eScripts is a monthly newsletter highlighting faculty, staff, students and alumni of the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

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Patel Receives National Research Award
Manisha Patel, PhD, along with Kelly Knupp, MD, from Children’s Hospital Colorado, received a $150,000 two-year research award from the Dravet Syndrome (DS) Foundation to support their work. Patel was also installed as First Vice President of the American Epilepsy Society.

Saseen Presents at National Cardiology Conference
Joe Saseen, PharmD, presented at the Heart of Cardiology Conference as part of the session “Lipid Management Review /Tips from the Experts: CV Risk Reduction and Cardioprevention at Its Finest, TG Lowering and CVD Risk Reduction.”
McQueen Named to State Council
Brett McQueen, PhD, has been named to the Colorado Prescription Drug Affordability Review Board Advisory Council. The Board exists within the Division of Insurance and has the authority to review prescription drug costs and evaluate their impact on Coloradans.

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Claus Receives Teaching Excellence Award
Liza Claus, PharmD, received the Teaching Excellence Award from AF Williams Family Medicine. The award recognizes Dr. Claus for her skills in mentoring, knowledge and skill sharing, work performance, supporting the AF mission, and providing exceptional patient care.

Thought Leaders
Monthly overview of faculty in the news and their published research.

In The News
- **Health Affairs**, Measuring Effectiveness Of Health Service Interventions: Challenges And Potential Solutions, feat. Brett McQueen, PhD
- **The Hill**, Rare Diseases: A Conversation on Value Assessments, feat. Brett McQueen, PhD
- **Vanguard**, US, NGO combat cancer, train 34 Nigerian oncology pharmacists, feat. Cindy O'Bryant, PharmD
- **The Guardian**, Covid pills are 'very promising' - but what are the challenges in using them?, feat. Peter Anderson, PharmD, PhD
- **Medical Life Sciences**, Study highlights importance of positive and negative selection in evolution of SARS-CoV-2 variants, feat Krishna Mallela, PhD
- **bioRxiv**, SARS-CoV-2 comes up with a perfect recipe for disaster: Each mutation plays a specific roles in the evolution of variants of concern, feat. Viabhav Upadhyay, PhD, Casey Patrick, Alexandra Lucas, Krishna Mallela, PhD

### Research Roundup

- **The American Journal of Emergency Medicine**, Evaluation of direct oral anticoagulant use on thromboelastography in an emergency department population, Toby Trujillo, PharmD
- **Pharmacotherapy**, Use of Hormonal Contraceptives in Perimenopause: A Systematic Review, Laura Borgelt, PharmD

### Alumni Zone

Look here for the monthly alumni spotlights, upcoming events, and opportunities to get involved!

**Alumni Spotlight: Andrew Maurer**

CU Pharmacy alumnus Andrew Maurer, PharmD ’10, discusses his newest career as a Nuclear Oncology Radiotherapy Specialist. As chair of the Nomination Committee for the School’s Alumni Association, Dr. Maurer is regularly engaged with his alma mater as a leader and role model for future pharmacists.

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Happy 2022 from the CU Pharmacy Alumni Association! Make it your New Year’s resolution to stay connected with your alma mater. Update your contact information and share some good news.

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CU Night at the Stock Show
The Central Alumni Relations Office, in partnership with the National Western Stock Show, is offering discounted tickets for alumni to attend CU Night at the Stock Show, Friday, Jan. 21, 2022, 7:30 p.m. Enter Promo Code CUANSCHUTZ to receive the discounted rate while tickets last.

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Congrats, Fall 2021 Grads
Join the CU Pharmacy Alumni Association in welcoming the newest members of the alumni community. We celebrate the fall 2021 graduates and warmly welcome them to the other side.

Alumni Book Club
The CU Pharmacy Alumni Book Club introduces a new book for 2022: The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks. Faculty moderator David Kroll, PhD, was a scientific advisor for the best seller. He will guide the series of discussions on this compelling book addressing research and patient consent. Stay tuned for a date in 2022.

Weigh in on the Book Club
Alumni Heroes Program
Through January, the CU Anschutz Alumni Relations Office is asking for entries to recognize alumni heroes who give back and support the CU Anschutz Medical Campus and our community.

Nominate an Alumni

CU Pharmacy Alumni In Memoriam
Our dearly departed alumni in 2021 will never be forgotten. We pay homage to those we lost this past year.

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Continuing Education
Live and online ACPE-accredited programs for life-long learning.

Pharmacogenomics Certificate Program,
Jan. 5-March 1
This practice-based, interactive program provides pharmacists and other health care providers with an understanding of how genetic factors influence drug disposition, response, and adverse effects. Knowledge gained from this program will enhance participants’ ability to apply genetic information to clinical practice.

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