

# LARRY I. WOLK, MD, MSPH



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Dr. Larry Wolk currently serves as the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Chief Medical Officer for the State of Colorado under Governor John Hickenlooper, as well as Founder, Executive Director and part-time pediatrician for the Rocky Mountain Youth Clinics, a position he has held as a volunteer for nearly 20 years. He previously served as the Chief Executive Officer for Colorado's Health Information Exchange (CORHIO) and prior to that as President and COO for Correctional Healthcare Companies (CHC), a privately held holding company he helped to create and grow into a national provider of inmate healthcare services. Prior to joining CHC, Dr. Wolk was the Chief Medical Officer for HMS Healthcare, another privately held company which he helped to grow until it was sold to Aetna in 2007. Over his 15 year career in managed care, he has also served as the Senior Medical Director of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Colorado, Prudential Healthcare of Colorado and CIGNA HealthCare, having served in both a regional and national role as Senior Healthcare Executive.

Dr. Wolk started his career by directing the outpatient pediatric clinic at the Hospital for Infants and Children at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center. In 1996, Dr. Wolk created the Rocky Mountain Youth Clinics, the first non-profit organization of its kind in the country to provide medical and nursing services to uninsured and at-risk children and teenagers throughout Colorado. Dr. Wolk's work with the Rocky Mountain Youth Clinics has been honored by the American Hospital Association as one of four model programs in the country in addition to being recognized by the State of Colorado for pioneering the patient-centered medical home.

Dr. Wolk himself has been honored as a Colorado Pediatrician of the Year, a Volunteer of the Year, a Healthcare Executive of the Year, a "7 Everyday Hero," and he is a recipient of the University of Vermont's Award for Service to Medicine and Community. Most recently, Dr. Wolk received the Lifetime Healthcare Achievement Award from the Mile High Chapter of the American Red Cross. Dr. Wolk also served as an officer on the board of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless and the Rocky Mountain Center for Health Promotion and Education.

Born and raised outside of Scranton, Pennsylvania, Dr. Wolk received his bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and his medical doctorate from the University of Vermont. He received his training in pediatrics and adolescent medicine, including his master's degree in public health, from the University of Colorado and The Colorado Children's Hospital. He resides in the Denver area with his wife Helene and their four children.

## PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

**Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)** September 2013 – present  
**Executive Director and State Chief Medical Officer**  
Denver, Colorado

**Colorado Regional Health Information Organization (CORHIO)** August 2012 – present  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
Denver, Colorado

**Correctional Healthcare Companies** February 2007 – December 2011  
**President and Chief Operating Officer**  
Englewood, CO

**Rocky Mountain Youth, MNC, Inc.** November, 1992 – present  
**Founder and CEO**  
Denver, CO

**The University of Colorado Health Sciences Center** August 2011 – present  
**Clinical Professor, Department of Pediatrics**  
Denver, CO

**Rocky Vista University** September, 2008 – present  
**Adjunct Clinical Professor**  
Parker, Colorado

**HMS Healthcare, Inc.** January 2005 – February 2007  
**Chief Medical Officer and Division Head (medical management company)**  
Greenwood Village, CO

**CIGNA HealthCare** November 1999 through January 2005  
**Vice President and Senior Medical Executive, National Sales and Account Management, and Vice President and Senior Medical Director**  
Denver, CO

**Prudential Healthcare of Colorado** January 1999 – October 1999  
**Senior Medical Director** (Prudential acquired by Aetna)  
Denver, CO

**Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Colorado (BCBS)** November 1997 – December 1998  
**Medical Director** (BCBS acquired by Anthem)  
Denver, CO

**Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center** November 1992 – November 1997  
**Medical Director, Ambulatory Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine**  
Denver, CO

## QUALIFICATIONS

- ✔ Founder, CEO of Rocky Mountain Youth, MNC, Inc.
- ✔ Published author in several national, academic journals
- ✔ 2009 Outstanding Clinical Faculty Community Service Award, The University of Colorado Department of Pediatrics
- ✔ 2008 American Red Cross Mile High Chapter *Breakfast of Champions Healthcare Lifetime Achievement Award*
- ✔ 2006 Harold Williamson Award for Volunteer Medical Service, The COPIC Foundation
- ✔ 2004 National Philanthropy Day Volunteer of the Year
- ✔ 2000 *Denver Business Journal Executive of the Year*, in the category of health care
- ✔ 2000 Terrell Davis Salute the Kids Foundation Honoree for Community Service
- ✔ 2000 – 2009 Best Doctors in America
- ✔ 1999 Savvy Award for volunteerism in the Denver community
- ✔ 1999 KMGH-TV Channel 7, “7 Every Day Hero” Award
- ✔ 1998 The University of Vermont College of Medicine’s Award for Service to Medicine and Community
- ✔ 1998 The American Hospital Association Recognition for Model Programs Serving Adolescents
- ✔ 1998 The University of Vermont College of Medicine, Commencement Speaker
- ✔ 1995-1996 Colorado Pediatrician of the Year, awarded by the Colorado Rocky Mountain Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Associates and Practitioners
- ✔ 1993-1994 National Young Investigator Award Nominee, The Society of Adolescent Medicine,
- ✔ The Joseph Collins Foundation Scholarship, for commitment to the arts and humanities throughout medical school
- ✔ The University of Pennsylvania Rosette Award, for outstanding service and performance in the University’s Performing Arts

