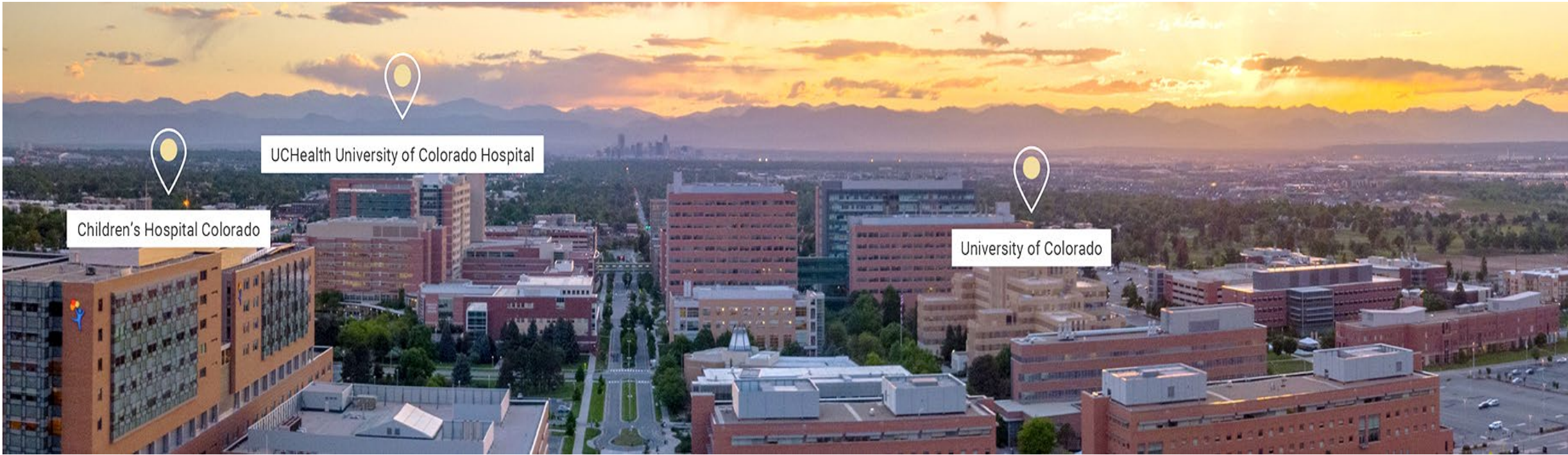


Welcome CCTSI EAC to Colorado

April 8-9, 2026



External Advisory Committee

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NEW: External Advisory Committee

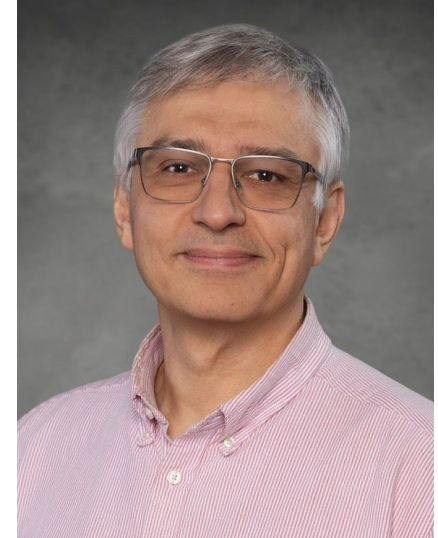
**Elizabeth Burnside, MD,
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Associate Dean, Team
Science and
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Co-Director of the Institute
for Clinical and
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Progress Report of UM1 Yr. 3 and Summary of Future Directions and Goals



Ronald J. Sokol, MD, FAASLD
Director and M.P.I. of CCTSI
Assistant Vice Chancellor of Clinical and Translational Science
Chief Scientific Officer, Child Health
University of Colorado – Anschutz



