

# Blaze J.W. Cook, MD

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## Education

### **University of Colorado**, Denver, Colorado: Interventional Radiology Fellowship

*July 2008-July 2009*

- Fellow Teaching Award 2009

### **University of Colorado**, Denver, Colorado: Diagnostic Radiology Residency

*July 2004-June 2008*

- Chair, call committee 2005-2007
- Recipient, SIR-in-training scholarship 2005

### **Deaconess Medical Center**, Spokane, Washington: Transitional Internship

*June 2003-June 2004*

### **Albany Medical College**, Albany, New York: Doctor of Medicine

*September 1999 – May 2003*

- Dean's Award for Academic Achievement
- John Faunce Roach Prize for excellence in Radiology
- Kenneth M. Archbold Prize for excellence in Obstetrics

### **University of Utah**, Salt Lake City, Utah: Bachelor of Science

*August 1993 – June 1998*

- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

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## Board Certification

*American Board of Radiology – Diagnostic Radiology; June 2008*

*American Board of Radiology – Certificate of Added Qualification in Vascular and Interventional Radiology; November 2010*

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## Employment

### **Colorado Imaging Associates**, 1819 Denver West Dr, Golden, CO 80401 (May 2021-Present)

- Executive Chair of Finance (2021-Present)
  - Improved revenue modeling using an analytics-based approach.
  - Increased revenue from cash assets.
  - Negotiated rates with insurers and partners securing a financially solvent future.
- Director, Advanced Practice Providers (2023-2024)
  - Improved engagement with a common vision and strategy.
  - Increased revenue 3x with effective processes and coding training
- Medical Director, Colorado Advanced Endovascular (2023-Present)
  - Organized and lead a team opening an outpatient facility, scheduled for opening Q1 2025

### **Minimally Invasive Procedure Specialists**, 8671 S Quebec St, Highlands Ranch, CO (Nov 2019-Apr 2021)

#### **Radiology Specialists of Denver** (Aug 2009-April 2020)

- Division Chief of Interventional Radiology (2016-2018)
- Assistant Chief of Interventional Radiology (2015-2016)
- Chief Information Officer (2010-2016)

### **Instructor/Fellow**, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. *Denver, CO* (July 2008-June 2009)

- Joint appointment: Emergency Radiology

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- Society of Interventional Radiology - Active
  - Outpatient Endovascular and Interventional Society - Active
  - American College of Radiology – Active
  - Colorado Medical Society - Active
  - Critical Limb Ischemia Global Society
  - American Venous Forum
  - American Medical Society
  - Colorado Radiologic Society

### **Professional Societies**

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Assistant Clinical Professor, University of Colorado (July 2009-2020)

### **Academic Appointment**

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### Academic Activities

#### Clinical Research

Survey of Co-Morbidities of Pelvic Congestion Syndrome (PCS) Patients Pre and Post Treatment. Knuttinen, M and Smith, SJ Principle Investigators. 2020-Present. Site Co-Investigator.

Best Endovascular vs. Best Surgical Therapy in Patients with Critical Limb Ischemia (BEST-CLI). Participant. Menard, M principal investigator. 2018-2019. Participant.

Evaluation of the clinical performance of the Valiant Thoracic Stent Graft with the Captivia Delivery System (Valiant Captivia) for the endovascular treatment of blunt thoracic aortic injuries. (RESCUE) Participant. White, R and Rosenthal, D lead principal investigators. 2010-2012. Participant.

Aortic Trauma Foundation. Charles Fox, MD, local principal. 2016-2019. Participant.

#### Book Chapters

**Cook, B.** Articular Interventions in Pain Management: A General Approach. In: Ray C (ed.) Pain Management in Interventional Radiology. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.

#### Journal Publications

Hong, M and **Cook B.** Rapidly Progressive In-Stent Thrombosis of a Cook Zenith Stent Graft Following Thoracic Endovascular Aortic Repair of an Acute Aortic Injury. Submitted for publication. 2019.

Martinez-Camacho A, Laskey H, **Cook B.** Radiofrequency Ablation for the Local Treatment of Hepatocellular Carcinoma. *Cancer Research Frontiers*, 3:2015

**Cook B.** Anticoagulation Management. *Seminars in Interventional Radiology*, 27:2010

#### Educational Posters

Schramm K, Rochon, P, Kondo, K, **Cook B,** Imbrogno B. Informed Consent in Interventional Radiology: Resident Attitudes and Response to Education. RSNA 2015

Ray C, Campsen J, Gupta R, Kondo K, Rochon P, **Cook B,** Kaufman C, Kaplan M, Zimmerman M, Kam I, Durham J. Stenting of the IVC Following Liver Transplantation: An Update. RSNA 2011.

Ray C, Wang D, Smith M, Woods A, **Cook B,** Mehling J. Selective internal radiation therapy: indications, agents, and dose. 92nd Radiologic Society of North America Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 2006.

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Kumpe D, **Cook B**, Smith MT, Woods A, Ray C. Extracranial to intracranial vascular collateral pathways: importance for the interventional radiologist. 92nd Radiologic Society of North America Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 2006.

