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October 2016

Message From The Chair

The UA Department of Medicine General Faculty Meeting on Sept. 19 offered a great opportunity for physicians and investigators within our department to hear about a number of key initiatives under way.

I expect all faculty not present to watch the [video of the meeting](#) so they're up to date on these issues including compensation, initiatives to improve clinical workflow and efficiency, and new DOM metrics that we as a department must achieve this year. We are planning our next meeting for November, so stay tuned.



Dr. Pradeep Kadambi, BUMG chief clinical affairs officer, and Banner Health CFO **Jeff Buehrle** provided an update on the Physician Compensation Plan; new BUMG COO **Scott Hofferber** discussed our Financial Performance Improvement Plan; and **Dr. Gordon Carr**, BUMCTS CMO, gave an update on the Cerner roll-out.

As of July 1, 2016—in addition to start dates for 30 new faculty members we've added to our roster—the “shadow” or “early opt-in” period began in which physicians may choose between the prior UAHN or future Banner compensation model for the current fiscal year. You have until Dec. 1 to decide, but are guaranteed the higher of the two. As



of July 1, 2017, all physicians will be using the Banner model. Dr. Kadambi and DOM Administrator **Todd Boltz** spoke about related scorecards then in review by clinical chiefs to give everyone an idea of what to expect and the SBAR process to request changes.

Hofferber—who has academic medical center experience with Missouri, UCSD and Emory (where he worked with **Drs. Tom Boyer, Steve Goldschmid and Andrew Yeager**)—spoke about strategies and opportunities “or revenue waterfalls” to reduce the practice plan deficit and get to a more sustainable model. On collections alone, that opportunity could be up to \$12 million, he noted. The goal is to break even for the 2018 calendar year. It is worth hearing what he has to say in the video about this.

The plan with Cerner is to go live next June, said Dr. Carr, who showed the full timeline as well as expected go-live support in his presentation. The plan includes about eight hours of classroom training beginning in early spring. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of preview sessions called “Cerner Experience Demos” announced in the BUMG Wildcat Connection newsletter to see how your workflows may be affected.

At the meeting, I discussed new DOM metrics, something of which all our faculty should be aware. They’re to enhance performance of our department in key strategic inpatient and outpatient areas:

1. Blood & platelet transfusions
2. Discharge timeliness
3. Number of new outpatient visits

I also announced that **Dr. Tammy Clark Ojo** will be joining DOM leadership as our new Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs. She brings to the post valuable experience in clinical optimization strategies from her time at the University of Michigan. Please offer your congratulations and cooperation to her as we move forward.



Monica Kraft, MD

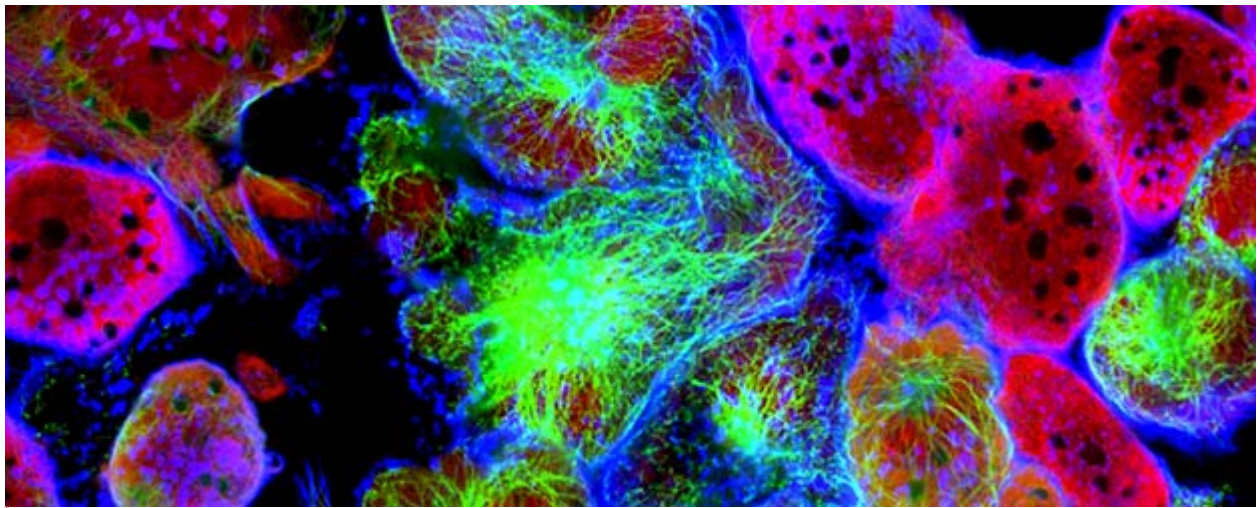
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SPOTLIGHTS



\$1 Million Gift to Support Integrative Medicine at UA Health Sciences

Chicago-area philanthropist **Jolita Leonas-Arzbaecher** shares a passion for the work of **Dr. Andrew Weil**, integrative medicine pioneer and director of the UA Center for Integrative Medicine. Her \$1 million gift will advance the work of the center at the UA Health Sciences and beyond...