Clinical and Translational Research Leadership – CU Anschutz

Vice Chancellor of Research

Thomas Flaig, MD

Professor of Medicine

Oncology



Dean of CU Anschutz SOM and VC Health Affairs

John Sampson, MD, PhD, MHSc, MBA
Neurosurgery



Clinical and Translational Research Leadership – CU Anschutz

**Associate Vice Chancellor for Regulatory
Compliance – Retiring after 20 years**

Alison Lakin, RN, LLB, LLM, PhD



**Cecilia Low Wang MD Professor of Medicine
Assistant Vice Chancellor,
Clinical Research Operations**



This Year's Format for EAC Meeting

- Overview & Progress for year 3 of the UM1 grant cycle
- Updates on Selected Elements (not all) for CCTSI 4.0 (2023-30), emphasizing Impact and CTS Roadblock solutions
- Evening session – Translational Innovation Ecosystem at CU Anschutz
- Closed EAC Session
- Feedback Session

- ***Thank you to Wendy Meyer, Director of Communications, and her team***



Recommendations from 2025 EAC Report

"With the agreement of the CCTSI leadership, the EAC would like to make several key recommendations for next year's review:

1. We would suggest fewer presentations so that will provide additional time for discussion.
2. There is no need to discuss every module or program, rather focus on selected programs of concern or when you wish additional feedback.
3. Finally, additional focus on translational science would be helpful."



Emphasis for this Year's EAC Meeting

"Impact and TS Solutions"

1. Stakeholder and Community Engagement, including PBRNs
2. Dissemination and Implementation
3. Impact of Workforce Development programs on Early-Stage Investigators
4. Real World Data Science – Biostats and Informatics/AI
5. PEET – Element E Clinical Research Program
6. Evaluation and Assessing Impact – moving towards TBSM model
7. Translational Innovation Ecosystem



Clinical and Translational Research Leadership – CU Anschutz

Chief Clinical Research Officer UC Health
Associate Dean Clinical Research SOM
Thomas Campbell, MD Professor of Medicine



Chief Academic Officer UC Health
Associate Dean Clinical Affairs SOM
Jean Kutner MD Professor of Medicine



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Assistant VC for CT Science

Distinguished Professor of Pediatrics
Pediatric GI, Hepatology, Nutrition



Clinical and Translational Research Leadership – CU Anschutz

Janine Higgins, PhD

MPI, CCTSI Director of Operations

Director/Lead of Resources & Services

Vice Chair for Research, Dept. Of Medicine
SOM

Professor of Medicine



Clinical and Translational Research Leadership – CU Anschutz

Tim Lockie, MS, MBA

**Director of Finance and Administration,
CCTSI**



CCTSI Vision



**Accelerate and catalyze the translation of
innovative science into improved health and
patient care for all**



CCTSI 4.0 UM1 Overall 6 Strategic Goals

Goal 1: Advance CTS by developing, demonstrating, and disseminating innovative programs to improve the **efficiency and impact** of translation across the entire T0.5 to T4 spectrum

Goal 2: Promote **collaboration, team and data science**, and partnerships to accelerate CTR locally, regionally and nationally

Goal 3: **Partner** locally, regionally and nationally with institutions, stakeholders and communities to develop innovative research programs that address **health inequities**



CCTSI 4.0 UM1 Overall 6 Strategic Goals

Goal 4: Develop **operational efficiencies** to increase the quality, safety, efficiency, effectiveness and informativeness of clinical research

Goal 5: Promote a safe and nimble research environment that can rapidly respond to **urgent public health needs**

Goal 6: Develop and disseminate **CTS training programs** that educate and sustain a resilient, diverse team of clinical research professionals



