

Pediatric Neurosurgery at Children's Hospital Colorado

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Children's Hospital Colorado ("Denver Children's") is located just east of the city, on the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora. It has been consistently rated in the US News and World Report "top 10" children's hospitals. It is a facility of nearly 400 beds, and provides the full spectrum of quaternary pediatric care. It is the regional Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center.

The neurosurgical service is large and brisk, with an average case volume of approximately 750. There are 3 neurosurgeons who are certified by the ABPNS, Mike Handler, Ken Winston, and Corbett Wilkinson, and 2 who are board eligible, Todd Hankinson and Brent O'Neill. We are approved to train one fellow per year, who is accepted through the San Francisco match. There are 4 mid level providers; one resident from the University of Colorado neurosurgery program at a time rotates for a six month period. The service is characterized by an exceptional comradere.

We provide the complete spectrum of neurosurgical care, with large multidisciplinary clinical programs and research in pediatric neuro-oncology, epilepsy, trauma, spasticity and movement disorders, cranial deformity, vascular disease, spina bifida and spine. We treat a large spectrum of other congenital conditions. Teaching is in the form of daily rounds with the attendings and in the OR, and there are formal regularly scheduled conferences for neuroradiology, epilepsy patient care, neuro-oncology, craniofacial, vascular, and complex spine disorders. Pediatric neuro-oncology journal club meets monthly, and pediatric neurosurgery journal club is a monthly dinner meeting.