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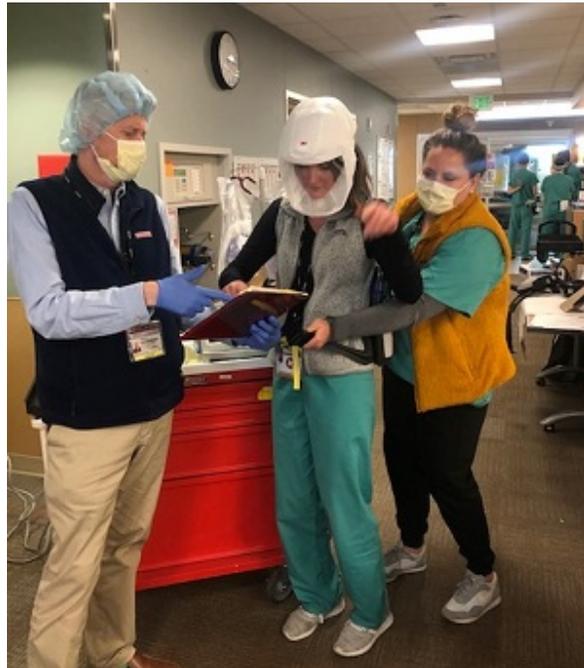
## **CU pharmacists at work on the coronavirus front lines**

Many of CU Pharmacy's faculty, residents and students are working on the front lines of the coronavirus pandemic, playing a crucial role in treating the most vulnerable patients.

As part of a new series highlighting our pharmacy heroes, we're bringing you stories from the front lines.

*As the coronavirus pandemic grows, so does the reliance on health care workers around the world. From social media salutes to neighborhood parades, the world is finding innovative ways to applaud the efforts of the medical community on the front line of the fight against COVID-19.*

*The public, and the news media alike, generally identify the front line fighters as being "doctors and nurses." But there is another critical, yet often unknown, member of the health care team in every COVID-19 intensive care unit.*



*Pictured above is (L-R) **Dr. Robert Page**, Department of Clinical Pharmacy; **Alison Novak**, PGY2 critical care resident, **Courtney Shakowski**, UCH cardiology critical care pharmacist. Shakowski is seen helping Novak into her PPE respirator before entering a COVID-19 patient's room.*

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### **Coronavirus: Critical care pharmacists combat drug shortages**

Even the most well-stocked hospital in the U.S. is not immune to an all-too-familiar consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic: drug shortages. As the FDA monitors the drug supply chain

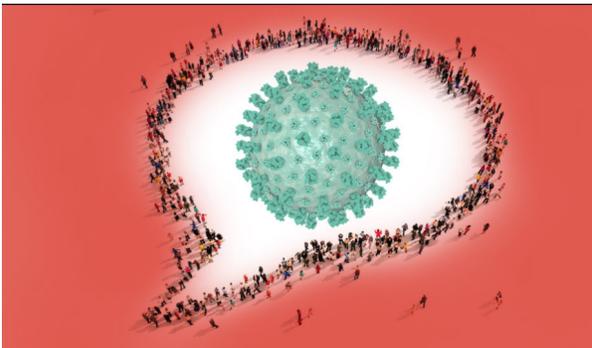
contributing to the supply disruptions and shortage of drug products, pharmacists in COVID-19 units are using their drug expertise to develop innovative solutions.



*PGY2 resident Mary Bradley, PharmD, and Associate Professor Scott Mueller, PharmD*

“It’s a different illness,” says Dr. Scott Mueller, critical care pharmacist and associate professor at the CU Anschutz Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. “These (COVID-19) patients are extremely, critically ill when they get to us in the ICU. They are completely hyper-inflamed. They are hyper-coagulable. They have a lot of needs from a mechanical ventilation standpoint.”

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## **CU Pharmacy hosts COVID-19 CE webinars**

In response to rapidly changing information about COVID-19, CU Pharmacy and the Colorado Pharmacists Society are teaming up to answer pressing questions about the pandemic.

