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WINTER 2023

WINTERTIME IN COLORADO!

As 2023 is coming to a close, here at VRCC, we are ready for the Colorado Holiday Winter season, and the spirit it brings with it! We continue to be thankful for the partnership that we share with you to provide specialty and emergency care for your clients and patients.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you, your team, your clients, and your families a warm, happy, and festive Winter season.

This final issue of the 2023 VRCC newsletter highlights VRCC Internal Medicine, Cardiology, and Oncology, as well as provides department holiday closures listed below. There is also a bittersweet farewell on page 2.

Meet one of our fabulous Cardiology technicians, Rocio, in the Staff Highlight Section, just to the right on this page.

We have 2 departments to highlight in this issue - Internal Medicine and Oncology (pages 2 and 3).

As always, if you ever need anything from us, please call or email at any time. Contact info for each department is listed below.

Happy Holidays from everyone here at VRCC, and cheers to the New Year! We can't wait to see what 2024 has in store for everyone!

Warmly,
Your VRCC Team



VRCC HOLIDAY HOURS

VRCC Emergency is open 24/7

Ph: 303-874-7387 Email: emergency@vrcc.com

Cardiology

Open for in-house consults only
Dec. 20 through Dec. 22
Closed on Monday, December 25th
Closed on Tuesday, December 26th
Closed on Monday, January 1st
Open for in-house consults only on
Tuesday, January 2nd

Ph: 303-874-2094
Email: cardio@vrcc.com

Internal Medicine

Closed on Monday, December 25th
Closed on Monday, January 1st

Ph: 303-874-2055
Email: internalmedicine@vrcc.com

Medical Oncology

Closed on Monday, December 25th
Closed on Tuesday, December 26th
Closed on Monday, January 1st

Ph: 303-874-2054
Email: oncology@vrcc.com

Ophthalmology

Closed from Thursday, December 21st through Tuesday, January 2nd
There will be a team member answering phone calls during this closure.

Ph: 303-874-2070
Email: eyes@vrcc.com

Radiation Therapy

Closed from Friday, December 22nd through Tuesday, January 2nd

Ph: 303-874-3238
Email: oncology@vrcc.com
(attn: Radiation)

Surgery & Orthopedics

Closed on Monday, December 25th
Closed on Monday, January 1st

Ph: 303-874-2073
Email: surgery@vrcc.com

STAFF HIGHLIGHT: CARDIOLOGY

Rocio Campos, RVT



"Hi, nice to meet you! I'm Rocio and I joined the VRCC Cardiology team this past March. Prior to joining VRCC, I was a general practice technician and I worked with both small animals and exotics. I have two dogs: Malia and Nala. Here are some fun facts about me:

Favorite movie: Pixar's Coco

Favorite food: Anything my mother makes

Favorite book: Me Before You, by Jojo Moyes
Favorite music: Reggaeton, Indie, Alternative & Oldies

Favorite pastime: Pottery - I'm currently working on making pots for my growing plant collection.

Favorite plant: Philodendron Splendid, Alocasia, Monstera Sp. & Petunias

Favorite part of the job: My team! I feel very lucky to have found a group of fun, smart, and witty individuals. I also love our potlucks (main reason I come to work)!

Favorite drink: Aguas frescas: watermelon, melon, pineapple

Current hobbies: Houseplants, gardening, hiking, camping & music

Spoken languages: Spanish and English

Future goals: VTS in cardiology, Run a 5K, & expand my plant collection."

SPECIALTY HIGHLIGHT: INTERNAL MEDICINE

VRCC Internal Medicine

VRCC Internal Medicine is composed of a group of highly skilled and trained internists, technicians, and client care coordinators, to assist you, your clients, and their pets. Jessica Timian, DVM, MS, DACVIM, Elizabeth Groth, DVM, MS, DACVIM, and Heidi Fink, DVM, MS, DACVIM are available for phone consultations, new-patient appointments, and procedures. We have Danielle B. Bayliss, DVM, MS, DACVIM to assist one weekend a month. Dr. Fink will be going on maternity leave December to March; her clients will be able to continue care with Dr. Timian or Dr. Groth for the time being. Our veterinary technicians and client care coordinators are available to assist you or your clients with consultations, scheduling, medical questions, and facilitating of communication with the Medicine team. Our operating hours are Monday through Friday, 7am to 5pm, with some limited availability on the weekends.