New Hematology-Oncology Chief Looks Forward to ‘Homecoming’

A National Cancer Institute Head and Neck Cancer Steering Committee member and a local high school grad, **Dr. Julie E. Bauman** focuses her research on "green chemoprevention"—using plants or simple extracts to help the body detoxify carcinogens, battling a throat cancer epidemic caused by HPV, and the emerging field of immuno-oncology—novel treatments to activate our immune system to fight cancer...



CyVerse Explores Complexities of Mapping the Human Immune System

CyVerse collaborator **Dr. Adam Buntzman**, an investigator in the lab of **Dr. Monica Kraft**, a physician-scientist specializing in research of dysfunctional autoimmune response in asthma and chair of the UA Department of Medicine, has led an effort to harness supercomputers to create the first map of the human immune system...

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT Advances in Aging
10 Lecture with Dr. Corinne Self

OCT DOM Research Seminar
13 with Drs. Roy-Chaudhury & Koshy

OCT Living Healthy With
15 Arthritis Active Series - 'Totally Tubing'

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT BRA Day with UA Breast Health Team at Komen Arizona
22

OCT UACC Open House - 'Pancreatic & Liver Cancer Awareness'
27

OCT College of Medicine – Tucson Homecoming 2016
28-29

RESEARCH



Standing Room Only for Initial DOM Research Seminar

The DOM Research Seminar Series launched Sept. 8 with seats full to hear **Drs. Monica Kraft** and **Julie Ledford** discuss "Surfactant Protein-A & Asthma: From Basic Science to Translational Research." Next speakers: **Dr. Prabir Roy-Chaudhury**, chief, Division of Nephrology, and **Dr. Anita Koshy**, assistant professor of Neurology and Immunobiology, Thursday, Oct. 13. Click on the flyer to see their program...

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UAHS \$100K Grant to Help Boost Latina Mammograms

Drs. Jorge Gomez and **Usha Menon**, UA Health Sciences' principal investigators on the Breast Cancer Research Foundation grant, will target their efforts on the U.S.-Mexico border population to increase mammograms and decrease cancer disparities in the Hispanic female population...

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FACULTY



30 New Faculty Begin UA Careers in DOM since July 1

A total of 30 new faculty—including a division chief, associate dean for student affairs, ICU medical director, and three investigators for the new UAHS Center for Disparities in Diabetes, Obesity & Metabolism—have started their practices, teaching and/or research careers in the UA Department of Medicine since July 1. Additional new hires are in the works...

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EDUCATION



Resident Nuptials, Case Reports, Profiles and More

The latest issue of the *South Campus Pulse*, a newsletter of the UA Internal Medicine Residency Program at Banner – UMC South puts the spotlight on new residents, who's presenting posters in New Orleans and Atlanta, who's getting published in the *British Medical Journal* and *Journal of American Medicine*...

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IN OTHER NEWS

Cardiology



Celebrating the 30th anniversary of its founding this year, the UA Sarver Heart Center launches a monthly lecture series starting with the new director of its Cardiac Electrophysiology Program **Dr. Mathew Hutchinson** on Tuesday, Oct. 25. Prior registration is required, but the events—to be held in DuVal Auditorium—are free and open to the public...

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Dr. Michael LaCombe spoke on “The Importance of Family History” for the Oct. 6 Donald K. Buffmire Visiting Lectureship in Medicine sponsored by the Flinn Foundation. A cardiologist, he has practiced in Maine for 40-plus years and is a University of New England professor of medicine and associate editor of the “On Being A Doctor” and two other sections of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. See pictures and a video link...

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Endocrinology



Speaking on “The Pharmacognosy of Turmeric: Harnessing Nature to Protect Bone,” **Dr. Janet Funk** was the first presenter in a renewed Endocrinology Grand Rounds that began Sept. 13. Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism Chief **Dr. Lawrence Mandarino**’s goal is to bring in visiting scholars, but starts with local researchers. Next up: **Dr. Jennifer Teske**, Oct. 11, on “Pre-Clinical Rodent Sleep Studies to Improve Metabolism & Post-Surgical Outcomes”...

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Geriatrics



New UA geriatrician **Dr. Corinne Self** will present on “Understanding Lewy Body Dementia”—the second most common form of dementia that affects cognitive functions for organization and planning as well as visual-spatial areas—at the next talk in the Advances in Aging Lecture Series, Monday, Oct. 10, noon-1 p.m. in Kiewit Auditorium...

