Vision
We seek to be a medical and health care 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. We will accomplish this goal through visionary leadership, as well as by our steadfast commitment to recruiting and retaining top talent, and nurturing a culture that continuously fuels and rewards innovation.

“At the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, we are doing two things simultaneously – delivering the world’s best care today while reinventing the care of tomorrow.” – Donald M. Elliman, Jr., Chancellor

- Mantra video
- Chancellor Elliman’s 2018 State of the Campus address

Campus
Part of the four-campus University of Colorado system, the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus is the only comprehensive academic health sciences center in Colorado, the largest academic health center in the Rocky Mountain West and one of the newest education, research and patient care facilities in the world. On 230 acres, just six miles east of downtown Denver, sits 12.4 million square feet of newly built training facilities for medical and health professionals in six schools and colleges, modern and fully equipped research infrastructure and two nationally ranked hospitals – University of Colorado Hospital (#1 in Colorado; ranked nationally in 11 specialties, including #1 in pulmonology) and Children’s Hospital Colorado (#9 in U.S.; ranked in all 10 pediatric specialties, with 5 in the top 10). A growing medical city, CU Anschutz employs more than 24,000 people and sees 2.1 million patient visits each and every year. Our campus fuels the state economy, with a direct economic impact on par with the Colorado ski industry at $5.1 billion per year, and our 4,771 faculty members attract over $515 million in annual research funding. Startup companies based on technologies developed here have attracted in excess of $914 million in venture capital and other investments. Since its establishment a decade ago, this campus has grown and developed at an exponential pace, and our forward momentum shows no signs of slowing.

“The fusion of education, research and clinical care is the secret sauce of academic medicine. By coupling some of the best minds in health care and medicine with ambitious students eager to lead the next generation, we get remarkable innovation, and leading-edge treatments and care.” – Donald M. Elliman, Jr., Chancellor
“This place offers one of the best opportunities in the country to meet the challenges we face in academic medicine – from fundamental research into the biology of the human body to the understanding of complex health delivery systems, the university and its campus partners have made critical investments already, have recruited world-class talent, and have fostered a collaborative working environment.” – John J. Reilly, Jr., MD, Dean, School of Medicine

- CU Anschutz Facts 2017-2018
- Dean Reilly’s 2018 State of the School address
- Aspen Ideas Festival 2015 campus video

**Growth**
This campus set its sights just over 10 years ago on becoming one of the top-tier medical destinations in the country and in the world. We have achieved remarkable results, and others are taking notice. UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital is ranked #1 in Colorado and among the top hospitals in the country. We are achieving a 10% to 15% annual growth rate and our hospital partners are frequently at or beyond 100% capacity. This while other academic medical institutions are experiencing plateaus or are in decline.

“What attracted me to CU Anschutz is the sense of opportunity and the growth trajectory. While other academic medical campuses are concerned with maintaining what they have, our problems here are problems of managing growth. We will continue to grow into the foreseeable future, so our focus is on hiring good talent and scaling up to meet the demand.” – John J. Reilly, Jr., MD, Dean, CU School of Medicine

- Rankings Summary by CU School of Medicine
- City of Aurora campus overview video

**Top Talent**
We believe that achieving our vision of becoming a top-tier medical destination is directly tied to our ability to attract and retain top talent and to fund their vision for the future. By bringing talented physicians, researchers and educators to CU Anschutz, we attract their peers in diverse fields and inspire some of the best students to pursue their education here. We are attracting game-changers in medicine from places like Johns Hopkins, Vanderbilt, Harvard and Mayo Clinic who share our confidence in this unique place and our vision for becoming a truly preeminent medical destination. Attracting top physicians and researchers is part of a cycle that perpetuates excellence. Other top physicians and researchers want to join them in pursuit of quality health care solutions, in a culture where innovation and creativity are rewarded, and providing the best care is the ultimate goal.

