Nursing Research, Innovation and Professional Practice at Children's Hospital Colorado

For information on nursing research and current programs at Children's Colorado, email NursingResearch@childrenscolorado.org.

TERI L. HERNANDEZ, PHD, RN | NURSE SCIENTIST

Dr. Hernandez's research focuses on glucose and lipid metabolism during pregnancy and understanding in utero programming influences, such as diet, that enhance or attenuate evolving cardiovascular disease and diabetes risk. In addition to her role as a nurse scientist at Children's Colorado, Dr. Hernandez is an associate professor of medicine and nursing for University of Colorado.

MADALYNN NEU, PHD, RN, FAAN | NURSE SCIENTIST

Dr. Neu's research focuses on infant emotional development and regulation, as well as factors that likely impact emotional development, such as prematurity, illness, mother-infant interaction, stress and genetics. In addition to her role as a nurse scientist at Children's Colorado, Dr. Neu is an associate professor for University of Colorado's College of Nursing.

SCOTT HARPIN, PHD, MPH, RN, APHN-BC, FSAHM | NURSE SCIENTIST

Dr. Harpin's research focuses on the health outcomes and mental health promotion of vulnerable adolescent and young adult populations, specifically youth who have run away and are experiencing homeless, as well as youth who are transitioning to foster care. In addition to his role as a nurse scientist at Children's Colorado, Dr. Harpin is an associate professor for University of Colorado's College of Nursing.

BONNIE GANCE-CLEVELAND, PHD, RNC, PNP, FAAN | NURSE SCIENTIST

Dr. Gance-Cleveland's research focuses on decreasing health disparities in vulnerable populations through the advancement of science, collaboration with professional organizations and the use of technology to promote evidence-based practices. In addition to her role as a nurse scientist at Children's Colorado, Dr. Gance-Cleveland is an associate professor for University of Colorado's College of Nursing.

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FIGARO LORESTO, PHD, RN | NURSE SCIENTIST

Dr. Loresto's research focuses on social network analysis and multilevel analysis on big data, such as administrative databases and electronic health records. He has consulted as a statistician on numerous nursing-led quality improvement and research projects.

LINDSEY MARIE TARASENKO, PHD, RN | MAGNET PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dr. Tarasenko's research focuses on the interactions between organizational change and leadership role functions, relationships, and outcomes across healthcare contexts. Her dissertation work focused on relationships between the work environment and workplace mistreatment among nurse managers. She has experience conducting mixed methods research and has served on state and national healthcare policy committees related to workplace violence.

STEPHANIE GRIM, MSBA | SENIOR DATA REPORTING ANALYST

Grim focuses on data science and statistics. She works to advance data practice and statistical modelling within nursing research and professional practice.

CATHERINE KLEINER, PHD, RN | DIRECTOR

Dr. Kleiner's research focuses on standardizing documentation, improving care for patients and making the environment safe for patients and healthcare staff. Much of Kleiner's work is in the perioperative setting.

CLAIRE CASEY, BS | OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

Casey oversees operations and project management work for Dr. Kleiner's team. With experience in business, marketing research and academia, she effectively coordinates and prioritizes departmental initiatives.

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