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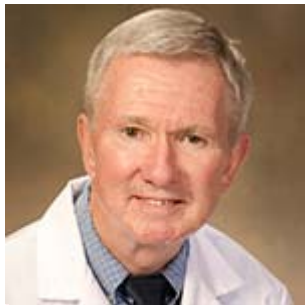
Geriatrics



A study led by **Dr. Roberta Diaz Brinton**, director of the Center for Brain Sciences at the UA Health Sciences, is among nine projects to receive funding as part of \$2.2 million being distributed in the first-ever Alzheimer's Association Sex and Gender in Alzheimer's (SAGA) research grant awards to advance understanding of the disproportionate effect Alzheimer's disease has on women...

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Hematology and Oncology



Dr. Robert Livingston, 75, an oncologist at the University of Arizona Cancer Center, a professor in the UA Division of Hematology & Oncology and for four decades a physician-scientist with the Southwest Oncology Group, died Sept. 8. RSVP for a celebration of his life at the home of Cancer Center Director Emeritus **Dr. David Alberts**, Oct. 15, 4-6 p.m...

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Breast Reconstruction
Awareness Day

closing the loop on breast cancer

More than three dozen people turned out Sept. 9 at a UA Cancer Center Open House and talk on "Lymphoma & Leukemia" by **Drs. Daniel Persky** and **Ravi Krishnadasan**. Next focus is on BRA Day, breast reconstruction and the UACC Breast Health Team, Sat., Oct. 22, with a GI Oncology program also Thu., Oct. 27, on "Pancreatic & Liver Cancer Awareness." Learn about activities for these community outreach events...

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YOU CAN
FIGHT
cancer

better
THAN EVER

Dr. Setsuko Chambers and the Better Than Ever Scientific Review Committee announced that **Dr. Victor J. Gonzalez**, assistant professor, Radiation Oncology, won a \$20,000 grant from the UA Cancer Center's Better Than Ever Program. His research team will use the money to investigate a new technique called Surface Mapped Radiotherapy, or SMART, for a patient-specific approach to breast cancer treatment...

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Infectious Diseases



Eligible UA and state employees were able to get free flu shots across campus from Sept. 30 at the Farmers Market at the College of Medicine – Tucson to Oct. 12 at UA Cancer Center North. The next is Friday, Oct. 7, in the Optical Sciences Building and USB 158. The next flu shot clinic for Banner physicians & staff is Oct. 24 in DuVal Auditorium. More public clinics are available via Healthwaves across Pima County through Dec. 21. See photos of the COM & BIO5 clinics...

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PACCS



The UA Center for Sleep Disorders, Project Sleep and the Sleep Research Network have teamed up to engage patients, scientists and other stakeholders as partners in sleep research. The first of four events for sleep researchers and the public will be held Oct. 7, in Bethesda, Md. The team, led by UA Professor **Dr. Sai Parthasarathy**, won a \$250,000 Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award to fund the effort...

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In its first scientific statement on sleep, the American Heart Association and its committee of heart health and sleep researchers, including the UA College of Medicine – Tucson's **Dr. Michael Grandner**, found in a review of current evidence that too much or little sleep, along with sleep-related breathing irregularities and insomnia, may be linked to heart risk factors...

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Rheumatology



Cancer survivor and Canyon Ranch Research Director for Exercise Physiology **Dr. Michael Hewitt** stressed the importance of nutrition and exercise as keystones in the “Foundation of Health” at the Living with Arthritis Lecture hosted Oct. 5 by the UA Arthritis Center. The center and Division of Rheumatology extended a special invitation to colleagues in the Divisions of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine and Hematology & Oncology as Dr. Hewitt's lung cancer treatment was here at Banner – UMC Tucson...

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Translational



Dr. Stephen M. Black, professor of medicine and physiology and director of the Center for Lung Vascular Pathobiology in the UA Division of Translational & Regenerative Medicine, was among four faculty members to win Multidisciplinary Program Feasibility Awards from the UA Health Sciences to encourage, support and ensure collaborative health research initiatives across campus. These awards offer \$50,000 to \$100,000 in seed-funding toward the submission of competitive NIH grants...

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This Just In...

Bashas, K-LOVE Launch Drive to Benefit UA Breast Cancer Research

COM - Tucson Faculty Teaching Awards Ceremony Set for Nov. 3

UA Surgeon Shares How 3D Printing Saves Lives, Money in *Lancet*

College of Medicine - Tucson Earns 2016 Health Profession Diversity Award

Cambridge Professor to Speak on Genomics at Cancer Grand Rounds

Grant Opportunities Open for UAHS Research Bridge Funding

Tech Launch Recruiting UA Inventors for NSF I-Corps Fourth Cohort

RareCyte CMO Talks Oct. 10 on Next-Gen Liquid Biopsies to ID Tumor Cells

Harvard Researcher to Discuss Sunlight, Merkel Cell Carcinoma - Oct. 10

Sarver Guest Grand Rounds Host Vanderbilt Professor on Cardio-Oncology

Native American Cancer Prevention Partnership Funding LOIs Due Oct. 14

UA Researchers Launch App for 'Citizen-Scientists' to Track Zika Virus



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