that wasn't enough, Cara has taken a leadership role in setting up additional lectures and learning opportunities for all residents and holds regular zoom journal clubs to keep everybody engaged and upbeat. She has turbo boosted submission of chapters and manuscripts and continues to make herself available to help all team members with emergencies and patient care questions. Dr. Capitena Young's efforts are an example for all of us to follow. “

Department of Pediatric Pulmonology



Emily Mitchell, Program Coordinator

“Emily has gone above and beyond keeping our new program director and entire fellowship program informed, organized, and fulfilled during the pandemic. She is a calm and organized leader and incredible asset to our program and we are so grateful for her!”

Nominated by Stacey Martiniano, Pediatric Pulmonology Fellowship Program Director

Department of Anesthesiology Residents



Brooke Calabrese, MD



Kenji Tanabe, MD



Patrick Henthorn, MD



Ian Holmen, MD

“Rising up to the challenge of caring for critically ill COVID patients at the early stages of our pandemic required courage and altruism. I chose to nominate one person from each class who demonstrated the courage to volunteer to serve on the COVID ICU teams and were the first to be involved in caring for these patients from our department. Brooke Calabrese, PGY4, and Kenji Tanabe, PGY3, led the way by taking overnight shifts on Surge teams 2 and 3. Patrick Henthorn, PGY2, worked weekend days on Surge team 3. And Ian Holmen, PGY1, prodded Dr. Connors (Internal Medicine PD) and I to serve in whatever capacity was most needed. Each of these individuals stepped up in a manner that exemplifies what it means to be a physician and to care for the sickest of patients. I am proud to be involved in the training of such amazing people. Thank you!”

Nominated by Dr. Tony Oliva, Residency Program Director

Department of Anesthesiology Liver Transplant Fellow



Erin Stewart, MD

“Dr. Stewart completed an Internal Medicine Residency at Stanford prior to her residency in Anesthesiology at Stanford. She is a Board-Certified Hospitalist, Board Eligible Anesthesiologist and Liver Transplant Anesthesia Fellow in our non GME program. When the COVID 19 crisis began, Dr. Stewart volunteered to pause her fellowship training and work as a critical care fellow in the COVID ICUs. She has completed 4 weeks of full time COVID ICU work and has 4 more weeks scheduled. Her skill set has been a tremendous asset to her patients and her colleagues. She deserves recognition and thanks for her selfless service.”

Nominated by Barbara Wilkey, MD, Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Department of Pediatrics, Section of Infectious Disease Faculty



Jessica Cataldi, MD

“Dr. Cataldi and Dr. O’Leary have been helping to lead weekly forums designed for pediatric and family medicine providers throughout the Colorado community to provide updates on the latest literature as well as recommendations from the Pediatric Infectious Diseases section on management of pediatric patients throughout the pandemic. Their discussions include recommendations on who to test, when to test, and where to test as well as indications for antibiotics throughout the pandemic. They also continue to serve as experts on vaccination practices and have begun to tackle issues surrounding decreased vaccination of pediatric patients during the pandemic in order to ensure that we don’t have additional outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases.



Sean O’Leary, MD

Their weekly forums have garnered praise from many attendees, including one pediatrician who is prominent in the AAP who reports that the response from CHCO to help community providers has exceeded what she has seen from other large children’s hospitals throughout the country.”

Nominated by Christina Osborne, Fellow, Pediatric Infectious Diseases



Sam Dominguez MD

“Dr. Sam Dominguez has been the face of our command center from a clinical standpoint from the earliest rumblings of the presence of disease in China in December up through this point. As with everything he does, Sam brings extensive knowledge in infectious diseases, epidemiology, molecular diagnostics, and infection prevention and is able to apply this in a comprehensive manner to an ever-changing pandemic. He has worked with countless groups on campus and throughout the state to bring the first PCR platform outside of the CDPHE to Children's Hospital Colorado. He has since worked with his colleagues in the Microbiology lab at CHCO to expand testing to four platforms that serves not only the patients and families of CHCO but also the larger community and smaller community hospitals. Sam has worked to help manage PPE and policy for our entire hospital. As Dan Hyman mentioned, he is the "Tony Fauci of CHCO."