CCTSI 4.0 Grants Awards



- **UM1** Funded in September 2023

UM1 Funding Period: Sept. 14, 2023 - July 31, 2030

- **Predocctoral T32:** Sept 20, 2023 – August 31, 2028

- Lisa Cicutto, PhD, RN

- **Postdoctoral T32:** Sept 18, 2023 – June 30, 2028

- Lisa Cicutto, PhD, RN

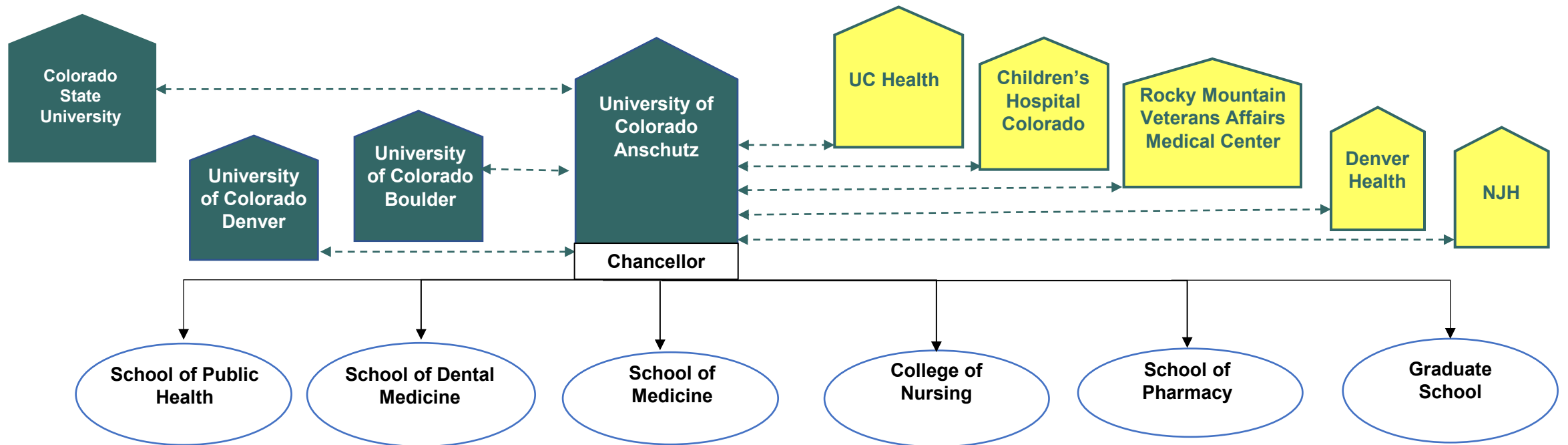
- **K12:** Dec. 1, 2023 – November 30, 2028