## AFFILIATIONS

- **Member**, Board of Directors, Colorado Access, 2011 – present
- **Member**, Board of Directors, Nextcare Urgent Care, 2010 – present
- **Commissioner**, Governor’s Early Childhood Leadership Commission, 2010 – present
- **Member**, Senate Bill 211 Committee to Cover All Kids, 2009 – present
- **Member**, The Governor’s Task Force on Information Policy, for Colorado Governor Bill Owens, 2000-2004

- **Pediatric Consultant**, Colorado Board of Medical Examiners, 1993 – present
- **Pediatric Consultant and Weekly Correspondent**, KMGH-7 TV Morning News (Denver-based ABC affiliate), 2001-2005
- **Volunteer Physician**, United States Olympic Teams in residence, March 1996
- **Coordinator/Chief Medical Consultant**, Anderman Smith International, the Nizhnevartovsk Medical Relief Project, 1991 – 1998
- **Health Coordinator**, 9-KUSA “Give ‘em Health” School Fairs, 1993 – 1997
- **President**, The Rocky Mountain Society for Adolescent Medicine, 1995 – 1996
- **Member**, The National Society for Adolescent Medicine, 1994 – present
- **Member and Fellow**, American College of Physician Executives, 1997 – present
- **Member and Fellow**, American Academy of Pediatrics, 1989 – present
- **Member**, Colorado Medical Society, 1992 – present
- **Member**, Denver Medical Society, 1992 – present
- **Member**, Board of Directors, Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved, 2003 – 2010
- **Member**, Board of Directors, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, 1997 – 2003
- **Member**, Board of Directors, The Center for the People of Capitol Hill, 1993 – 1996
- **Member**, Board of Directors, The Rocky Mountain Center for Health Promotion and Education 1997 – 2007
- **Member**, Board of Directors, The Colorado Association of School-based Healthcare, 1999 – 2008
- **Member**, Advisory Council on Adolescent Health, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 1996 – 2001
- **Chapter Coordinator**, Pediatric Research in Office Settings, American Academy of Pediatrics, 1997 – 1998
- **Pediatric Consultant**, Colorado Personalized Education for Physicians, 1997 – present
- **National Chairperson Ex-officio**, The American Academy of Pediatrics Resident Section, 1991 – 1992
- **National Chairperson**, The Academy of Pediatrics Resident Section, 1990 – 1991
- **National Vice-Chair**, The American Academy of Pediatrics Resident Section, 1989 – 1990
- **National Committee Member**, The Committee on Residency Scholarships, AAP, 1989 – 1992
- **National Council Member**, The Council on Sections, AAP, 1989 – 1991
- **Steering Committee**, Metro Denver Teen AIDS Task Force, District Office of the Honorable Patricia Schroeder, Congress of the United States, 1992 – 1995
- **Materials Review Consultant**, Colorado Department of Education, HIV/AIDS Committee, 1993 – 1995
- **Editor**, “The AAP Resident Report,” 1991

- **Contract Physician**, Pediatrics and Ambulatory Care, Denver General Hospital, 1991 – November 1992
- **Provisional Medical Staff**, Ambulatory Care/Emergency Department, The Children’s Hospital of Denver, 1991 – November 1992
- **Provisional Medical Staff**, Wardenburg Health Center, The University of Colorado, Boulder, September 1991 – January 1992
- **Consultant/Pediatric Liaison**, The American Cancer Society, Colorado Chapter, 1991 – 1995

## PUBLICATIONS

- For the Love of Kids, featured in *People Magazine*, August, 1997. Other featured national publications include *Investors Business Daily*, *Medical Economics*, *The New York Times* and *Leader to Leader*
- Frequent school-based clinic utilization and high-risk adolescent behaviors, manuscript published in the Journal of Adolescent Health: 1993; 14:458-463
- The Benefits of School-based Condom Availability: Cross-sectional Analysis of a Comprehensive High School-based Program; manuscript published in the Journal of Adolescent Health: 1995; 17:184-188
- Helpless at the Scene of the Crash (ethical/legal issues pertaining to death and residency training), published in Contemporary Pediatrics; August, 1992
- Coming Out of the Ethical Closet (ethical issues regarding the pharmaceutical Industry and residency training), AAP Resident Report; Fall 1991 and Fall 1991
- Creative Learning Experiences in Residency Training, AAP Resident Report; Winter 1991
- Perinatal Health Needs in Western Siberia, presented at the District VIII Perinatal Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico; May 1993, presented at the 1994 WSPR meeting

## EDUCATION

The University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO  
**Clinical Instructor/Fellow in the Section of Adolescent Medicine, Department of Pediatrics**, July 1991 – November 1992

The University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO  
**Masters of Science degree in Public Health, Department of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics**, May 1993

The University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO  
**Internship and Residency in Pediatrics**, June 1998 – June 1991

The University of Vermont College of Medicine, Burlington, VT  
**Doctorate of Medicine degree**, May 1988

The University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
**Bachelor of Arts degree in the Biological Basis of Behavior**, May 1984

National Board of Medical Examiners, Board Certified, 1989

American Board of Pediatrics, Board Certified, November 1992; Re-certified October 1999  
and 2006