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What's up in DOPS?

Drs. Mandi Hopkins and Wynton McClary are recipients of ADR Postdoc and Fellow Transition grants. Drs. Hopkins and McClary work in the Bain and Catalano labs, respectively.

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Receives \$1.5 Million Grant



The Colorado Health Foundation invested more than \$1.5 million to advance Colorado's efforts to fight substance abuse and the opioid epidemic plaguing the state. The grant supports the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, housed at the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and directed by faculty member Rob Valuck, PhD. Combined with a \$1 million grant from the state of Colorado last May to create a Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, this gift will further speed efforts to combat the growing opioid epidemic.

Need CE? Mark Your Calendar for Advances in Pharmacy Practice 2018

The annual Advances in Pharmacy Practice CE program is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24. Early bird registration through Feb. 5. Attend in person or via Zoom videoconference. Half-day registration available. Topics include:

- Inglorious microbes: We're in the killin' bugs business
- What do you do when cannabis gets admitted?
- Popular herbal therapies: stock 'em or knock 'em
- The importance of assessing and treating anemia in patients with heart failure
- Anticoagulants in 2018: measuring, reversal, and perioperative management
- SBIRT presentation
- Is it time for a tune-up? Using modern anti-seizure drugs for combination therapy

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Career Exploration Lunch & Learn About Careers in Palliative Care

Students and alumni are welcome to attend the Feb. 28 Career Exploration Lunch & Learn session exploring careers in palliative care. This free event includes a 50-minute panel discussion with pharmacists currently in the field. Network and discover more about this growing career.

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In the News

The school and its experts are consistently sought out by reporters covering a variety of topics. This month included national pharmacy publications and consumer oriented broadcasts.

- Assistant dean for clinical and professional affairs Gina Moore, PharmD, and clinical neurology research fellow Matt Makelky, PharmD, were interviewed along with other pharmacists throughout the country in a piece for

[PharmacyToday.org](#) titled [Pharmacists tread carefully into the world of medical cannabis](#).

- [CBS4 highlighted](#) our students for their work in providing free flu shots during the National Western Stock Show.
- [Aurora 8 aired a piece on our Pharmacist for a Day program](#) where our pharmacy students provide area 4th graders an idea of what it's like to be pharmacists.
- Faculty member Rob Valuck, PhD, was interviewed on [KHOW radio](#) and the [Aurora Sentinel regarding the opioid epidemic](#). Valuck also was interviewed by [9NEWS regarding the high cost of Vivitrol and patient accessibility](#).
- 9NEWS also hosted our monthly Pharmacist Line9 consumer call-in.



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