

# Graduate Medical Education COVID Champions

## Week ending 5/22/2020

### Neurology



Jennifer Simpson, MD

“Dr. Simpson has always been a fan favorite among the neurology team, but she's really stepped it up in these strange times. She's the first to gown up and see new COVID consults and minimize exposure for the rest of the team. It's been a nice change of pace to watch an attending examine a patient through the glass in the ICU while the rest of the team sits outside and heckles her over the phone anytime she forgets to check something (which isn't very often). But overall, she just makes sure the residents on her teams are taking good care of their patients, good care of themselves, and are always well fed. “

Nominated by Dr. Steve Lenio PGY3

### Family Medicine



Cristina Rabaza, MD

“I'm a coworker of Cristi's. On my first week in the hospital taking care of COVID patients, I was on with Cristi who had been covering the COVID team longer than I. She talked me through the protocols and patiently shared the knowledge she had gained from her prior role. She kept what could have been a stressful time upbeat and positive. What I want to highlight is that that is totally the norm for her. In this trying pandemic era, I just want to recognize her persistently amazing spirit and brilliant mind. And her leadership as she has not only managed her own clinical workload, but the scheduling and coordinating of her peers.”

Nominated by Anonymous FM Resident

## Otolaryngology



Cristina Cabrera-Muffly, MD

**“Dr. Cabrera-Muffly has went above and beyond in her duties as program director by keeping the residents informed, organized, and healthy both mentally and physically during this pandemic. If any clinical or even personal issues surfaced, she made sure to tackle the issue and help resolve it for the residents. She alongside our chairman and assistant program directors committed to twice weekly meetings to provide us updates and also address any issues we may have. She quickly reached out to faculty to help implement protocols for high risk airway surgeries and other protocols related to inpatient consults. When PPE was short, she had the department provide each resident with a half mask respirator to use when evaluating and treating patients with COVID. She also made sure that our education was not impaired during this time period. She has always been an amazing program director and educator, but she truly went above and beyond, which is why I am nominating her for COVID CHAMPION.”**

**Nominated by Mohammad Hararah, Chief Resident**

## Pediatric Anesthesiology Section, Dept. of Anesthesiology



Tyler Morrissey, MD

**“Dr. Tyler Morrissey, a pediatric perioperative quality improvement fellow in the Department of Anesthesiology has played a leading role in the airway response team at Children’s Hospital Colorado. He has been working tirelessly with his program director, Dr. Gina Whitney in spearheading the COVID response in our section. He worked with his mentor, Dr. Kim Strupp in developing a COVID checklist for pediatric airway management that is being used in the pediatric anesthesiology section at Children’s Hospital Colorado. It has also been published in the Society for Pediatric Anesthesia’s Quality and Safety’s webpage. Kudos to Tyler for rising up to the challenge during this pandemic and having a great attitude.”**

**Nominated by Debnath Chatterjee, MD, FAAP,  
Program Director, Pediatric Anesthesiology Fellowship**

# Anesthesiology Critical Care



Bobby Whitford, MD



Doug Campbell MD



Andrew Hennigan, MD

**“Drs. Bobby Whitford, Doug Campbell, and Andrew Hennigan have served consistently on the University of Colorado Hospital COVID ICU teams since inception. As Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine Fellows, they have worked collaboratively with faculty, co-fellows, and residents from the Departments of Anesthesiology, Surgery, Medicine, Family Medicine, and Emergency Medicine. Their leadership and multidisciplinary teamwork has led to outstanding outcomes for our sickest patients at UCH. Outstanding dedication and well-deserved recognition.”**

**Nominated by Dr. Jason Brainard  
Program Director, Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine Fellowship**

**Thank you for everything you do each and every day.**

**Warmly,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol".

**Carol M. Rumack, MD, FACR**

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