

SPORTS MEDICINE



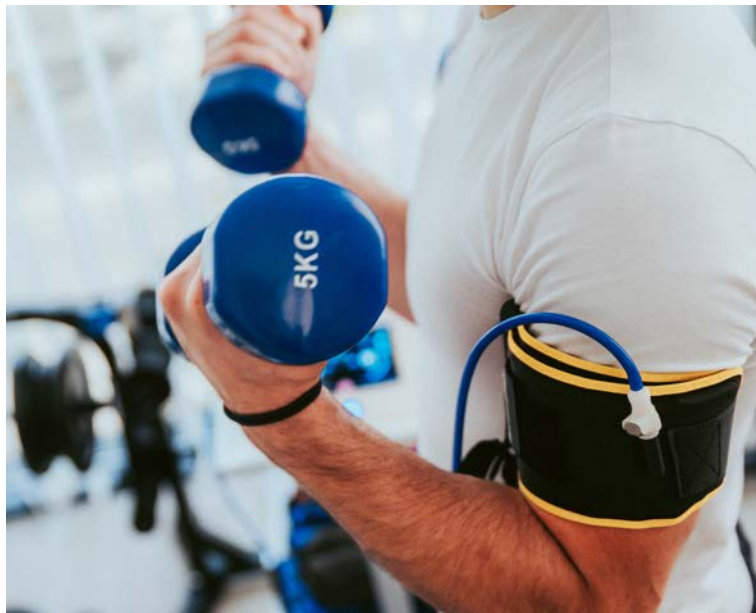
THE TEAM BEHIND THE TEAMS

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Championship rings represent greatness and an unwavering commitment to being the best. Imbued with symbolism, brilliant gemstones are set in a design that tells the story of the journey to a championship. But transcending their glinting, radiant exterior, they represent and commemorate a season of hard work, struggles, and ultimately triumph – the collective effort of a team of individuals working together toward a common goal, forged not in gold, but in a purpose greater than themselves.

Dr. Jason Dragoo knows the same is true of the team of exceptional physicians and advanced practice providers who provide the highest standard of orthopedic care for the athletes. “Just as teamwork is required for players to win a championship, the medical team also requires the same teamwork. The physicians work with team physical therapists, athletic trainers, and performance coaches to collaborate on treatments that not only get the players back on the court after injury, but keep them there.”

“We use very sophisticated sensors and tracking software to measure the athletes’ performance and identify weaknesses. This allows the use of cutting-edge treatments that include biologics, blood flow restriction therapy, and other techniques that help the body heal faster.”



Representing the medical teams for Colorado’s championship winning teams:
Stephanie Meyer, MD (Colorado Avalanche), Brandon Meyer, MD (Denver Broncos),
Martin Boublik, MD (Denver Broncos), Michelle Wolcott, MD (Colorado Mammoth),
Eric McCarty, MD (Colorado Avalanche) and Jason Dragoo, MD (Denver Nuggets)



While Dr. Dragoo is focused on keeping players on the court, Dr. Michelle Wolcott has both eyes on the lacrosse field. As a team doctor with the Colorado Mammoth, her role is to coordinate the medical care for the team, evaluate injuries, provide treatment, and assist the athletic trainer in documentation. She performs preseason and exit physicals on all players and provides emergency care at games. "Being a team physician, I watch the games as a fan but also with a sense of purpose to identify injuries as they happen. I am always on the edge of my seat when a player goes down. I watch the athletic trainer as well as the athlete, already trying to figure out what is needed urgently or emergently."

