**Golden Physical Therapy Team**

**Abby Chris, PT, DPT** - Abby earned her Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree from the University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus in 2019. She earned her Bachelors of Science from Colorado State University-Pueblo. At CSU-Pueblo, she played soccer and found her passion for rehabilitation and return to sport training. She enjoys treating all orthopedic conditions, utilizing a holistic approach to care. Abby strives to provide the best care for her patient’s, incorporating individualized and functional strengthening to help her patient’s get back to what they enjoy! Outside of the clinic she loves everything outdoors, baking, exercising in any form, and spending time with friends and family.

**Ann Bizzano, PT, DPT, CSCS -** Ann earned her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from the University of Montana, a master’s degree in Physiotherapy from Robert Gordon University, and her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Virginia Tech. While at Virginia Tech she was a member of the Hokie Division 1 Swim team. As the daughter of a U.S. diplomat, Ann grew up overseas and jumped at the chance to go to school in Scotland. She loved Scotland so much she stayed and became a registered member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists. While in the U.K, she worked for a couple years for the National Health Service as well as the private health sector. In returning to the U.S., she got married and settled down and worked for a couple years for Health South. Ann has been an APTA member since 1998 and was the Director of Public Relations for the APTA of Maryland for many years. She also served as a research mentor for the Aberdeen Science and Math Academy for a couple years mentoring high school students for their year-long Capstone research projects involving physical-therapy-related subjects. Ann has a holistic approach to treatment and likes to help patients get through not only the physical and psychological challenges following a surgery or traumatic injury. Ann loves treating all types of orthopedic injuries, but her passion as a former fire-fighter and Paramedic and military wife and mother, is treating tactical athletes such as fire, police, military members and UFC, MMA, Brazilian Jujitsu fighters. Her hobbies include swimming, hiking, gardening, attending her children’s collegiate sporting events, and spending time with her husband exploring Colorado.

**Andrea Bettini, PT, DPT, OCS -** Andrea was born and raised in Caracas, Venezuela. While in high school, she practiced sports including tennis, soccer, swimming and skiing. At the age of 15, her father suffered an ACL injury while skiing and while she watched him go through rehabilitation she discovered a strong interest in physical therapy. Andrea moved the USA when she was 18 yo to pursue her physical therapy degree, graduating from Texas A&M-Commerce with her B.S in biology and Long Island University - Brooklyn with her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in 2017. Andrea lived in Brooklyn and worked in clinic that focus on sports and orthopedic conditions. Her goal as physical therapist is to provide patient-centered care to all individuals and help them return to doing all the things they love. Andrea recently moved to Colorado and enjoys spending time outdoors hiking and skiing, doing Crossfit, exploring the city for good ice cream shops and spending time with her partner Lee and black lab Bentley.

**Austin Barkley, PT, DPT –** Austin is a Doctor of Physical therapy who graduated from Western University College of Health Sciences. He received his B.S. in Exercise Science from California State University, Northridge. He treats with an evidence based approach with an emphasis on returning his patients to their hobbies and activities they love. In his spare time he enjoys snowboarding, cooking, watching the UFC, and exploring the outdoor activities Colorado has to offer. He has a passion for treating concussion and neck injuries and has dreams of helping combat athletes return to the ring. He also enjoys asking random off the wall questions to help break his patients out of their shell and get to know them better, so be on your toes!

**Beth Wood,** **PT, DPT** - Elizabeth (Beth) received her Doctor of Physical Therapy from the University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus in 2018. She earned her Bachelors of Science in Exercise Science from Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction. Beth is certified in the Selective Functional Movement Assessment (SFMA) and utilizes this treatment approach to identify the cause of discomfort and address biomechanical and neuromuscular dysfunction in her patients. Beth also specializes in pre and post- operative total joint replacement rehab. She treats an array of orthopedic injuries and strives to develop a rapport with patients and make rehab a fun, positive process. Outside of work, Beth enjoys tennis, equestrian events, running, and spending time with friends and family.

