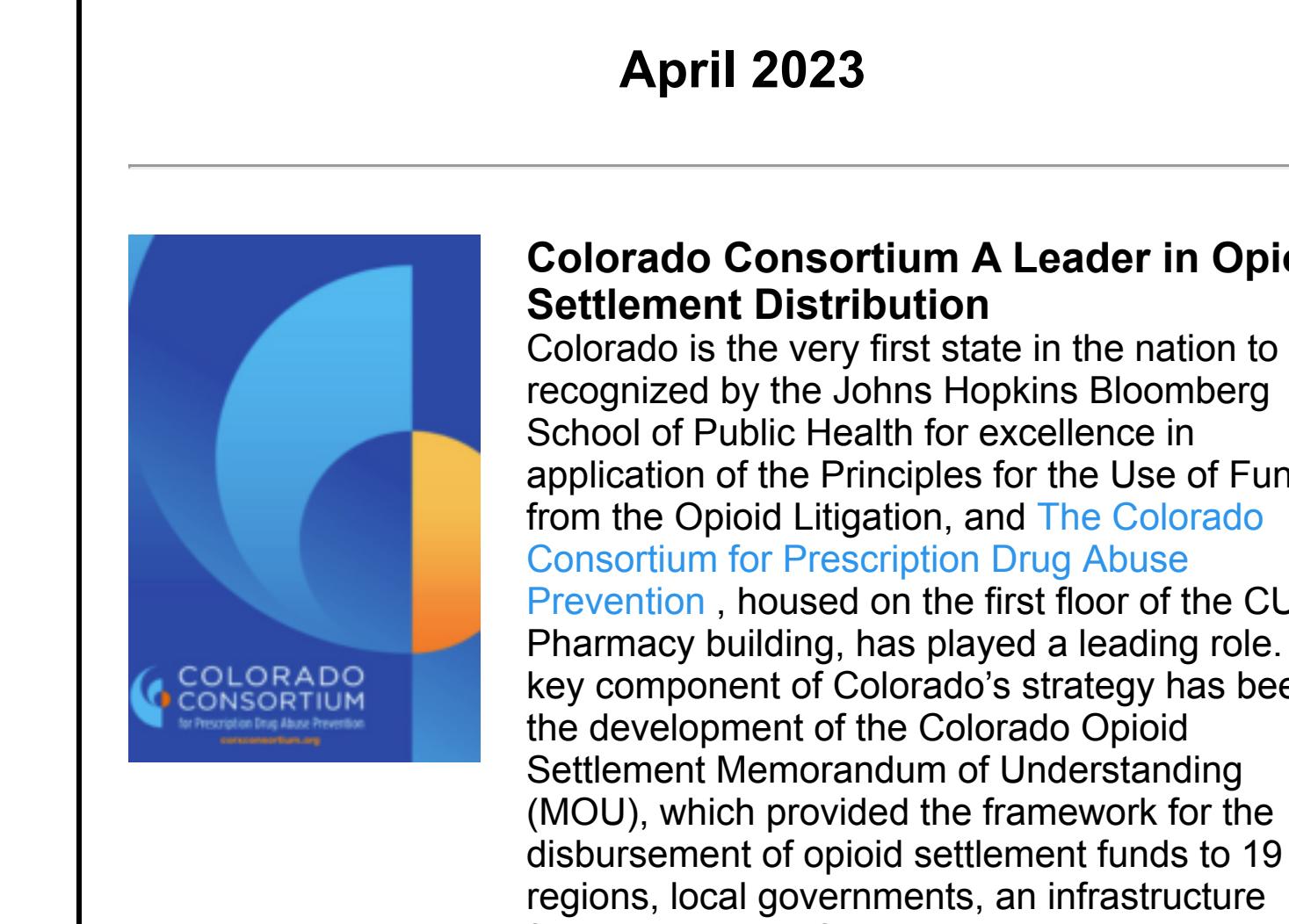


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Colorado Consortium A Leader in Opioid Settlement Distribution