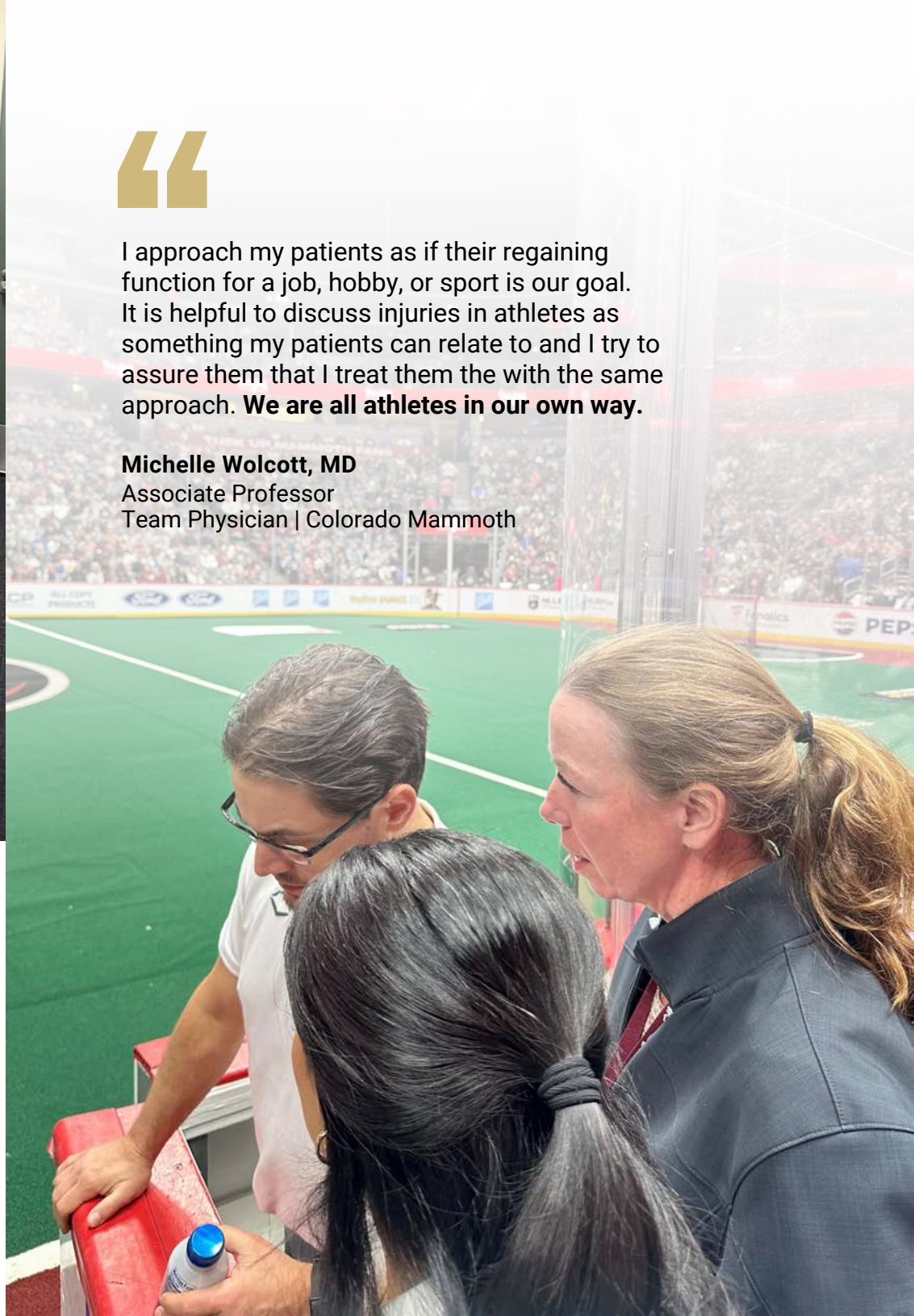
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I approach my patients as if their regaining function for a job, hobby, or sport is our goal. It is helpful to discuss injuries in athletes as something my patients can relate to and I try to assure them that I treat them the with the same approach. **We are all athletes in our own way.**

Michelle Wolcott, MD

Associate Professor

Team Physician | Colorado Mammoth





The physicians' dedication to the teams - in addition to the uncompromising care they provide to all patients in their full time surgical practices - is remarkable. Team doctors are required to travel with the team for every playoff game. This often means returning from a trip at 3:00 AM and starting surgery at 7:30 that same morning, providing the same exceptional care their professional athletes receive. It takes a commitment by the surgeons to support a championship team, but they love what they do and never lose sight of their greater purpose - caring for all their athlete-patients, from the professional to the weekend warrior. **At the end of the day, our doctors are *always* on the most important team: yours.**