FACT SHEET

University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus is the largest academic health center in the Rocky Mountain region. The campus includes the University of Colorado health professional schools, multiple centers and institutes and two nationally ranked teaching hospitals that treat 1.9 million patients each year. Interconnected, these organizations improve the quality of patient care they deliver, research they conduct, and health professionals they train.

Research and innovation on our campus fuels the Colorado economy, leading to new companies and jobs, as well as medical treatments that improve our lives.

› $1.9 billion university budget (FY17)
› $490 million in annual research awards (FY17)
› Direct economic impact of $3.9 billion including University of Colorado Hospital and Children’s Hospital Colorado
› More than 2,000 patent applications filed and over 60 new companies formed since 2002

“We seek to be a medical destination of such breadth and quality that no one from the Rocky Mountain Region should ever have to travel beyond this campus to receive the finest care in the world. While delivering that care in the present, we strive to be a major force in redefining what care will look like into the future and developing and training the workforce to deliver it.”

– Don Elliman, Chancellor, CU Anschutz Medical Campus

A NATIONAL LEADER IN HEALTH CARE AND LIFE SCIENCES

On a campus designed to enhance collaboration and interprofessional education, students learn alongside faculty members who also provide expert clinical care and make meaningful medical discoveries.

› 24,000 employees
› Over 45,000 alumni
› 1.9 million patient visits annually
› 230 acres of land for patient care, research and education facilities.
› 12.4 million square feet of newly built training facilities for future health professionals
QUICK FACTS

RECOGNIZED AMONG THE BEST

CLINICAL
› University of Colorado Hospital is ranked #1 hospital in Colorado and ranked #15 in the country, rising from #20 last year (U.S. News & World Report 2018).
› More than half of the physicians named in 5280’s survey of Denver Top Docs are CU faculty or clinical volunteers (2017).
› Children’s Hospital Colorado is consistently ranked as the top pediatric hospital in Colorado and in the top 10 nationally for five recognized specialty areas (U.S. News & World Report 2017).

EDUCATION
› US News & World Report (2018) ranks the School of Medicine #3 in family medicine, #6 in pediatrics, #6 in rural medicine and #8 in primary care. The College of Nursing ranks #9 in nurse practitioner pediatric, primary care. Graduate physician assistant program ranks #5.

RESEARCH
› $490 million in research awards (2017)
› Ranked in #5 in NIH funding for schools of pharmacy ($/PhD)
› Ranked #8 in NIH awards for public university schools of medicine
› CU Cancer Center has been designated one of 49 “Comprehensive Centers” by the National Cancer Institute. It was also ranked #15 by the 2017 U.S. News & World Report.

BREAKING NEW GROUND
› First liver transplant in the world
› Created a vaccine for shingles
› First to use human cell cloning to study genetics and cancer
› Discovered that naturally occurring blood proteins prevent the AIDS virus from reproducing and spreading to healthy cells
› First nurse practitioner and school nurse programs in the U.S.
› Only school of public health in the Rocky Mountain West

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY
› The School of Dental Medicine provides nearly 100,000 clinical dental visits each year, providing care to Colorado’s rural and underserved counties.
› The Colorado School of Public Health is a unique collaboration among CU Anschutz, Colorado State University and the University of Northern Colorado to fill public health gaps.
› The CU Anschutz Community-Campus Partnership, launched in 2014, supports the community of Aurora through educational pipeline programs, campus job opportunities, health care programs and community wealth building.
› School of Medicine faculty donated nearly $90 million in care to charity and patients in need during fiscal year 2016.
› University of Colorado Hospital and Children’s Hospital Colorado provided a combined $195 million in charity care in 2012.

INTERDISCIPLINARY BENEFITS
The physicians at the University of Colorado Hospital and Children’s Hospital Colorado are also faculty members at the CU School of Medicine. Not just great doctors, they are also scientists who lead research projects and teachers who instruct a new generation of caregivers by embracing the latest treatment innovations.