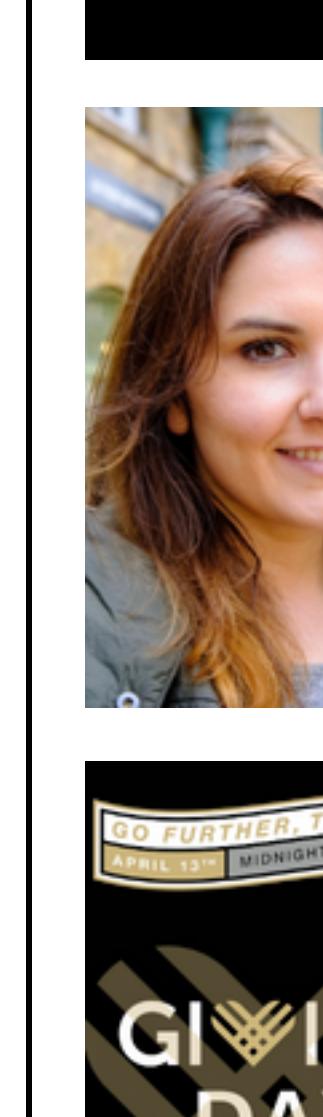
Colorado is the very first state in the nation to be recognized by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health for excellence in application of the Principles for the Use of Funds from the Opioid Litigation, and [The Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention](#), housed on the first floor of the CU Pharmacy building, has played a leading role. A key component of Colorado's strategy has been the development of the Colorado Opioid Settlement Management of Underfunding (MOU), which provided the framework for the disbursement of opioid settlement funds to 19 regions, local governments, an infrastructure fund, and a state fund.



Nairi Advocates at the State and Federal Level

Kavita Nairi, PhD, represented CU Pharmacy at Neurology on the Hill, in which she met with Congress on legislative issues important for patients with neurological disease. Her state-focused advocacy efforts include an op-ed supporting the accumulator ban bill (SB195). The bill effects MS patients disproportionately and patients with rare disease (ALS, SMA for examples) including those taking newer innovator drugs/ gene therapy leaving them on the hook for thousands of dollars when outside financial assistance is no longer allowed to count towards a patient's out of pocket costs.

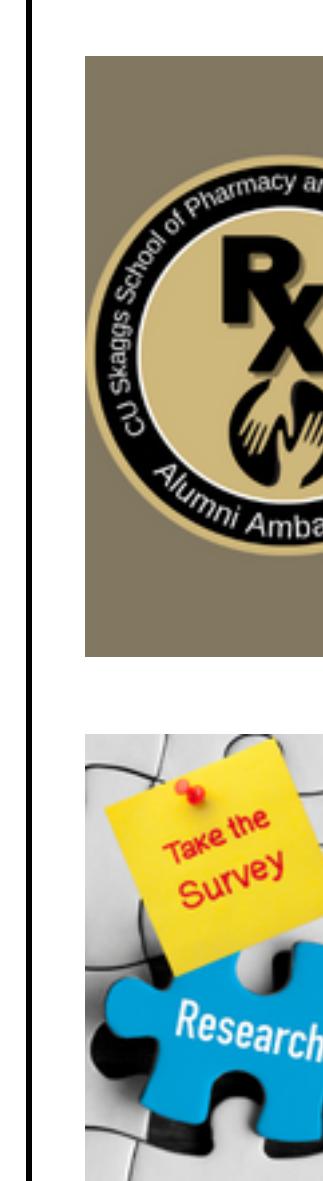
[Read the Op-Ed](#)



Big Data and Bold Medicine: CU Anschutz Returns to Airwaves with 'Possibilities Endless'

The spring, the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus returned to primetime. March 13 marked the launch of the latest phase of the CU Anschutz advertising campaign Possibilities Endless. The campaign features the CU Pharmacy Center for Drug Discovery and our own researchers, [Dan LaBarbera, PhD](#), and [Qiong Zhou, MS](#). CU Anschutz chancellor Don Elliman says the campaign highlights the people who make new discoveries and treatments possible, and the spirit of collaboration and passion for improving health that unite us in common purpose.