Ray C, Woods A, Smith MT, **Cook B**, Wang D. Blunt Carotid and Vertebral Artery Injuries: An Update. 92nd Radiologic Society of North America Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 2006.

Ray C, Mehling JM, **Cook B**, Smith MT, Cothren CC. Retrievable IVC filters: lessons learned. 91st Radiologic Society of North America Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 2005.

### **Abstracts**

C Ray, J Campsen, R Gupta, K Kondo, **B Cook**, M Zimmerman, I Kam, J Durham. Stenting of the IVC following liver transplantation: an update. American Transplant Congress, San Diego, May 2010

### **Journal Review**

Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology peer reviewer: 2009-2018.

### **Hospital Leadership**

- Division Chief of Interventional Radiology 2016-2018. Denver Health.
- Assistant Director of Interventional Radiology 2015-2016. Denver Health.
- Credentialing Committee 2017-2018. Denver Health.
- Hepatobiliary Committee, Founder and Co-Chair 2013-2020. Denver Health.
- Products Committee, Co-Chair 2012-2020 (member 2011-present). Denver Health.
- Stroke Committee, member at large 2011-2020. Denver Health.
- Interventional Stroke Program Founder 2011. Denver Health.

### **Awards**

- 5280 “Top Docs of 2024” in Diagnostic Radiology. 5280 Magazine, Denver, Colorado 2019.
- 5280 “Top Docs of 2019” in Vascular and Interventional Radiology. 5280 Magazine, Denver, Colorado. 2019.
- 5280 “Top Docs of 2018” in Vascular and Interventional Radiology. 5280 Magazine, Denver, Colorado. 2018.
- Denver Health “Heroes of the Heart” Compassionate Care Award. January 24, 2018.

### **State Licensure**

- Colorado
- Kansas

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### **Hospital Credentialing**

- Saint Elizabeth Hospital, 2023-Present
- Saint Catherine Hospital, 2022-Present
- Saint Anthony Hospital, 2021-Present
- Saint Anthony North Hospital, 2021-Present
- Avista Adventist Hospital, 2021-2023
- Longmont United Hospital, 2021-2023
- Swedish Hospital, 2019-2021
- Littleton Adventist Hospital, 2019-2021
- Porter Adventist Hospital, 2019-2021
- Skyridge Hospital, 2019-2021
- Denver Health, Denver, Colorado 2009-2020.
- Veterans Administration Hospital, Denver, Colorado 2009-2020.
- University of Colorado Hospital, Denver, Colorado 2009-2011.

### **Select Additional Administrative Accomplishments**

- Negotiated improved contracts with insurance and 3<sup>rd</sup> party payors.
- Proposed, pitched, and executed ambulatory procedure center strategy and proof of concept resulting in creation of a committee and engagement with outside consultants for the purpose of opening outpatient facilities.
- Introduced financial analytics in contracting and productivity.
- Created billing and coding workgroup with greater than 50% increase in E/M revenue, decreased expenses by greater than 2%, and significant increase in procedural revenue. 2021-Present.
- Created de novo endoscopy and lithotripsy program for both biliary and urinary disease 2021.
- Optimized and coordinated Vascular Lab operations 2020.
- Coordinated and supervised the purchase of two Interventional suites. 2018.
- Optimized billing and coding yielding a substantial increase in department revenue. Denver Health, 2017.
- Supervised the transition to a new electronic medical record (Epic). Denver Health 2015-Present.
- Migrated RIS/PACS from on-site vendor to cloud based service. Radiology Specialists of Denver, 2011.

### **Paid Consultancies/Potential Financial Disclosures**

- Philips Medical Speaker Panel
- Gerson Lehrman Group
- Syness Equity
- Inari Medical

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### Conferences/Lectures

- **Cook B.** Ureterscopy and Stone Treatment. Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) Annual Meeting. Salt Lake City, UT. March 27, 2024
- **Cook B.** General IR interest Q&A. Family Medicine lecture series. Saint Anthony North Hospital, August 18, 2022
- **Cook B.** “Index Flowtriever and Clottriever Cases.” Inari Dinner Presentation, Oak Boulder, June 16, 2021
- **Cook B.** “The Essential Role of the Primary Community Care Team in the Management of Lower Extremity Arterial and Venous Disease.” Global Education Group. Webinar. June 9, 2020
- **Cook B.** “Filter.” Denver Angio Club, Oceans Restaurant, November 23, 2019
- **Cook B.** “Mesenteric Ischemia.” Resident Noon Conference, Denver Health Medical Center, November 1, 2019
- **Cook B.** “Dialysis.” Resident Noon Conference, Denver Health Medical Center, October 4, 2019
- **Cook B.** “Portal Hypertension.” Resident Noon Conference, Denver Health Medical Center, September 6, 2019
- **Cook B.** “Pediatric Polytrauma.” Resident Noon Conference, Denver Health Medical Center, June 5, 2019
- **Cook B.** “Renal Trauma.” Resident Noon Conference, Denver Health Medical Center, May 1, 2019.
- **Cook B.** “Stroke and Endovascular Options.” Resident Noon Conference, Denver Health Medical Center. November 7, 2018.
- **Cook B.** “Dialysis: Easy to Hard.” Resident Noon Conference, Denver Health Medical Center. October 26, 2018
- **Cook B.** “Imaging Vascular Flow.” Resident Noon Conference, Denver Health Medical Center. September 19, 2018
- **Cook B.** “Vascular Access.” Resident Noon Conference, Denver Health Medical Center. March 7, 2018
- **Cook B.** “Advanced Vascular Cases.” Resident Noon Conference, Denver Health Medical Center. January 19, 2016.