**Brad Walters, PT, MSPT, OCS** - Brad graduated in 2002 from the University of Colorado at Boulder, majoring in Kinesiology. He subsequently earned a Master of Science in Physical Therapy from the University Of Colorado Health Sciences Center in 2004. He has been a member of the American Physical Therapy Association and the Orthopedic Section for 15 years. He is a board-certified Orthopedic Clinical Specialist (OCS) since 2012. He was a game-day physical therapist for the NBA's Denver Nuggets for the 2012-2013 season. He was an APTA Orthopedic and Sports Residency Faculty Mentor for ATI Physical Therapy in Greenville, South Carolina from 2014-2017. He is certified in Functional Dry Needling Level 1 and 2 since 2016. He believes in coupling physical therapy with sports performance. He enjoys working within the broad spectrum of orthopedic and sports injuries. He strives to provide a personalized approach to assist each patient in establishing and achieving incremental goals. He combines hands on therapeutic treatment techniques with functional and evidence based exercises that are tailored to both the home and clinic environments. As a Colorado native, Brad enjoys following all his hometown teams, especially the Denver Broncos! He also enjoys golfing, fly-fishing, skiing, traveling and spending time with his wife, Rachael.

**Chris Smith, PT, DPT –** Christopher Smith was born and raised in Buffalo New York, where he dual majored in History and Exercise Science at the University of Buffalo before completing the Doctor of Therapy program at Daemen College. He then completed 2 years of travelling Physical Therapy working in Connecticut, Oregon, and Washington State. Prior to working with Panorama he worked at Howard Head Sports Medicine with a focus on US Ski and Snowboard teams, and specialization with US Climbing. He now lives in Denver, and is passionate about orthopedic rehab in the outpatient setting, though also works part time for the St. Anthony Hospital.

**David Whitmore, PT, DPT –** David graduated from Arizona State University’s Barrett Honors College and W.P. Carey School of business in 2014 with a BS in Business Management while also serving as a member of the men’s basketball team. He then attended Baylor University to earn his Doctorate of Physical Therapy in 2019. He enjoys working with a wide array of patient profiles. Whether it is an athlete returning to sport or a patient working to maintain highest functional levels to improve overall quality of life, he wants to be there to help patients meet their goals. He utilizes various manual techniques and evidence-based interventions to progress and improve patient’s functional abilities to return to, if not surpass, their prior level of function. When he is outside of the clinic he enjoys hiking and exploring all of the beauty Colorado has to offer with his wife and their dog Marley.

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**Emery Pino, PT, MSPT** - Emery graduated from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center Physical Therapy program in 2000. He previously was a System’s Engineer for 13 ½ years, much of the time with IBM. Emery’s engineering background helps him clearly explain pathology to his patients, while using critical thinking to determine the best rehabilitation for complicated patient pathologies and diagnoses. Emery’s interest in physical therapy is in outpatient orthopedics, and is also one of the vestibular and balance therapists at Panorama PT. He has a variety of certifications of continuing education to influence his knowledge and skill base in treating the orthopedic population.

**Emily Carr, PT, DPT -** Emily is a Doctor of Physical Therapy who comes to Colorado from Michigan. Emily completed her B.S. in Movement Science at the University of Michigan and went on shortly after to receive her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from University of Michigan as well. During her time at U of M, Emily focused her research on physical fitness in geriatric populations and her work has since been published in multiple well-respected peer-reviewed journals. Emily is an avid soccer player and having played competitively her whole life, has had her fair share of injuries making her no stranger to the benefits of PT long before she decided to become one herself. From her experiences, Emily deeply understands the athlete’s mindset and the drive to achieve and maintain physical preparedness for the demands patients put on their bodies. Emily thoroughly enjoys working with athletes of all ages and abilities ranging from the weekend warriors and active elderly to high-level athletes. Emily’s special clinical interests include treatment of pregnant and post-partum athletes, geriatric populations, and endurance athletes including cyclists and runners. Emily is dry needling certified (Kinetacore Level 2) and a PWR! Certified Therapist. In her free time, Emily soaks up every opportunity she can to get outdoors. She enjoys mountain biking, skiing, playing soccer, tending to her outrageous houseplant collection, and volunteering for a local canine rescue group.