This nomination only skims the surface of what Sam has done for the COVID response at CHCO, because I can't begin to list everything he has done. Importantly, he has done all of it with kindness, a smile, and his telltale infectious (pun intended) laugh.”

Nominated by Christina Osborne, Fellow, Pediatric Infectious Diseases



Thomas Campbell, MD

Dr. Thomas Campbell is a Professor of Infectious Disease here at UCH and an exemplary leader and mentor in our division. Well before the COVID-19 pandemic spread to Colorado, Tom was collaborating with the nations infectious disease leaders to allow UCH to be one of the main academic sites for multiple research trials including the Remdesivir and Sarilumab trials. He has also been coordinating with other divisions to set up other trials for experimental therapies for COVID-19. His research experience and foresight has allowed our hospital to offer multiple experimental therapies, bringing hope to patients and their families.

Furthermore, Tom is a leader on the front lines, he has personally enrolled countless COVID patients, frequently putting in long hours on weekends and mentoring junior ID faculty and fellows on the process of conducting complicated clinical trials.

Nominated by Dr. Jonathan Schultz (ID Fellow)

Department of Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellows



Brian Ahn, MD



Meghan Althoff, MD



Shelley Forbes, MD



Natalie Held, MD



Jeremy Hua, MD



John Odackal, MD



Alicia Rizzo, MD



Joe Cooley, MD



Khushboo Goel, MD



Trevor Lane, MD



Peter Moore, MD



Bryan Park, MD



Annie Reihman, MD



Jennifer Taylor, MD



Sue Gu, MD



Arnav Gupta, MD



Michael Lee, MD



Nancy Lin, MD



Derek Low, MD



Scott Matson, MD



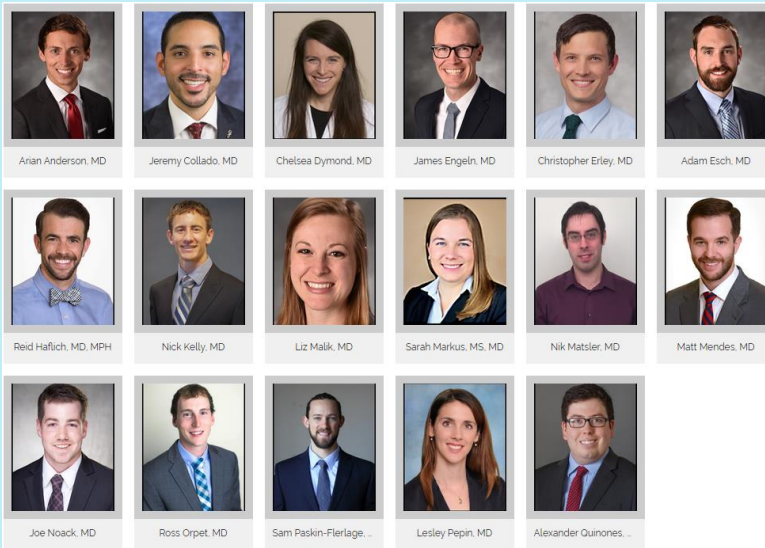
Katie McPherson, M

“The Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellows have been the backbone of the critical care COVID response across all of the University of Colorado academic sites. They have rapidly upstaffed the surge ICU units at UCH including nighttime coverage, altered clinic schedules and added additional flexibility to the UCH clinic schedule, added evening coverage in the Denver Health ICU, and shifted duties at the VA to take a leadership role in developing the COVID response there. Even when asked to change their schedules on a moment's notice and put their research projects on hold, they have never hesitated to step in where needed and provide the high quality and compassionate care that we have come to expect from this group. Outside of their clinical duties, they have expertly and thoughtfully contributed to our division's overall surge response plan. They have done all of this while continuing to lead conferences and disseminate information about the latest COVID data to our division to guide our rapidly evolving evidence base that guides us in taking exceptional care of our most critically ill patients. It is a true pleasure to work with this group of leaders in our hospital and GME, and it is safe to say our system's surge response would not have been nearly as successful without them.”