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- **Cook B.** “Post-Partum Hemorrhage.” Resident Noon Conference. Denver Health Medical Center. January 3, 2016.
- **Cook B.** “Visceral Aneurysms.” Resident Noon Conference. Denver Health Medical Center. October 8, 2015.
- **Cook B.** “Cases.” Resident Case Conference. Denver Health Medical Center. August 17, 2015.
- **Cook B.** “Trauma Embolization.” Cook Medical Fellows Symposium. Aurora Marriott, Aurora Colorado. May 30, 2015
- **Cook B.** “Cases for Boards.” Resident Case Conference. Denver Health Medical Center. October 1, 2014.
- **Cook B.** “Basics of Embolization.” Resident Core Lecture Series. University of Colorado Hospital. June 4, 2014.
- **Cook B.** “Running a Practice.” Fellow conference. Denver Health Medical Center. June 13, 2013.
- **Cook B.** “Therapeutic and Diagnostic Spine Intervention.” Fellow core lecture series. Denver Health Medical Center. April 11, 2013.
- **Cook B.** “Vascular Cases.” Resident case conference series. Denver Health Medical Center. November 15, 2012.
- **Cook B.** “Thoracostomy Tubes: Clinical Management.” Resident case conference series. Denver Health Medical Center. October 4, 2012.
- **Cook B.** “GI/GU Intervention.” Resident core lecture series. University of Colorado. October 2, 2012
- **Cook B.** “Therapeutic and Diagnostic Spine Intervention.” Fellow core lecture series. Denver Health Medical Center. December 12, 2012
- **Cook B.** “Current Endovascular Treatment of Pulmonary Embolism.” Fellow core lecture series. Denver Health Medical Center. September 8, 2011
- **Cook B.** “Miscellaneous Cases.” Resident case conference series. Denver Health Medical Center. August 1, 2011
- **Cook B.** “Vascular Cases.” Resident case conference series. Denver Health Medical Center. May 11, 2011

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- **Cook B.** "IVC Filtration." Resident case conference series. Denver Health Medical Center. October 29, 2010
- **Cook B.** "GI/GU Intervention." Resident core lecture series. University of Colorado. October 4, 2010
- **Cook B.** "Dialysis." Resident case conference. Denver Health Medical Center. August 6, 2010
- **Cook B.** "Interventional Management of Spine Pain." Interventional Radiology fellows' conference. University of Colorado. June 18, 2009
- **Cook B.** "Endovascular Options for Aortic Aneurysm Repair." Surgery/IR Joint Vascular Conference. Denver Health Medical Center. May 27, 2009
- **Cook B.** "Pulmonary Embolism: The current state of catheter directed therapy." Interventional Radiology fellows' conference. University of Colorado. April 30, 2009

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### IR Fellow Education

#### 2009-2010

Ched Lohr, M.D.  
Jay Morrow, M.D.

#### 2010-2011

Dev Batra, M.D.  
Ben English, M.D.  
Matt Gipson, M.D.

#### 2011-2012

Raj Jain, M.D.  
Mitch Smith, M.D.  
Cat Vu, M.D.

#### 2012-2013

James Hill, M.D.  
Sona Mehandru, M.D.  
Tom Rau, M.D.

#### 2013-2014

Brian Christensen, M.D.  
Rulon Hardman, M.D.  
Tyler Green, M.D.

#### 2014-2015

Mujitaba Ali, M.D.  
Christopher Anderson, M.D.  
Christopher Sutter, M.D.

#### 2015-2016

Aparna Anam, M.D.  
Matt Brown, M.D.  
Dan Wells, M.D.  
George Zlotchenko, M.D.

#### 2016-2017

Mohammed Jaber, M.D.  
Sam McMurry, M.D.  
Joey Miller, M.D.  
Candace White, M.D.

#### 2017-2018

Fares Ahmed, M.D.  
Emily Johnson, M.D.  
Matt Hedgewold, M.D.  
Chris Warner, M.D.

#### 2018-2019

Chad Burk, M.D.  
Dmitriy Kazimirko, M.D.  
Evan Kurtz, M.D.  
Emily Ochmanek, M.D.

#### 2019-2020

Eric DePopas, M.D.  
Chris Doe, M.D.  
Daniel Kirkpatrick, M.D.  
Justin Monroe, M.D.