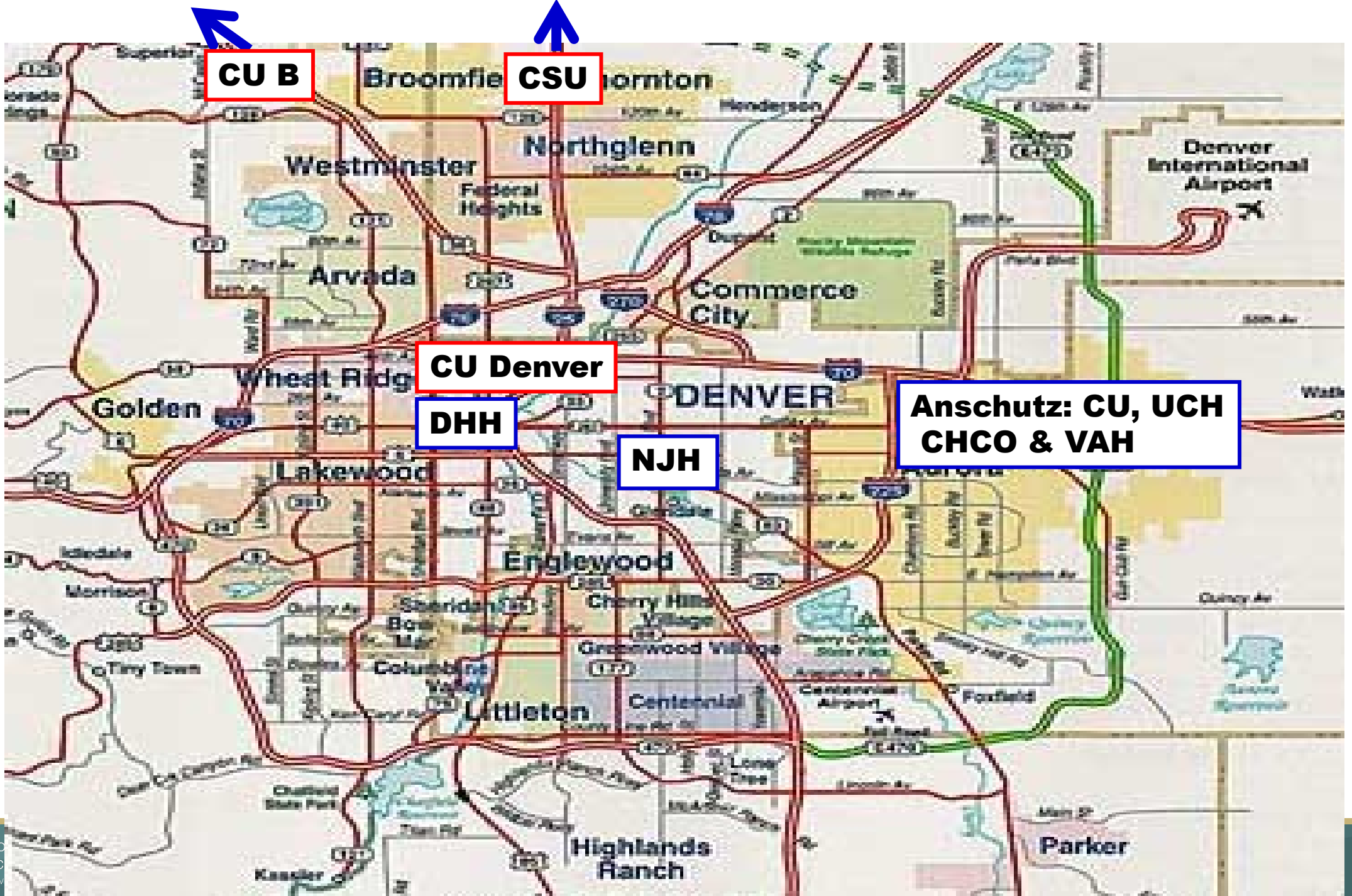
- Ellen Burnham, MD

- **Total funding** from grants ~ \$64 Million



CCTSI 9 Partnering Institutions





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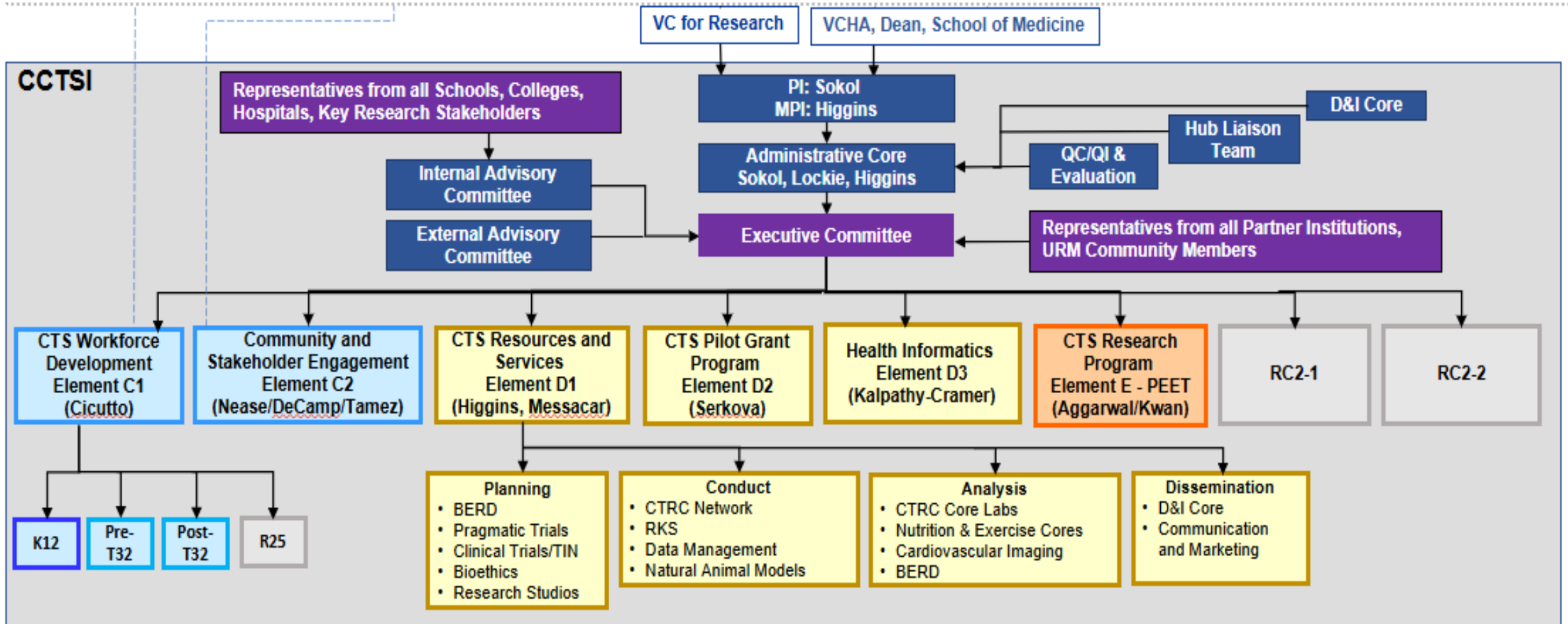
CSU