“It is amazing how a thoughtful, creative, innovative approach to recruiting key talent can transform an entire program. In our experience, it already has.” – Richard Schulick, MD, MBA, Director, CU Cancer Center & Chair, Department of Surgery
**Innovation**

We seek to move life-changing advances into commercial production as quickly as possible in order to improve lives. Over the past 15 years, our physicians and researchers filed over 2,000 patent applications and formed more than 60 new companies, garnering more than $3.5 billion in venture capital, equity investments and grants. We are listed among the top 10 U.S. universities for drug discovery, and more than 200 medical devices have been designed and developed by our faculty over the last decade. It is part of the culture here for physician-scientists to lead the way in providing innovative care, from the first liver transplant to the first use of human cell cloning to study genetics and cancer. Each year, our researchers are awarded more than $515 million in research grants that, along with private philanthropic support, accelerate investigative discovery and fuel our drive to better address the complex medical questions of our day.

As a comprehensive academic medical campus housing pediatric and adult hospitals that provide care across the continuum, and specialized centers serving people and families from across the Rocky Mountain region, CU Anschutz is an ideal living clinical laboratory – a place where health transformers are drawn and a dynamic hub of creative R&D. Industry and community partners find this campus a fitting place to test, evaluate and pilot health care innovations that can be replicated and scaled across the 1 million-patient UCHealth system and beyond. CU Anschutz has the infrastructure in place to test concepts and conduct clinical trials, and serves as one of the country’s most dynamic health care innovation hubs. We are a growing national leader and are partnering with the largest health innovation company in the world – StartUp Health – to unlock the promise of science and technology for revolutionizing health care as we know it.

“Every 50 years, you see a massive revolution in health care, and the next one is due for 2020. We are ideally suited to be a clinical test bed for some of the best health care innovations that are going to transform how health care will be delivered into the future.” – Kim Muller, Director, CU Innovations

- CU Innovations website
- CU Innovations Spring 2018 Newsletter
- StartUp Health Kim Muller video
- Dean Reilly’s Transformational Research Initiative website (RFP)
- History of Innovation timeline

**Overarching Themes**

**Advancing Discovery: Bringing Life-Changing Treatments into Practice**

We will see more medical breakthroughs in the next 10 years than in the past 100. The technology has caught up with the science, and we believe investments in personalized medicine and cell-based therapies, such as immunotherapies and regenerative medicine, will transform the health care landscape in the years to come. We are seeing rapid progress in these areas today and an infusion of resources will speed new discoveries into patient care more quickly than ever before.

“There has never been a better or more exciting time to get involved. In the next ten years we have the potential to advance medicine further than in the previous one hundred. Technology has caught up to the science, and the novel therapies under development are now no longer science fiction.” – Wells A. Messersmith, MD, Division Head, Medical Oncology
**Transforming Patient Care: Fostering Person-Centered Health and Wellbeing**

By investing in key areas of clinical care today, we will make vital progress in addressing some of the great unmet needs facing this country and create the best experience for our patients. Mental and behavioral health is one such area, long stifled by harmful stigma and hindered by a lack of integrated, person-centered care. The tide is beginning to turn, and we are taking steps to ensure our ability to lead the development of new models of integrated care delivery.

“Mental health professionals need to be in the family medicine center side by side. Everything works better when we manage all the problems patients are facing in coordination.” – Frank deGruy, MD, Chair, Department of Family Medicine

**Driving Innovation: Building a Hub of Creativity and Entrepreneurship**

With the launch of CU Innovations and the Chancellor’s Discovery & Innovation Fund, we have positioned ourselves to become the go-to destination for developing bold ideas, validating and testing those ideas, and taking them to market where they can impact lives. Entrepreneurship is one of the hallmarks of this campus, and investments in this area today will accelerate partnerships with industry and translate big ideas in medicine into better outcomes for patients.

“Fifty years is no longer my horizon. I’m looking for cures tomorrow.” – Marian Rewers, MD, PhD, Director, Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes

**Training Future Leaders: Educating Tomorrow’s Health Care Workforce**

Investments in student scholarships today are investments in the next generation of health care leaders. The roles of physicians, nurses, pharmacists, public health professionals, dentists and other providers are evolving quickly in our rapidly changing health care landscape. Tomorrow’s physicians and providers will have new data and technologies at their fingertips that will transform the way care is delivered and provide unforeseen opportunities to improve patient outcomes. Scholarship support is vital to ensuring bright young minds have the resources they need today to serve as the highly skilled innovators, doctors and health care providers of the future.

- A Place to Learn student and faculty video
- Rural Track website and videos
- Student perspectives video