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March 2017

## Message From The Chair

Ah, spring. A breath of fresh air as the cacti begin to bloom, rattlesnakes lay in the sun for a little warmth and March Madness makes us all hoops crazy. OK, turn off ESPN in the doctor's lounge. Back to work.

Lots happening in our world. The Arizona Board of Regents just announced **Dr. Robert Clayton Robbins**, president and CEO at Houston's Texas Medical Center, as their top choice for new University of Arizona president. Read/hear more at [UANews](#), [The Daily Wildcat](#), [Arizona Public Media](#) or [ABOR News Releases](#).



Our clinical partner, Banner – University Medical Center announced a delay in the new Cerner EHR rollout, which was to be June 1. Don't let that stop you from registering for training and keep practicing. This moves the Cerner transition away from a time when new faculty, fellows and residents traditionally start, easing potential confusion. Look for a new go-live date to be set soon—see news item below for more.

A few quick points:

- Since we're talking about electronic health records, make sure you're up to date on the latest "Meaningful Use" attestations for physicians and APPs (advanced practice providers) regarding EHR Incentive Programs. From CMS, you can find "2017 Program Requirements" [here](#) and [here](#). Banner provides additional guidance via eClinicalWorks [here](#) and [here](#). Also see these [Hospital EMR & EHR newsletter webposts](#) on Banner's approach.
- Speaking of compliance, check your email for the message "Driver Registration and Defensive Driving online training" to comply with Risk Management Services rules for any vehicle used on work hours for university business. This is important for physicians/staff who may travel between campuses or clinic sites during the day. Learn more [here](#).
- A new Banner email server also means some physicians (on Android mobile devices) need to download encryption software to keep your messages secure.

Construction on the new Tucson campus hospital tower, North campus outpatient center and new UA Health Sciences campus research buildings continues at a dizzying pace.



Some older buildings (the Arizona Center on Aging, Comstock, and Herbert K. Abrams Buildings, as well as modular structures by the [Old Polo Village](#)) will be demolished over the next several months. New space will open up with completion of the North campus project and clinic moves there by May 2018. Please bear with us as we start relocations late this year and early next to space opening up for DOM business and administrative staff on 6OPC and 7OPC. You can follow progress on new buildings at the [UAHS Campus Construction Update website](#) or, for the North campus project, [this webcam](#).

Lastly, Match Day for graduating medical students (aka, incoming residents come July) is Friday. Our department enjoyed a wonderful Fellowship Match earlier this year. You can read below about incoming fellows, which outgoing residents placed elsewhere and who are chief residents next academic year. Good luck to all those hoping to match into our Internal Medicine and Dermatology residency programs!

### Monica Kraft, MD

Chair, Department of Medicine  
The Robert & Irene Flinn Professor of Medicine  
University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson

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## SPOTLIGHTS



### Dozen UAHS Investigators Secure ABRC Grant Awards Worth Nearly \$6M

Twelve UA Health Sciences investigators—including **Drs. Monica Kraft**, chair, Department of Medicine; cardiologist **Steven Goldman** and physiologist **Heddwyn Brooks**—won grants totaling \$5.85 million over three years from the Arizona Biomedical Research Commission, it was announced this week. The list also includes UA Arthritis



Center, UA Cancer Center, UA Center on Aging and UA Sarver Heart Center members...



### Dr. Amy Sussman to Lead Education Programs as Newest DOM Vice Chair

UA nephrologist **Dr. Amy Sussman** has been named the new vice chair for education in the Department of Medicine adding to her roles as Nephrology Fellowship Program director and department clerkship director. A repeat winner for four years running in the UA College of Medicine teaching awards, she replaces Dr. Ken Knox, who left in December to be associate dean for faculty affairs and development at the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix...



### Match Mix Promising for Incoming Fellows in Advanced Internal Med Training

Thirty-two incoming fellows—half of them graduating UA internal medicine residents—have matched into advanced training programs for the 15 ACGME-accredited fellowship programs in the UA Department of Medicine that start in July. Another 13 UA internal

medicine residents are headed to fellowships elsewhere. Next year's chief residents at Banner – UMC Tucson and South are named here, too. Read all about it...

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR 16	"Wearable Tech to Track Your Health" with Dr. Marvin Slepian	MAR 17	<b>MATCH DAY 2017</b>	MAR 18	Hockey "Cancer Awareness Night" @ Tucson Roadrunners v. Bakersfield Condors
MAR 24	Steven Gootter Foundation Visiting Professor Lecture with Harvard's Dr. Christine Seidman	MAR 27	UA Renal Conference: Diabetic Nephropathy presented by Dr. Chip Brosius	MAR 29	Grand Rounds - "Scaling Physiologic Function from Cell to Tissue in Asthma & Cancer" with Harvard's Dr. Jeff Fedberg
APR 5	Living Healthy With Arthritis: "Listen to Your Heart" with Dr. Charles Katzenberg	APR 6	Bear Down, Beat Cancer Lectures: "Diet & Cancer" with Dr. Cyndi Thomson	APR 12	Sarver Heart Center 30th Anniversary Lectures – "Sleeping for Peak Performance" with Dr. Michael Grandner

## RESEARCH



### DOM Blog Aims at Illuminating Research Resources

There's no better time than now to be a researcher at the Department of Medicine, says UAHS Research Administration Associate Director **Rachele Peterson** in the latest DOM Blog. The blog post focuses on medical research resources available through her unit. DOM, she points out, was awarded more than \$100 million in grants across nearly 100 proposals during FY16—the definition of success. Learn a bit about the teams that helped our investigators achieve that success...