**Emily Herbster, PT, DPT -** Emily earned her doctorate of physical therapy from Eastern Washington University in 2022. Prior to that, Emily graduated from Colorado State University with a B.S. in Health and Exercise Science with a sports medicine concentration. Emily has a passion for the outdoors and loves rock climbing, skiing, and hiking. She enjoys treating patients of all activity levels and helping them get back to the activities they are passionate about! Her passion is helping fellow rock climbers and weekend warriors. Emily believes that PT should be fun and focused towards each individual, and wants to make sure that your PT sessions help you reach your specific goals.

**Kaitlin Thompson, PT, DPT** - Kaitlin graduated from Boston University with a BS in Athletic Training in 2011 and Doctor of Physical Therapy in 2014. Kaitlin started her career in NYC doing outpatient orthopedics with an emphasis on sports/orthopedic rehab and is also a certified vestibular therapist. Her passion in PT lies in using specific exercises and education tailored to each patient to help get them back to what makes them happy. In addition to helping patients through PT, Kaitlin is also the PT clinic director at Golden and Candelas since and enjoys helping her team grow and follow their own passions. Kaitlin’s happy place is on the volleyball court and up in the mountains. She played club volleyball at BU and continues to play competitively on grass, sand, and indoors.

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**Keri Windels, PT, DPT, SCS** - Keri went to The Pennsylvania State University where she majored in Kinesiology with a Exercise Science focus. After graduating, Keri moved to Denver and earned her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in 2009. She then spent time on the East Coast, working at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. There, she was on faculty for the Orthopedic Physical Therapy Residency Program and also became a Sports Certified Specialist (SCS). Keri enjoys working with all orthopedic conditions, but specializes in lower extremity injuries in athletes.

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**Kristin Cunningham, PT, DPT -** Kristin received her Doctorate of Physical Therapy at Mass General Hospital Institute of Health Professions in 2017. Prior to that she received her Bachelors of Science at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Before starting at  Panorama, Kristin spent most of her time in Boston working with patients with orthopedic injuries and also has experience treating patients presenting with neurological conditions. She takes a holistic and patient- centered approach to care. She enjoys working with patients of all abilities and hopes to make the rehabilitation process fun! In her spare time she enjoys running, skiing, hiking, and exploring Denver.

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**Lara Baum, PT, DPT, OCS** - Lara graduated from University of Colorado in 2015 with her Doctorate of Physical Therapy, and has been a member of Panorama’s team since spring of 2018 and is a Board Certified Orthopedic Specialist. Lara enjoys working with all orthopedic conditions, but specializes in lower extremity injuries in athletes. She is certified in Functional Dry Needling and utilizes the Selective Functional Movement Assessment to identify biomechanical and neuromuscular dysfunctions in her patients.

**Luke Mueller, PT, DPT, CSCS** - Luke graduated in 2011 from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse with a degree in Exercise and Sport Science. He continued his education at UW-La Crosse to earn his Doctorate of Physical Therapy in 2014. He enjoys treating a variety of orthopedic and sport injury conditions as well as vestibular conditions. Evidence-based treatment with a holistic, individualized approach is what you can expect when working with Luke. He is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist and believes in integrating rehabilitation with sport performance to maximize potential while reducing future injury risk. When not at work, Luke is likely in the outdoors with his fiancé, Arielle, enjoying a variety of outdoor recreation such as hiking, mountain biking, and snowboarding. He also enjoys traveling, trying out new recipes, and spending time with his dog and cat.

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**Lauren Rinderknecht, PT, DPT, CSCS –** Lauren earned her Doctorate of Physical Therapy at New York University. She attended University of Miami and Oregon State University for her undergraduate studies and was a starting member of their Varsity Volleyball teams. Lauren was a competitive gymnast until the age of 15 when she decided to pursue a collegiate volleyball career and has a background in a variety of competitive sports lettering in basketball, volleyball, and diving. Early in her athletic career, Lauren recognized the positive impact of performance training and rehabilitative therapies to help her stay healthy and manage the effects of consistent training. She decided to pursue a professional career where she could help individuals maintain optimal physical health and performance. Lauren is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) and over the past ten years, prior to changing careers from software sales, practiced as a licensed massage therapist and yoga instructor. She has extensive experience in sport, coaching and rehabilitative therapies and utilizes her background to create comprehensive treatment plans to fit her patients’ health, wellness, and performance goals.

