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eScripts is a monthly newsletter highlighting faculty, staff, students and alumni of the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy.

CU Pharmacy team searches for COVID-19 treatment

CU Pharmacy's scientists are at work searching for a treatment to help people who have been infected by the coronavirus.

CU Anschutz Today recently highlighted their work:

As scientists around the world scramble against the COVID-19 clock, searching for a vaccine that could stop the viral infection before it happens, a trio of experts on the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus have taken a different tack: overpowering the new mutation after it invades the body.

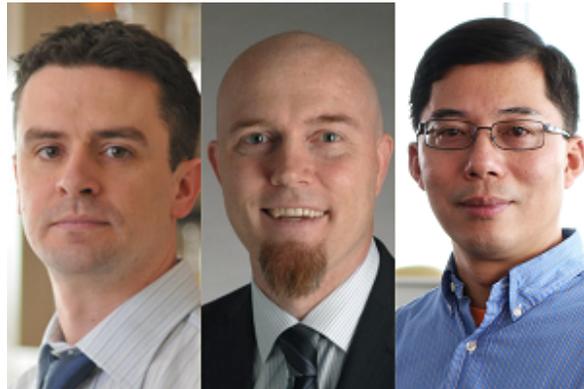
By using old antiviral drugs that changed the course of HIV, the team hopes its end goal – an antiviral drug that turns the novel coronavirus on its head – can fill a void and make a difference faster.

Coronavirus: How CU Pharmacy has been impacted

As the novel coronavirus spread, March became a month of transition for CU Pharmacy and the rest of the CU Anschutz Medical Campus.

Some of the impacts are listed below:

- Classes taught on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus have been moved to online platforms through the end of the semester.



Philip Reigan, PhD, Jed Lampe, PhD and Shaodong Dai, PhD

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- Faculty and staff are working remotely except those identified as "critical" to maintain the operations of the school.
- All research activities -- other than critical maintenance, administratively approved work and programs directly related to the pandemic -- are suspended.
- Physical commencement ceremonies have been canceled.



*A donation for Personal Protective Equipment, or PPE, from CU Pharmacy.
(Photo courtesy of Andrew Rotz)*

Read the latest updates

From the halls of hospitals to the counters of community pharmacies, pharmacists around the globe are on the front lines of caring for COVID-19 patients and our communities.

We want to know all of the ways our alumni, students and faculty are contributing so we can share with the rest of the CU Pharmacy community.

How has the pandemic impacted you or your colleagues?

Share your story with us

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 **two free webinars**.

The first webinar, "COVID-19:



Implications for Pharmacists" was recorded earlier this month and is currently available for credit online. The second webinar, "Round 2, What's new?" will be administered live via Zoom at **1 p.m. April 2**. The recorded version will be posted within 24 hours online.

Participate in the webinars by clicking the links below:

Part I Recording

Join Part II

Questions can be directed to the Office of Practitioner Development.

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CU Pharmacy resident Mary Bradley

CU Pharmacy resident awarded grant

CU Pharmacy resident Mary Bradley, PharmD, was recently named the recipient of the PGY-2 Critical Care Resident Grant for her work on "Correlation between mMINDS SEWS, and CIWA-Ar scoring tools for the treatment of alcohol withdrawal syndrome" by American College of Clinical Pharmacy Critical Care PRN.

Dr. Bradley was assisted by her research mentor Professor Rob MacLaren, PharmD.

Dr. Borgelt keynote speaker at UHealth wellness event

Before social distancing became the new norm, Associate Dean for Administration and Operations **Laura Borgelt, PharmD, MBA**, shared the stage with an Olympic gold medalist and a national blogger as a keynote speaker at **evrē**, UCHealth's signature health and wellness event.



Dr. Laura Borgelt smiles for a photo with her fellow speakers.

Alongside gymnast Nastia Luikin and women's lifestyle coach Jo Encarnacion, Dr. Borgelt spoke to a crowd who gathered for a morning of inspiration at the UCHealth Training Center.

She also caught up with Colorado Yoga + Life Magazine and shared tips for self-care.

Read the story

Photo of the month



As CU Pharmacy faculty and staff members work remotely, Facilities Manager Andrew Rotz has been caring for all of the office plants left behind at the school.

Alumni Angle

Nominate a colleague for the Distinguished Alumni Award



Do you know a CU Pharmacy alumnus who stands out this year for exceptional contributions in the profession of pharmacy or pharmaceutical science? Here's your chance to nominate them for the annual Distinguished Alumni Award.

Each year, the University of Colorado School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Pharmacy Alumni Association bestow this award in recognition of significant contributions to the profession of pharmacy or pharmaceutical research and development.

[**Nominate an Alumnus**](#)

Alumni Association now accepting board nominations

The CU Pharmacy Alumni Association for the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is accepting **nominations for new board members**.

- Nominations are welcome from all alumni with a bachelor's, master's, PharmD, or PhD conferred by the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.
- Board members serve a 2-year term with the option of running for a consecutive term.
- Members of the board are active on committees and participate in alumni engagement events as availability allows.

Here's a chance to get involved with the school. Click the button below to nominate yourself or a fellow member of the CU Pharmacy alumni community.

[**Submit a nomination**](#)

CU Pharmacy Thought Leaders

From searching for a treatment for COVID-19 to serving as keynote speaker at a top wellness event, our CU Pharmacy professionals are in the news:

- Newsy: [How coronavirus could slow down with the U.S. drug supply](#), feat. associate professor Sarah Anderson, PharmD
- CGTN: [Traditional Chinese medicine being used in the U.S. against COVID-19](#), feat. Professor David Kroll, PhD
- Fox31 Denver: [Coronavirus vaccine in the works](#), feat. Professor David Kroll, PhD
- Colorado Yoga + Life Magazine: [UCHealth evrē 2020 Self Care Saturday for Women](#), feat. Associate Dean for Administration and Operations Laura Borgelt, PharmD, MBA
- EurekAlert: [NIH study finds lower concentration of PrEP drug in pregnant young women](#), feat. Professor Peter Anderson, PharmD
- Healio: [Concentration of PrEP drug lower in pregnant girls and young women](#), feat. Professor Peter Anderson, PharmD
- CPR News: [This Colorado lab could provide a COVID-19 vaccine](#), feat. Professor David Kroll, PhD
- The Colorado Sun: [Colorado researchers are racing to find an antiviral drug that could save people with the new coronavirus](#), feat. Assistant Professor Jed Lampe, PhD, Associate Professor Shaodong Dai, PhD and Associate Professor Philip Reigan, PhD
- 9News: [Pharmacies alter delivery options to keep people at home](#), feat. alumna Kristin Holmes (Class of 2013), PharmD
- Fox31 Denver: [Colorado scientists testing possible COVID-19 drugs](#), feat. Assistant Professor Jed Lampe, PhD, Associate Professor Shaodong Dai, PhD and Associate Professor Philip Reigan, PhD

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