CU Denver

DHH

NJH

**Anschutz: CU, UCH
CHCO & VAH**



CCTSI Leadership Team

Director: Ronald Sokol, MD, MPI

Director of Operations: Janine Higgins, PhD, MPI

DFA: Tim Lockie, MS, MBA

Associate Directors:

- Lisa Cicutto, PhD, RN
- Ellen Burnham, MD
- Alison Lakin RN, JD
- Donald Nease, MD, MPH, Matt DeCamp MD
- Natalie Serkova, PhD
- Jayashree Kalpathy-Cramer, PhD, Nichole Carlson, PhD
- Neil Aggarwal, MD
- Bethany Kwan, PhD



CCTSI Community Partners

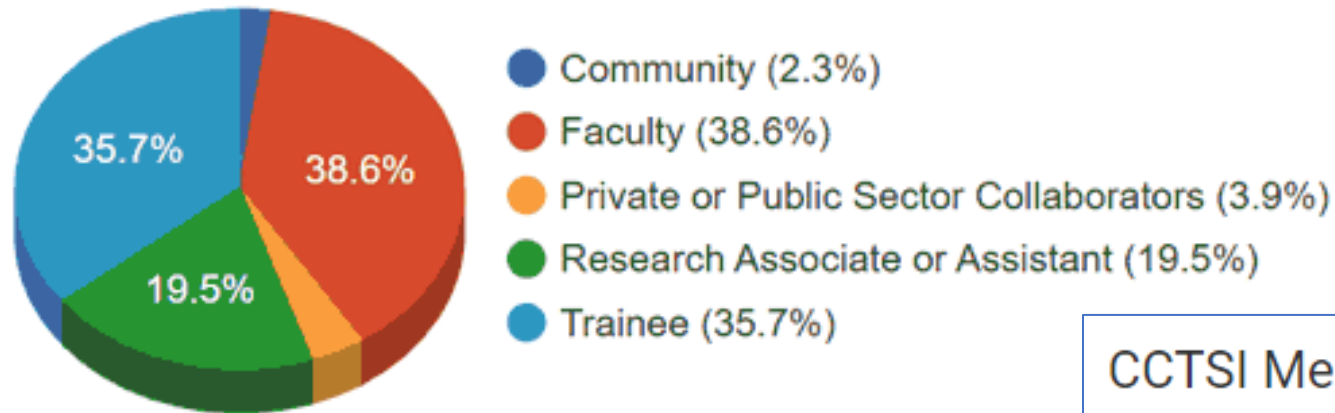


- **>20 Community-Academic partnerships** throughout the state, including multiple **PBRNs (CAMPFIRE)**
- **Community Engagement Program (PACT Council)**
 - **Representative Populations:**
 - Native Americans, LatinX, African-Americans, Rural populations, Nursing partnerships, Catholic churches, Ranching, LGBTQ, etc.
 - **PACT Focus Groups:**
 - San Luis Valley, Stapleton 2040, American Indian/ Alaskan Native Programs, High Plains Research Network, Kaiser Patient/provider, LUCCHAR

