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July 2016

Message From The Chair

Monsoons and triple-digit temperatures spell summer in Tucson.

With that, we welcome the host of new residents, fellows and

faculty physicians—many of whom began their clinical training and service at the start of this month. To ease any confusion about who's who, we refer you to a new **DOM Core & Key Clinical Faculty Guide** from our Vice Chair of Education Office, which also recently added **Faculty Development** self-training and mentoring modules on topics such as

"Teaching in an Ambulatory Setting," "Educational Portfolios" and "Scholarship in the Digital Age" to our website. Another new item

online is an **E-Newsletter Archive** that includes not just current and past issues of this newsletter, but earlier departmental newsletters stretching back to 2007. Look at how much we've grown and changed over the years. Speaking of growing, excavation for the basement of the new Health Sciences Innovation Building (HSIB) began this past week and one of two 360-plus-foot cranes arrived onsite for the new Banner – UMC Tucson hospital tower. I would point you to the new **UAHS Campus Construction Updates website**, where you can see live webcams of construction on all three building projects—including the new BioScience Research Laboratories (BSRL)—as well as the latest newsletters for each and an overall construction site map to let you know where to park and how best to get there. If you have any ideas on web updates or news items to include in upcoming issues, please send them to communications coordinator **David Mogollón**, 626-1137.

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SPOTLIGHTS



New IDSA Coccidioidomycosis Guidance Led by Valley Fever Center Director

UA Valley Fever Center for Excellence Director **John Galgiani, MD**, is the lead author on updated guidance from the Infectious Diseases Society of America for primary care physicians and other clinicians on treatment and care of patients suffering from coccidioidomycosis, a fungal disease endemic to soils of the Southwest known as Valley Fever...



UA Geriatrics Chief Supports Senate Bid to Advance At-Home Primary Care

As American Academy of Home Care Medicine president, **Mindy Fain, MD**—chief of the UA Division of Geriatric, General Internal and Palliative Medicine and co-director of UA Center on Aging—joins backers in Washington, DC, to introduce new legislation to make Medicare's Independence At Home pilot program permanent. She's quoted in press release promoting the U.S. Senate Bill 3130's July 6 introduction with bipartisan support and 100+ groups advocating passage...



New Physicians-in-Training Get Oriented at Marriott Event

Incoming interns, residents and fellows at the UA College of Medicine get briefed on patient care, enhancing the patient experience and what's expected of them as physicians in training at the Banner – UMC Tucson and South hospitals. See photos from the event, held June 30 at the Tucson Marriott University Park...

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 4-5	27th Annual Southwest Trauma Conference	AUG 11	Department of Medicine Fellows Retreat	AUG 15	UA Cancer Center Open House - Focus: BMT
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FACULTY



Tucson Lifestyle 'Features' Janardhanan, Yeager among those to make UA Top Doctors in 2016

"Top Doctors" affiliated with the University of Arizona Department of Medicine with special full-page features—as well as listings—in the just-released July issue of Tucson Lifestyle include Cardiology's **Raj Janardhanan, MD**, and Hematology & Oncology's **Andrew Yeager, MD**...

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RESEARCH



UAHS, Banner Health included in \$43.3M landmark Precision Medicine Initiative® Cohort Program

The UA Health Sciences was awarded a \$4 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to participate in the White House-led initiative. The aim is to enroll a million-plus people to improve disease prevention and treatment based on individual differences in lifestyle, environment and genetics...

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CLINICAL



Banner Unveils New Website, UAHealth.com Gone

The newly designed, mobile- and customer-friendly public website, www.BannerHealth.com, replaces UAHealth.com — left over from prior to Banner's merger with the University of Arizona Health Network last year. Banner requests assistance with information updates, broken links. Please review our website to see what needs an update...

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IN OTHER NEWS

Cardiology



The University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center welcomes **Mathew D. Hutchinson, MD**, as the new director of the Cardiac Electrophysiology Program in the Division of Cardiology at the UA College of Medicine - Tucson...