Our Internal Medicine specialists are proficient in the diagnosis and management of diseases of the gastrointestinal, urogenital, respiratory, endocrine, and hematologic systems. Their expertise includes, but is not limited to; abdominal ultrasounds, gastroduodenoscopy, colonoscopy, cystoscopy, lithotripsy, bronchoscopy/BAL, nasal CT and rhinoscopy, along with advanced care of hospitalization. We also provide after-hour services for emergent ultrasounds, along with esophageal and gastric foreign body removal endoscopies, 24 hours a day; 7 days a week. By providing compassionate and professional consultation, advanced diagnostic procedures, and 24-hour care, our Internal Medicine team provides a well-rounded and experienced care opportunity available in the Denver-Metro area.



IM RVT Bailee places a central line on a patient

The Internal Medicine team is proud to be a part of VRCC and to provide the highest quality of care for our clients and patients. We strive to have collaborative, open relationship with our referring veterinarians to provide thorough medical care and treatment options for each patient that is referred to our hospital. If you have any questions about the specialized services, we provide, or would like to speak to one of our team members to consult about a case, please give us a call at 303-874-2055. You can also reach out to us via email at: internalmedicine@vrcc.com.

We look forward to assisting you in providing advanced medical care for your clients and their pets!

Dr. Timian performs a scope



FAREWELL FROM DR. NUHSBAUM

“While I am a better clinician for having worked alongside VRCC’s talented specialty teams for the past 22 years, what I cherish most is that I am a better person for the friendships I have made along the way. Thank you, VRCC!”

- Dr. Tanja Nuhsbaum, VRCC Ophthalmology since 2001

Dr. Nuhsbaum will be joining Drs. Trish Gearhart, Don Beebe, and Linda Messinger, at APEX Veterinary Specialists - Dentistry, Dermatology, and Ophthalmology, opening February 2024.

Dr. Nuhsbaum will be missed by everyone at VRCC. We thank her for 22 years of care and wish her all the best.



SPECIALTY HIGHLIGHT: ONCOLOGY

VRCC Oncology

Welcome to VRCC Oncology! We have 2 branches to our Oncology department, Medical Oncology and Radiation Oncology, that are available for you, your clients, and your patients.

Our goals as a team are to provide the best patient (and pet owner) care with the upmost compassion, while providing as much quality time for our patients and families together, as possible.



Medical Oncology:

Our medical oncologists see a variety of different cases from bladder cancers to sarcomas - and everything in between. We currently have 2 medical oncologists available Mondays-Fridays to help with your clients and patients.

Dr. Robyn Elmslie founded the VRCC Oncology department in 1993, intending to combine her clinical oncology expertise with her immunology research. Dr. Elmslie's main goal for her patients has always been keeping their quality of life as the driving factor on their journey through cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Our second medical oncologist, Dr. Molly Benner, joined the VRCC Oncology team in the Summer of 2018. She is interested in treatment options beyond the use of traditional chemotherapy and is excited about the future of veterinary oncology, as our knowledge and treatments continually expand.

To reach VRCC Medical Oncology, call: 303-874-2054, or email: oncology@vrcc.com. VRCC Medical Oncology is located at the main VRCC hospital: 3550 S Jason St, Englewood, CO 80110.

Radiation Oncology:

We are very excited to introduce our new radiation oncologist Dr. Greg Vernon! Dr. Vernon enjoys using radiation to treat a large variety of tumor types with radiation, with particular interest in nasal tumors and brain tumors.

Here is a list of tumors that we can see for potential radiation therapy. This list is by no means exhaustive, and if you have a case where you are unsure if radiation may help, feel free to contact Dr. Vernon for a quick chat.

1. Nasal tumors (nasal carcinoma, sarcoma, lymphoma)
2. Brain tumors (meningioma, glioma, choroid plexus tumors)
3. Soft tissue sarcoma in microscopic disease setting
 - i.e. previous surgery with no gross disease but 'dirty' margins
4. Oral tumors (squamous cell carcinoma, melanoma, fibrosarcoma, acanthomatous ameloblastoma)
5. Osteosarcoma (IF they are specifically interested in radiation therapy)
 - i.e. owners are opposed to amputation or poor amputation candidate
6. Thyroid carcinoma
7. Apocrine gland anal sac adenocarcinoma (AGASACA)
 - If poor candidate for surgery, or if surgical option is unknown.



Dr. Greg Vernon, DVM, DAVCR-RO

We are thrilled to be able to help a greater amount of pets in the Denver Metro and surrounding areas!

To reach VRCC Radiation Oncology, call: 303-874-3238, or email oncology@vrcc.com (attn: Radiation). VRCC Radiation Oncology is located at our new River Point location: 3541 River Point Pkwy, Englewood, CO 80110.