Nominated by: Margaret Ragland, MD, MS (research fellow), Patrick Hume, MD, PhD (research fellow), Tristan Huie, MD (program director), Anna Neumeier, MD (associate program director), Cheryl Loudd (program coordinator)

Denver Health Emergency

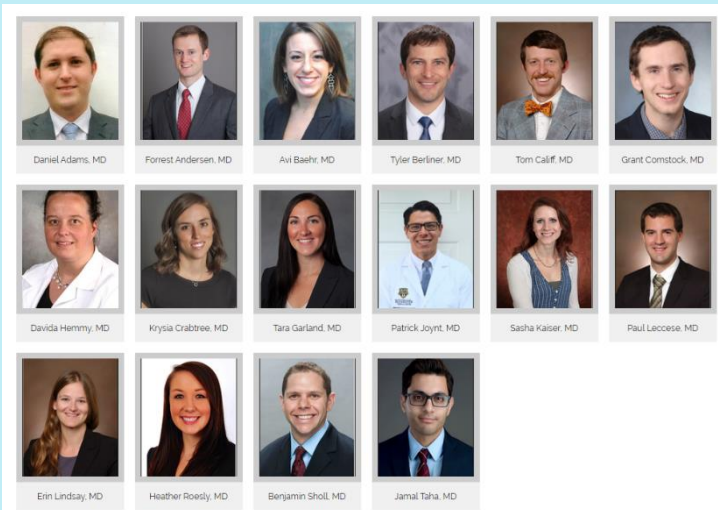
Class of 2021



"I wanted to make sure to recognize 2nd year residents who staffed the "hot zone" at Denver Health. All residents who volunteered hours to fill sick call, "hot zone" relief and who went beyond clinical duties in ED and volunteered on other services to fill need. The chiefs who balanced so many changes to operations and scheduling. I think of Reid, who was so active in seeking opportunities to go above and beyond. Chelsea who gave up elective to work in ICU. Patrick, Phillip, Nick, and Larry who are helping in the COVID Surge ICU. I think of Jeremy and others among us who continued to give their all to provide exceptional care in the face of personal challenges, hardship and loss."

Nominate by Dr. James Engeln

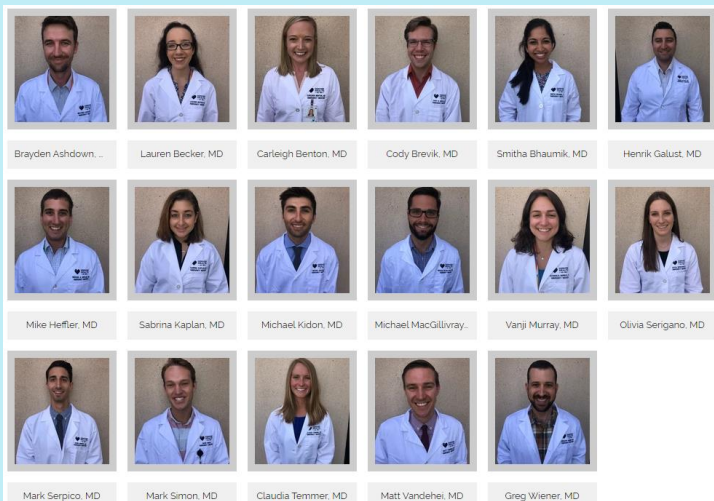
Class of 2020



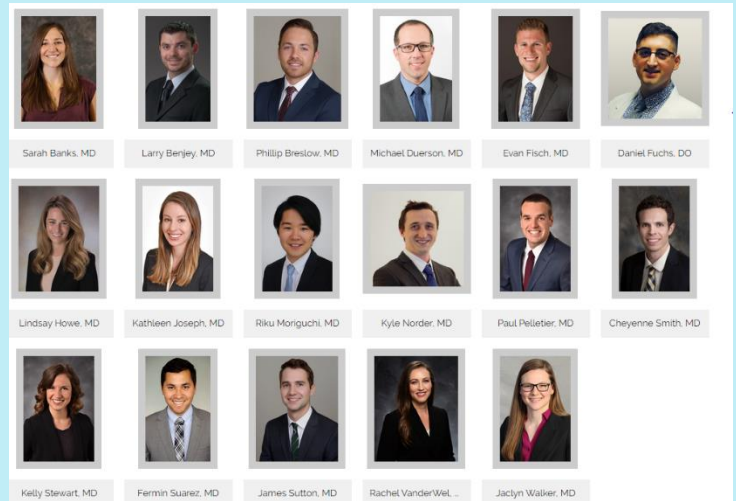
Class of 2021



Class of 2022



Class of 2023



"I feel truly privileged and honored to have such incredible residents. Each and every one of them has been right there offering to help, stepped up on the front lines and taken excellent care of their patients and each other."