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The UA Sarver Heart Center announced that there will be seven new faces among incoming fellows in the Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship tomorrow. Six other fellows in the program are moving on having graduated along with two more from the Interventional Cardiology Fellowship Program...

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Endocrinology



Laura Hopkins, a graduate student and member of research team of endocrinologist **Janet Funk, MD**, has a personal interest in the turmeric study spearheaded by Dr. Funk that's taking aim on easing symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis...

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Endocrinology



With a stupendous response to its inaugural health fair, the UA Division of Endocrinology and Banner – UMC Diabetes Prevention & Education Center were more than happy with the enthusiastic turnout at the fair—held in partnership with the YMCA of Southern Arizona and the American Diabetes Association. See the photo gallery...

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As part of the UA's Wildcat Welcome Week activities, **Merri Pendergrass, MD** (pictured), Adult Diabetes Program director at the UA Division of Endocrinology; **Spenser Reed**, a second-year UA medical student; and **Rosi Vogel**, Banner UMC diabetes program coordinator, will offer a lecture for new students and their parents offering a clinician, patient and parent perspective on "Living in College with Diabetes"...

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Hematology and Oncology



Surgeons **Yi-Zarn Wang, MD**, from LSU Health Sciences, and **Marian Porubsky, MD**, and dietitian **Michelle Bratton, RD**, were among speakers July 17 at a free lecture co-sponsored by Arizona Carcinoid and Neuroendocrine Foundation at the UA Cancer Center – North Campus. See the photo gallery...

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Nearly 100 people participated in the regional summit hosted June 29 by the University of Arizona Cancer Center as part of the nationwide Cancer Moonshot events sponsored by the White House as part of an initiative to marshal resources to cure cancer. See photos and links to media coverage...

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Infectious Diseases



Researchers at the University of Arizona—led by **Elizabeth Connick, MD, PhD**—will receive about \$650,000 as part of the “BELIEVE” team, led by George Washington University, which received a \$28 million, five-year Martin Delaney Collaboratory grant from the National Institutes of Health to find a cure for HIV...

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Nephrology



With the start of July, a number of new physicians in training are making the rounds and becoming familiar with their clinical colleagues and new duties as residents or fellows. That includes learning—here with UA Nephrology fellows **Fahad Alobaidi, MBchB**, and **Iyad Mansour, MBchB**—in the Arizona Simulation Technology and Education Center (ASTEC) at the UA College of Medicine...

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PACCS



Cutting-edge research investigating the genetic basis for devastating disorders in the critically ill – acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) and ventilator-induced lung injury (VILI) – will receive a major boost thanks to an \$11.4 million, five-year program project grant, led by **Joe G.N. “Skip” Garcia, MD**, UA senior vice president for Health Sciences...

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Interdisciplinary teams conducting sleep research at the University of Arizona are working to ensure people get a good night’s sleep and garnering national attention for their findings and expertise on this critical determinant of mental and physical health at SLEEP 2016 in Denver. They include Sleep Lab Director **Sairam Parthasarathy, MD**...

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Rheumatology



Since they couldn't attend San Francisco's annual meeting, a reception at the home of Division of Rheumatology Chief **Kent Kwoh, MD**, served to honor the three former ARHP presidents from Tucson. Other news focuses on the Inaugural Southwestern Clinic and Research Institute (SCARI) Lecture and the Bear Down Luncheon...

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Other Headlines...

UA grant funds research, clinical trial to address health disparities in BMT

NIH awards UA Pharmacy professor \$3.6M to study arsenic, lung cancer

ACS awards UA \$360K to support junior faculty research to fight cancer

Tulane's Benjamin Lee, MD, joins UA faculty as chief of urology

New UA study says docs need to give comatose cardiac patients more time

UAHS molecular discovery may mean new treatments for viral diseases



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