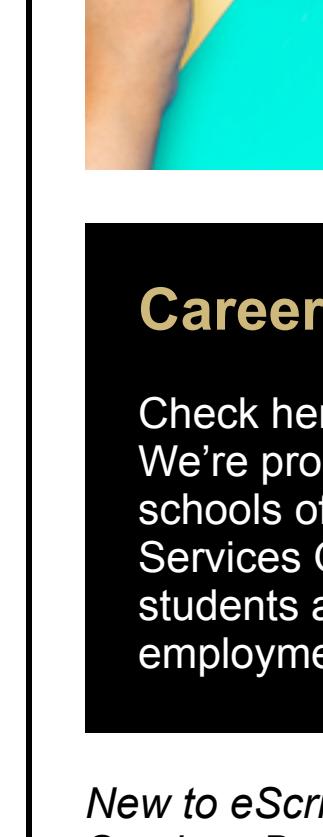
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Escape Room Highlights Innovative Pharmacy Teaching

This could not be the wall and the nervous break in the studio indicated this wasnt your normal Pharmacy classroom. Welcome to the Pharmacy Escape Room, part of the Infectious Diseases elective course offered to P3 students and taught by Drs. Meghan Jeffries and Doug Fish. The escape room is the brainchild of associate professor, Meghan Jeffries, PharmD, and an example of the innovative teaching methods students are likely to experience in the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

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Concertgoers Allowed to Carry Narcan Into Festivals. Will It Help Save Lives?

As festival season kicks off and the Food and Drug Administration approves naloxone for over-the-counter sales, the fight to prevent fentanyl deaths continues. Dr. Rob Gieck, RPh, PhD, speaks with Lauren Kelley about the recent FDA approval of the nasal spray Narcan, and why that is good news for music festival attendees hoping to carry the medication in case they witness an opioid overdose.

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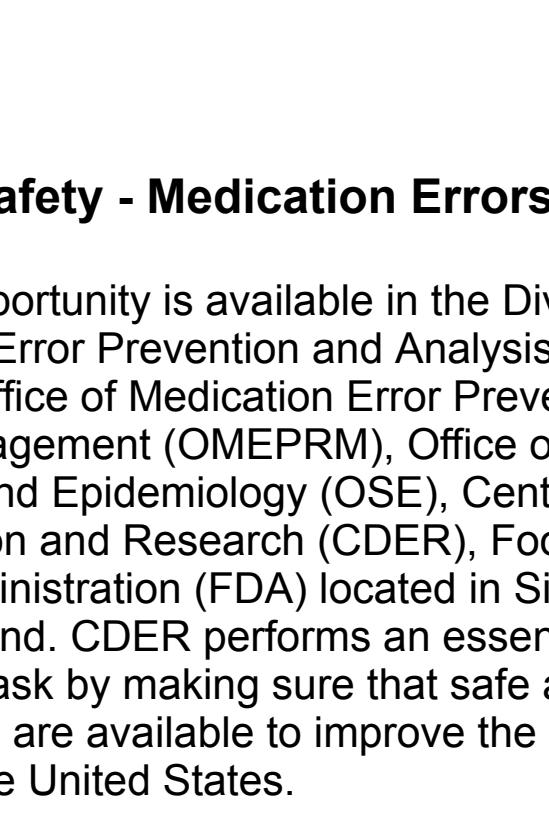


Alumni Zone

Look here for the monthly alumni

spotlights, upcoming events, and

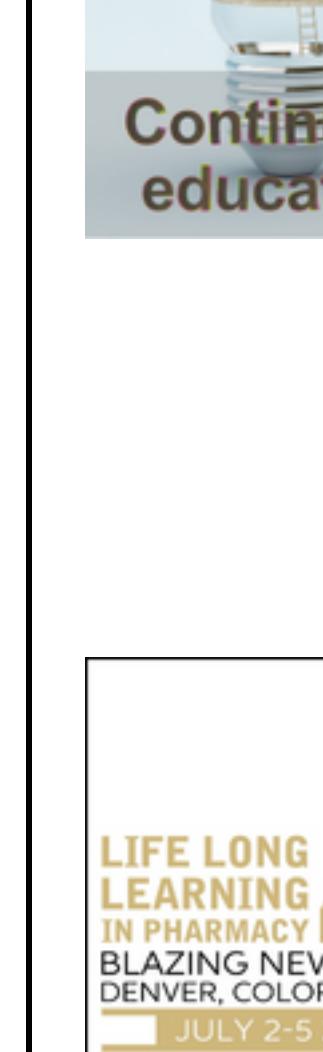
opportunities to get involved!



Alumni Spotlight: Lana Al-Omar

In celebration of Asian-American Heritage Month this April, we feature 2016 CU Pharmacy alumna Lana Al-Omar as the Alumni Spotlight. Lana reflects on her time as a student on campus, catching us up to date on where she is today, along with sharing pearls of wisdom to guide future pharmacists.