Nominated by Dr. Bonnie Kaplan



Jennie Buchanan, MD

Barbara Blok, MD

Todd Guth, MD

W. Gannon Sungar, DO

“I appreciate Dr. Sungar who again overhauled our conference curriculum to meet educational expectations of this world class residency. Dr. Barret who continued to balance operations and clinical demands with grace.” “Associate Residency Program Directors Dr. Jennie Buchanan, Dr. Barb Blok, Dr. Todd Guth and Dr. Gannon Sungar for their tireless work and support of the residents, the residency, the department and their patients. They are inspirational to work side by side with and have made such a difference in so many people’s lives.”

Nominated by Dr. James Engeln & Dr. Bonnie Kaplan



2019-2020 Chief Residents

Patrick Joynt, MD
Grant Comstock, MD
Sasha Kaiser, MD
Daniel Adams, MD
(left to right)

“EM Chiefs residents: Dr. Sasha Kaiser, Dr. Patrick Joynt, Dr. Grant Comstock and Dr. Dan Adams who have been absolutely phenomenal leaders to their fellow residents and amazing advocates for the residency and fellow residents. They have been working around the clock to support everyone, be innovative when needed and lead with incredible professionalism and poise. It has been a true privilege to have them as our chief residents this year. “

Nominated by Dr. Bonnie Kaplan



“Dr. Maria Moreira who has been our simulation and education guru. Her PPE education, resident education, faculty and resident support has been truly incredible and continues to help move us forward on every front while helping us keep ourselves and each other safe and educated. She has put in countless hours to help all of us become safer and better prepared for what we are doing.”

Nominated by Dr. Bonnie Kaplan

Maria Moreira, MD



“Dr. Barret who continued to balance operations and clinical demands with grace.”

Nominated by Dr. James Engeln & Dr. Bonnie Kaplan

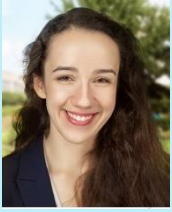
Whitney Barrett, MD



“Dr. Morgan Eutermoser – who was one of the driving forces to stand up employee testing so quickly, is an incredible nurseline leader and telehealth pioneer and faculty and resident advocate.”

Nominated by Dr. Bonnie Kaplan

Morgan Eutermoser, MD



“Dr. Lauren Becker who continues to share weekly wellness.”

Nominated by Dr. James Engeln

Lauren Becker, MD



“...Dr. James Engeln is phenomenal in his own right...”

Nominated by Dr. Bonnie Kaplan

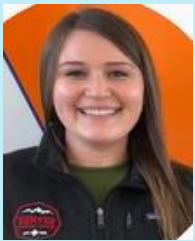
James Engeln, MD



“I want to recognize [Dr. Bonnie Kaplan] for [her] leadership, [her] clear and transparent communication. It is [her] advocacy that ensures we have to opportunity to meet our calling, care for our patients, and continue our development as physicians and that we are safe.”

Nominated by Dr. James Engeln

Bonnie Kaplan, MD



Malorie Millner: an incredible program coordinator who has helped keep everyone moving and been so on top of everything even in the face of all of the changes. Honored to have her on our team

Nominated by Dr. Bonnie Kaplan

Malorie Milner



“I want to recognize Christy Angerhofer who jumps at any opportunity to support others and fuels us to face unimaginable challenges. Dr. Lauren Becker who continues to share weekly wellness. She has been another incredible source of support for our residents in this trying time.”

Nominated by Dr. James Engeln and Dr. Bonnie Kaplan

Christy Angerhofer

Thank you for everything you do each and every day.

Warmly,

Carol M. Rumack, MD, FACR

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