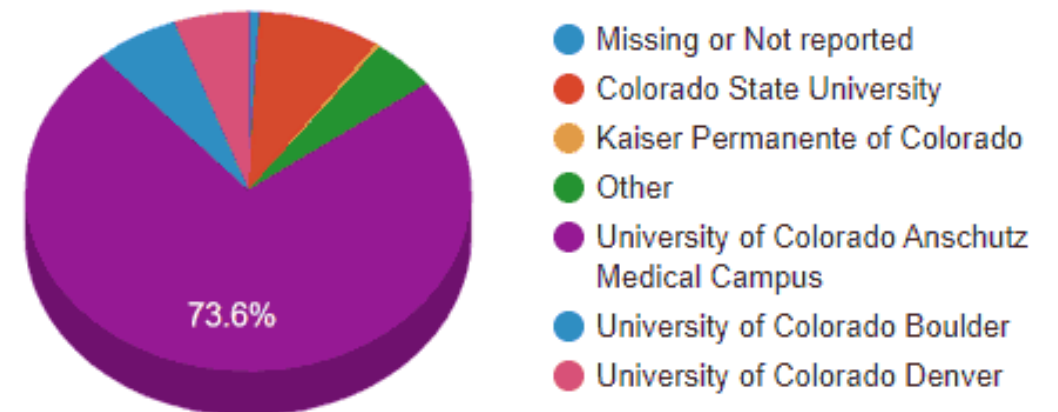


CCTSI Members and Partnering Institutions

CCTSI Membership by Type



CCTSI Membership by Affiliation



Interactions and Intersections

- Office of Vice Chancellor for Research
- CIDA – Campus-wide Biostats and Study Design Center
- Health Data Compass – Data Warehouse
- ACCORDS – Health Outcomes and HSR
- CCPM – Center for Personalized Medicine
- Center for Health Equity
- CCHRI – Child Health Research Institute
- CU Innovations
- Vice Chancellor of Access and Engagement
- Many programs at Partnering Institutions





OVCR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Thomas Flaig, MD
Vice Chancellor for Research
CU Anschutz Medical Campus



Terri Carrothers
Executive Vice Chancellor for
Administration and Finance | CFO
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*Laboratory Animal
Resources*



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*Clinical Research
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*Research Development
and Strategy*



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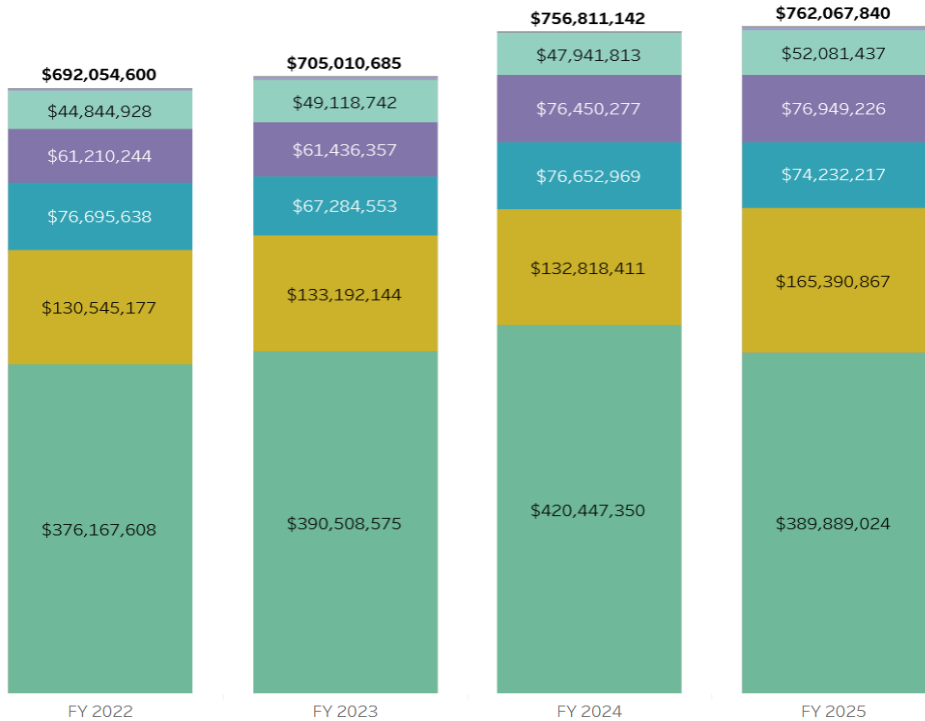