[Read more](#)



Go Further, Together

On April 13, CU Anschutz alumni, friends, faculty, and staff will come together for a 24-hour, online giving event to raise dollars for scholarships and program support across campus. Join us in going further for the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy. This is where we make the commitment to Go Further, Together.

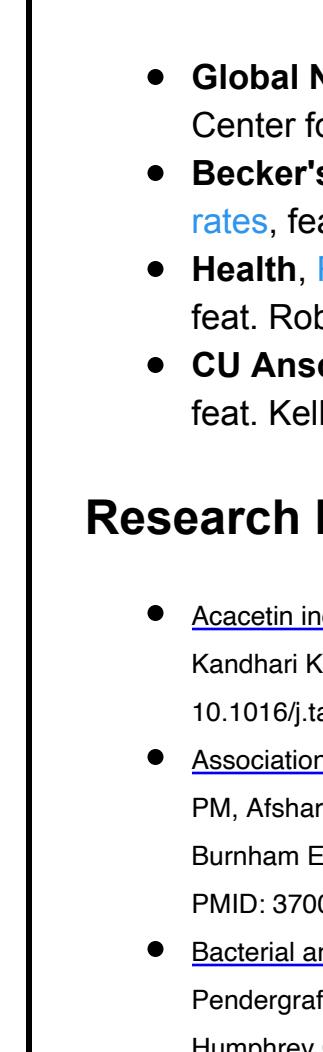
[Make a Gift](#)



Preceptors Needed at Health Fair

If you are a registered preceptor with an active license in the state of Colorado, you're needed to help at a health fair scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 9 AM-1 PM, at the [Living Water Church in Aurora](#). Preceptors will be guiding students as they participate in screenings for BP, BMI, Lipid, and Glucose. There will also be an "Ask a Pharmacist" table as well for general health questions.

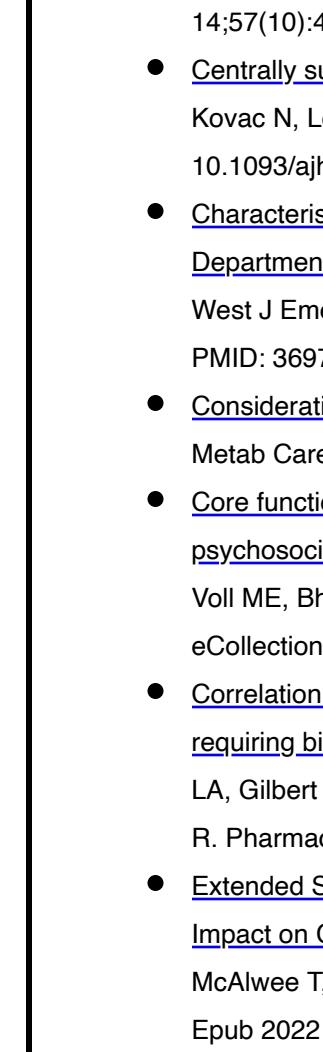
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Become an Alumni Ambassador

The CU Pharmacy Alumni Association is looking for alumni to join its Alumni Ambassador program. Sign up to be an ambassador today and receive communications on volunteer opportunities in your interest areas at the school and around the community. Alumni Ambassadors help shape the future of Pharmacy and share their pride of CU Pharmacy. Join today.

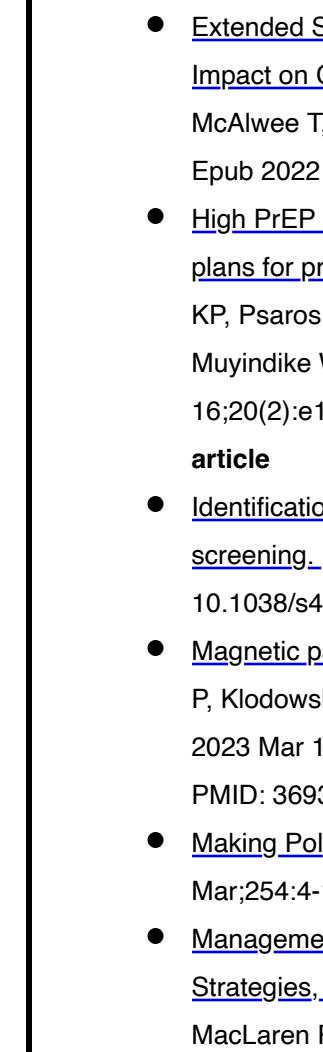
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Pharmacists Needed for Research Survey

Take part in a survey examining pharmacists' perceptions around pharmacy technician immunization. The survey is conducted as part of a research project for completion of a candidate's Masters of Science in Health Services Administration at the University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy.

