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Two Colorado Physicians Honored for Their Volunteer Services

DENVER— Two Colorado physicians will be honored during National Health Center Week, Aug. 9-15, with CCHN's 2009 Volunteer Clinician Awards. They are William Deverell, MD, retired orthopedic surgeon in Colorado Springs; and Thomas Billroth Gottlieb, MD, president of Denver Oncology Consortium (DOC) in Arvada.

The award honors volunteer clinicians who are dedicated to serving the needs of the medically underserved of Colorado. Candidates are nominated by Community Health Centers (CHCs), and may be physicians, physician's assistants, nurse practitioners, certified midwives, dentists, dental hygienists, or mental health providers. To be eligible, nominees must provide direct patient services at or on behalf of a CHC, lead advocacy activities on behalf of the medically underserved, and must have provided volunteer services to a CHC for a minimum of three years.

William Deverell, MD, Colorado Springs

Dr. Deverell, a long-time volunteer physician for Peak Vista Community Health Centers in El Paso County, is known for his advocacy skills on behalf of Peak Vista's patients. He has encouraged other surgeons to provide costly knee, shoulder, hip and other joint replacements to Peak Vista patients at no cost. Because of his efforts, Peak Vista patients have received hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of medical procedures. His advocacy activities on behalf of the medically underserved continue, as he was recently inducted into the Garden of the Gods Rotary, which supports nonprofit health care initiatives on the west side of Colorado Springs.

Dr. Deverell has supported Peak Vista for several years by generously giving his time, supporting Peak Vista's Foundation financially, helping patients get surgical procedures they could not otherwise afford, and expanding care for those in need by soliciting help from his physician peers. Dr. Deverell was in private practice in Colorado Springs for 28 years, following 20 years in the military.

Thomas Billroth Gottlieb, MD, Arvada

Dr. Gottlieb and the DOC have led coordinated efforts in the Denver metropolitan area and within Metro Community Provider Network (MCPN) to provide better cancer diagnosis and treatment to those in need. Dr. Gottlieb is a retired physician, who specializes in internal medicine and who has provided countless hours of volunteer services to MCPN. He supported MCPN's work around cancer care by helping MCPN secure a grant from the State of Colorado to provide cancer genetic risk assessments for MCPN patients. This has resulted in patients (who are deemed at high risk for genetically predisposed cancers) being successfully screened, and where medically indicated, tested for genetic predisposition for colorectal, breast, and ovarian cancers.

In addition, Dr. Gottlieb has been instrumental in the development, management and executive oversight of the DOC, a non-profit, volunteer, multi-disciplinary, clinical peer review organization. Through the collaborative work of its expert members, Dr. Gottlieb and the DOC have organized the expert review of cancer diagnosis and treatment of more than 100 cancer cases at MCPN. Dr. Gottlieb has provided direct patient services to MCPN patients and training in evidence-based cancer care to MCPN's primary care physicians.

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For a listing of National Health Center Week events at Colorado Community Health Centers, click [here](#).

The Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN) is the collective voice for Colorado's 15 Community Health Centers (CHCs) and their patients. CHCs provide a health care home to more than 500,000 of their community members - one in 10 people in Colorado - from 55 of the state's 64 counties. Without CHCs, hundreds of thousands of Colorado's low-income families and individuals would have no regular source of health care. CCHN's mission is to increase access to high quality health care for people in need in Colorado. For more information about CCHN, please visit www.cchn.org.

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