Total Research Grants – CU Anschutz

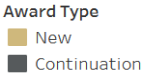
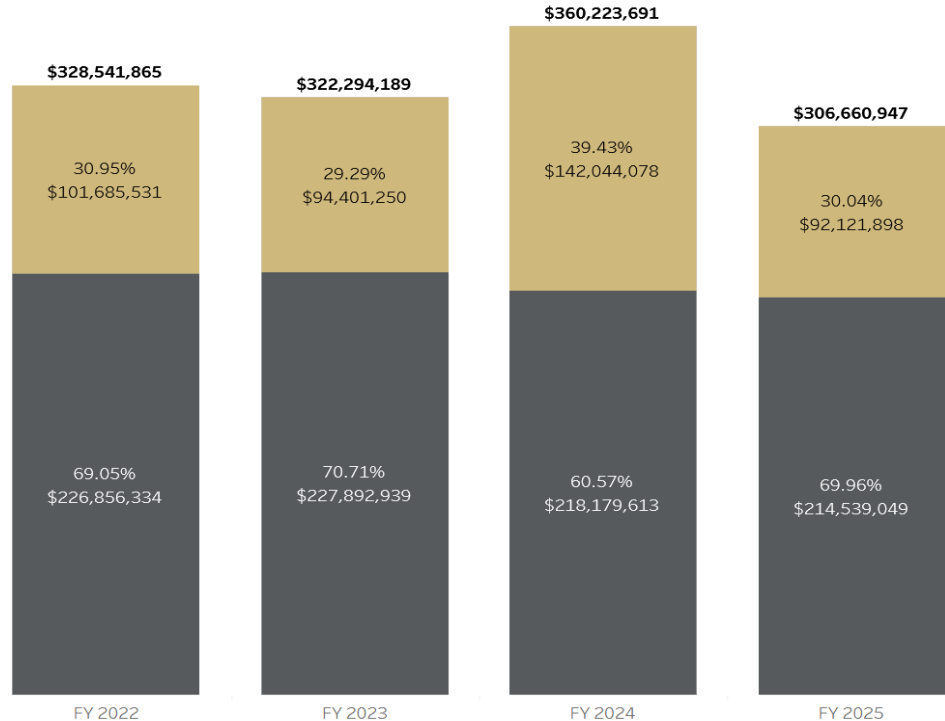
FY 2025 Highlights

Grants/Contracts Submitted	Proposed Costs	Total Awards	Individual Awards	Federal Awards
3,625	\$3,407M	\$762M	3,123	51.16%

Awards Last 4 Years



Awards New Vs Continuations NIH



Campus Research Accomplishments

COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

National Cancer Institute Designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, the only one in Colorado and one of only 71 nationally.

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Rare Disease Center of Excellence by the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD), for its research and commitment to advance care for patients with rare diseases.

NUMBER 8 IN NIH FUNDING

CU Anschutz School of Medicine ranks 8th nationally among public medical schools for medical research funding from the National Institutes of Health.

MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOLS TOP 10 AWARD

Military Friendly Schools Top 10 Award Designation, an elite designation for providing military service members and their families with high-quality education and programs.