[Answer the Survey](#)

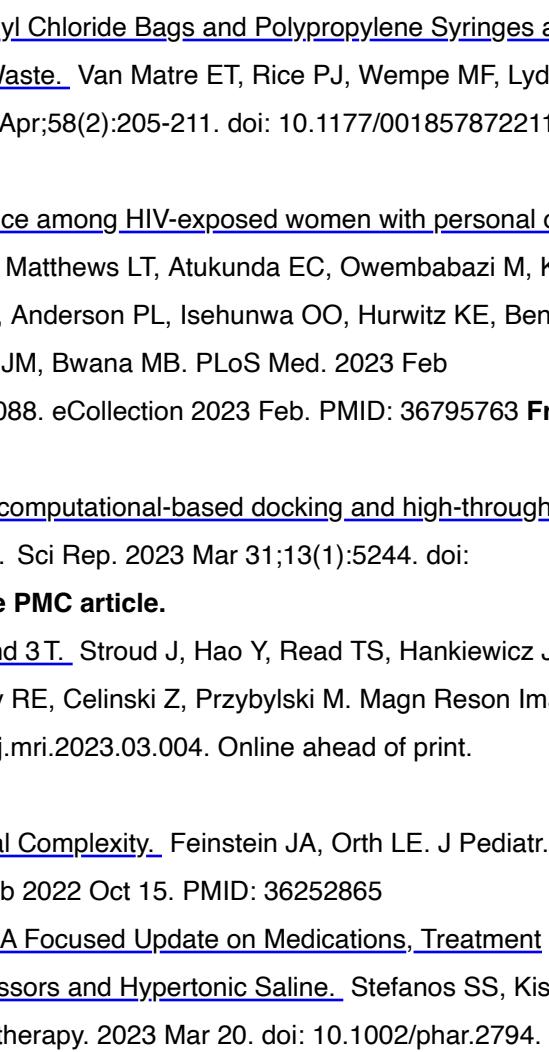


Alumni Nomination Season

It's nomination season for CU Pharmacy alumni. Here are two ways to show your School pride by nominating a fellow alumna/alumnus for either an alumni board position or for an alumni award.

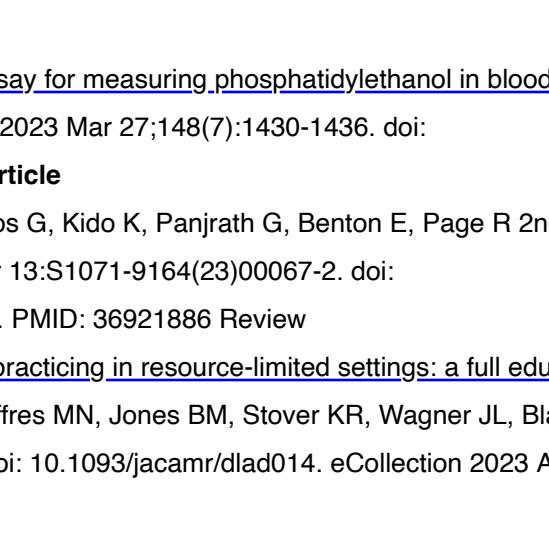
Alumni Award Nominations: bit.ly/3kT9m

Alumni Board Nominations: bit.ly/3lWEAID



Career Services

Check here for featured job postings. We're proud to be one of the few schools of pharmacy with a Career Services Office devoted to helping students and alumni obtain employment.



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FDA Drug Safety - Medication Errors Fellowship

A research opportunity is available in the Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis (DMEPA-II), Office of Medication Error Prevention and Risk Management (OMERPM), Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology (OSE), Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), Food and Drug Administration (FDA) located in Silver Spring, Maryland. CDER performs an essential public health task by making sure that safe and effective drugs are available to improve the health of people in the United States.

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