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**Matthew Hastings, PT, DPT -** Matt graduated from New York Institute of Technology with his Doctorate of Physical Therapy, and completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Vermont. Matt believes that through an individualized approach to optimizing human performance and movement, he can help his patients maintain a balance of health and wellness. Matt enjoys working with a variety of sports and orthopedic conditions, and he has a passion for injury prevention in weekend warriors and athletes alike. In his free time, Matt enjoys skiing, golfing, hiking, mountain biking and lifting.

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**Nyita Hooper, PT, DPT -** Nyita earned her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from the University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus in 2021. She received her Bachelors Of Science from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Nyita takes an evidence-based and holistic approach to treatment, working with the whole patient and the latest research to get her patients back to doing the things they love. Prior to starting her PT education she was a competitive rock climber at the national level, as well as a rock climbing coach for one of the country’s most competitive youth programs. Also, she loves to knit, craft, and bake, because, well, who doesn’t?

**Tom Hermsen, PT, MSPT, CSCS** - A 1983 graduate from the University of Wisconsin – Madison, Tom has been a practicing PT for over 30 years, 27 in outpatient orthopedics. He was a site coordinator and treating therapist at HealthSouth in Lakewood, CO from 1994- 2000. He was the clinic director and practicing PT for Physiotherapy Associates at Golden Ridge for seven years. In 2010, he joined the staff at Panorama Physical Therapy as a senior staff PT. Tom’s area of expertise included the treatment of shoulder and knee dysfunction, and foot and ankle disorders including the fabrication of custom orthotics. He has vast experience in lower extremity biomechanical evaluations. He is also a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS).

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Description automatically generated with medium confidence**Trenton Fogelson, PT, DPT, ACSM EPC -** Trenton is a Doctor of Physical Therapy who graduated from Midwestern University in Chicago, IL in May 2020. Prior to achieving his PT degree, Trenton received a Bachelor of Science in both Fitness Wellness and Biology at Northern Arizona University in his hometown of Flagstaff. He believes his best tools in patient success are excellent patient education and optimal exercise prescription. Both of which allow him to not only teach his patients how to manage and fix their pain but to help them strategize ways to prevent further injury in the future. He enjoys working together with his patients to improve that nagging chronic pain, avoid surgery when possible, and get them back to the activities they love most. Being a travel physical therapist, he loves exploring new places to eat, new music to listen to, and new outdoor adventures to accomplish.

**HAND THERAPISTS**

**Lisa Condon, OT, MSOT, OTR, CHT** - Lisa graduated from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1988 with a Bachelor’s in Occupational Therapy. After working 3 years in Inpatient Neurology, she moved to Colorado and pursued Outpatient Orthopedics. She received her Certification in Hand Therapy (CHT) in 1995 and her Master’s in Sports Medicine in 1996. Lisa has a strong passion for treating upper extremity trauma and has spent much of her career developing her manual skills and thoroughly understanding the anatomy of the hand, wrist, elbow and shoulder. She believes that educating the patient on their injury is imperative for a successful outcome and being an active member of the “Hand Team” (MD, Therapist and Patient).



**Michael Bross OTR/L -** Michael graduated from Alvernia University with a Master’s degree in Occupational Science in 2017. Since graduation, Michael has specialized in treating conservative and post-operative orthopedic injuries to the shoulder, elbow, wrist, and hand. He prioritizes helping his patients of all ages successfully return to participating in their work, recreational, and athletic interests. Michael has always had a passion for Sports Medicine since being an athlete in High school playing football, track and field, and volleyball. In his free time, Michael enjoys the outdoors. On the weekends you can find him hiking, camping, snowboarding, or playing volleyball at the local park.