CU Pharmacy is offering continuing education credit for live and recorded versions of **three free webinars**.

All three webinars have been previously recorded and are available online.

**Participate in the webinars by clicking the link below:**

**Watch the Recordings**

**Questions can be directed to the Office of Practitioner Development.**

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## **Provost announces teaching awards**



Each year, the provost honors one of the university's greatest assets — our remarkable faculty — with the faculty awards. These accolades recognize superior accomplishments in teaching, leadership and service, research and creative activities, librarianship, faculty mentoring, and practices related to instructional, research, and clinical faculty.

Professor **Ty Kiser, PharmD**, (pictured left) is the recipient of this year's President's Excellence in Teaching Award and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs **David Thompson, PhD**, is recognized with the Chancellor's Teaching Recognition Award. They will be officially recognized at this year's virtual commencement ceremony.

*CU Anschutz faculty award winners will be recognized at the December 12 Commencement.*

**See the complete list of awards**



CU Pharmacy also announced a round of prestigious awards for high-achieving alumni and faculty.

The school recognized the following outstanding award winners for 2020:

Distinguished Coloradan: **Jim Sajbel, RPh**

Excellence in Pharmacy: **Sandra Leal, PharmD, MPH, FAPhA, CDE**,

Faculty Member of Distinction: **Professor Sunny Linnebur, PharmD**

Innovation in Science: **Professor John Carpenter, PhD**

## **Dr. Sarah Anderson named Fellow of ASHP**

Associate Professor **Sarah Anderson, PharmD, (Class of 2007)** was named Fellow of ASHP. This recognition is awarded to pharmacists who have excelled in pharmacy practice and distinguished themselves through



*CU Pharmacy Associate Professor Sarah Anderson, PharmD*

service and contributions to ASHP. With the award, Anderson joins an elite group of 957 pharmacists nationwide.

### **Highlighting a Class of 2020 graduate**

Fourth-year pharmacy student Francesca Gutierrez was recently featured in a CU Anschutz Today story ahead of graduation.

Read more about this high-achieving student:

*It's not in Francesca Gutierrez's nature to take the safe and predictable path. She loves the energy of big cities, thrives on meeting new people and exploring new places, and feeds off the excitement of emergency medicine where you "see a lot of variety – it keeps you on your toes."*

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**Photo of the month**



CU Pharmacy professors and frontline pharmacists Ty Kiser, PharmD, left, and Robert MacLaren, PharmD, on duty at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital

## CU Pharmacy Thought Leaders

From searching for a treatment for COVID-19 to sharing insight about fatal drug overdoses, our CU Pharmacy professionals are in the news:

- **NBC News:** [An at-home fingerprick blood test may help detect your exposure to coronavirus](#), feat. Professor David Kroll, PhD
- **LiveScience:** [Coronavirus testing is ramping up. Here are the new tests and how they work](#), feat. Professor David Kroll, PhD
- **Newsy:** [How Clinical Trials for Potential Coronavirus Treatments Work](#), feat. Assistant Professor Jed Lampe, PhD, Associate Professor Shaodong Dai, PhD and Associate Professor Philip Reigan, PhD
- **CPR News:** [Working to treat COVID-19](#), feat. Assistant Professor Jed Lampe, PhD, Associate Professor Shaodong Dai, PhD and Associate Professor Philip Reigan, PhD
- **CPR News:** [These are the treatments and cures Colorado researchers are developing for coronavirus](#), feat. Assistant Professor Jed Lampe, PhD, Associate Professor Shaodong Dai, PhD and Associate Professor Philip Reigan, PhD

- Specialty Pharmacy Continuum: [Pancreatic Rx Cost Falls with New Therapies](#), feat. Professor Cindy O'Bryant, PharmD
- Denverite: [Fatal drug overdoses involving fentanyl tripled in Denver between 2018 and 2019](#), feat. Professor Rob Valuck, PhD, RPh, (Class of 1987)
- CardioScripts: [The cold truth of COLCOT](#), feat. Associate Professor Toby Trujillo, PharmD

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