UNIVERSITY INNOVATION LEADERS

Ranked as the 16th academic institution in the nation for health sciences research and 26th globally, according to [Nature's 2025 Index report](#).

TOP 5 HEALTH SCIENCE RESEARCH HOSPITALS

Ranked among the top 5 research hospitals for the health sciences worldwide, according to the [Nature's 2025 Index report](#).

AMERICA'S BEST LARGE EMPLOYERS

Recognized nationally as one of America's best large employers for its benefits, employee recognition, opportunities for advancement and much more.

HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTION

Granted by the U.S. Department of Education, the University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz is the only R1 institution in the Rocky Mountain Region granted HSI status.

APPLE DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

CU Anschutz School of Dental Medicine has been recognized by Apple as a distinguished school for inspiring, imagining, and impacting teaching and learning through continuous innovation.

AGE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITY

CU Anschutz is designated an [Age-Friendly University](#) for its leadership in research, education and care for older adults – one of only a small group of academic medical campuses to earn the distinction.



Total Research Grants – Partners

CSU



CU Boulder

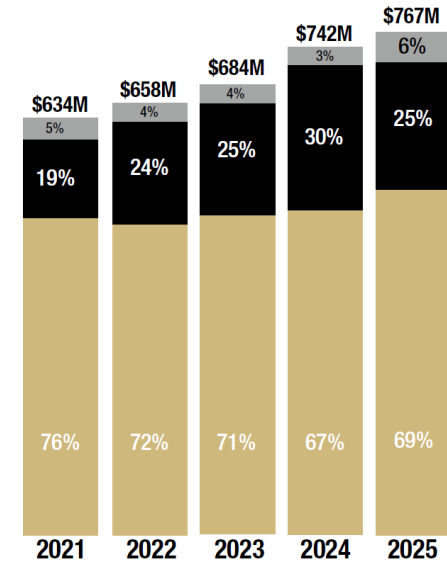
Total Support for Research and Creative Work

\$766.7
Million

3,715
Awards & Gifts

Proposals Submitted

2,522
\$2.2 Billion



Professional Workforce Development

1. Summer Undergraduate Minority Mentoring in Translational Science (SUMMiT) (n=25) – Pathway Programs
2. T32 Pre-doctoral and Post-doctoral training programs
3. Clinical Sciences Graduate Program (PhD, Masters)
4. K12 Research Scholar program - up to 3 yrs. of support
5. Clinical Research Training and Education (CRSC)
6. Clinical Faculty Scholars Program (HSR training)



Lisa Cicutto, PhD, RN

Professional Workforce Development

7. Colorado Mentor Training Program (CO-Mentor) and M³
8. Pre-R Award Grant Review
9. Pre-K Award Assistance and Grant Review
10. Pre-F Award Grant Review
11. Research Studios
12. Innovation Corps (I-Corps)
13. Teaming and Leading for Early Career Researchers
14. Communicating Your Science to the Public



Lisa Cicutto, PhD, RN



Clinical Translational Research Centers (CTRCs) - *Translation in Action*

- **4 sites: UCH-AHSB, CHCO, NJH & CU-B**

- Inpatient and outpatient facilities and mobile teams
- Nursing, nutrition, metabolic kitchen, whole room calorimeter, body composition, exercise physiology, vascular ultrasonography and ECHO, Core laboratories & specimen processing
- ***Microgrants*** to Jr. Investigators (\$10,000/yr. x 3)
- **200 PI's > 500 CTRC Protocols** each year (10,000 - 15,000 visits/yr)



CTS Research Program – Element E

Pragmatic EHR-Embedded Trials (PEET)

- Bethany Kwan, PhD and Neil Aggarwal
- Established the governance, partnerships and infrastructure
- Funded one trial in years 2023, 2024, and 2025 and reviewing proposals for a 4th one this *year*
- Presentations tomorrow



National CTSA Consortium Involvement

- Numerous individuals on Enterprise Committees, Working Groups, External Advisory Committees, Collaborations
 - Details during presentations
- Ronald Sokol, MD – CTSA Consortium Annual Meeting Planning Committee
- RECOVER, CEAL