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### In Front of 200, Dr. Kraft Caps Banner 'Doc Talk' Series

Two-hundred people attended the Feb. 28 final "Doc Talks" lecture at the Westin La Paloma to hear DOM Chair **Dr. Monica Kraft** discuss her research and the path forward for an asthma cure. The Banner-sponsored series attracted more than 800 people in Tucson and 400 in Phoenix and were a platform to promote the UAHS/Banner All of Us<sup>SM</sup>/PMI program. See links to archived video for all talks in the series...

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## FACULTY



## Twenty-Five DOM Faculty Make 'Top Doctors' List

Of more than 90 Banner – University Medical Group physicians recently named to Castle Connolly's annual "Top Doctors in Tucson" list, more than a quarter of them call the UA Department of Medicine home. All of the physicians will be recognized in the July issue of *Tucson Lifestyle* magazine...

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## FACULTY



## DOM Celebrates 'Women in Medicine' on Women's Day

As part of the global day to recognize and honor women, the UA Department of Medicine took a moment on March 8 to celebrate the many women in medicine at the UA Department of Medicine and the benefits that greater opportunities for women in the sciences and compassionate care for our patients offers our society...

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## CLINICAL



## Cerner Transition Postponed, Training Sign-Ups Still On

The June 1 go-live for the new Cerner electronic health record from the Epic EHR has been delayed, it was announced March 10. A new date is expected to be announced within two weeks. Physicians and staff are encouraged to take advantage of the extra time to practice in the Cerner environment. Please sign up for training by March 17...

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## Banner Adds Urgent Care Clinics in Tucson, Phoenix

After its acquisition of 32 existing Urgent Care Extra centers in August 2016, Banner Health announced seven new urgent care sites this month. This growth in highly convenient, extended-hours care assures patients across Phoenix and Tucson will have excellent access to care, even when their physician's office is closed. It includes two additional Tucson sites—6021 N. Oracle Road and 7089 N. Thornydale Road—added to the four acquired last year...

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## IN OTHER NEWS

### Cardiology





UA Sarver Heart Center faculty and staff were saddened by the unexpected death Feb. 27 of **Kim Macdonald**, 54, a colleague and friend who was executive assistant to **Dr. Nancy Sweitzer**, center director and chief, UA Division of Cardiology, since 2014. A celebration of her life was held March 8. You can still leave messages for the family on a digital guest book. Donations in memoriam can be made to the center...

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## Cardiology



UA Sarver Heart Center Co-Director **Dr. Karl Kern** was featured in *BizTucson's* Winter 2017 issue as a preview to the Gootter Grand Slam Gala on March 3. The Stephen M. Gootter Foundation supports education, awareness and research into sudden cardiac arrest. About \$300,000 was raised at this year's gala. Banner – UMC, which won a Common Ground Award from the Metropolitan Pima Alliance for neighborhood outreach on construction of its new Tucson campus hospital tower, also was recognized in this issue...

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Learn more about **Friday's KOLD-TV13 preview** of two talks by cardiologist Dr. Marvin Slepian on "Wearable Tech to Track Your Health." One lecture is March 15, 6-7:15 p.m., as part of the Sarver Heart Center 30th Anniversary lecture series (COM-T Room 5403). Another is March 16, 10-11 a.m., at the Canoa Hills Social Center, 3660 S. Camino del Sol, Green Valley. Hear whether this is a fad or medical breakthrough. This new class of stretchable electronics monitors heart health, wound healing, athletic performance and more...

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## Geriatrics



Trevor Barroero, a Flinn Scholar and senior percussion student in the UA Fred Fox School of Music, will present a free benefit concert to raise \$10,000 for the Alzheimer's Association, Wednesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., Crowder Hall. The UA Center on Aging-supported event, titled "...in loving memory," is in memoriam to Trevor's late father and grandmother. His grandmother, who died in 2012, suffered from Alzheimer's disease. Donations will be accepted at the event or online...

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A U.S. Senate bill introduced March 2 would make the "Independence At Home" program permanent. As president of the American Academy of Home Care Medicine, UA chief of geriatric medicine **Dr. Mindy Fain** lauds the innovative home-based primary care Medicare program for bringing primary care medical services to Medicare beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions in their homes. It already has saved \$25 million in its first year...

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## Geriatrics



**Dr. Janko Nikolich-Zugich**, UA Center on Aging co-director and UA Department of Immunobiology chair, was featured in the February 2017 issue of *Tucson Lifestyle* magazine in an article on his research into T-cells, the insulin pathway, how we absorb and manage nutrients, and the impact on our immunity and "healthspans" as we age. The topic ties into other *Tucson Lifestyle* articles with **Drs. Mindy Fain** and **Melanie Hingle**...

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## Hematology and Oncology



In the second "Bear Down, Beat Cancer" lecture, **Dr. Julie Bauman**, chief, UA Division of Hematology/Oncology, and associate director, translational research, UA Cancer Center, and **Dr. Beth Jacobs**, director, epidemiology program, UA College of Public Health, spoke March 2 on "Head & Neck Cancer – The Emerging Epidemic" at the Jewish Community Center. About 25 people heard them discuss how important the HPV vaccine is for youths age 8-26 to reduce risk...

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## Infectious Diseases



**Dr. Kacey Ernst**, infectious disease epidemiologist at the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, was chosen by the American Association for the Advancement of Science Public Engagement Fellowship. Her research interests focus on how human-environment interactions alter risk of vector-borne disease transmission. Her work with the CDC includes a mobile app, Kidenga, to track the Zika virus...

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Hear about healthy eating at the next “Meet-Your-Pharmacist” event hosted by the UA Petersen Clinic pharmacy team—also known as the T-Rx Group (or Team Rx)—at El Charro Café, 311 N. Court Ave., on Tuesday, April 11, at 6 p.m. The dinner is sponsored by ViiV Healthcare, a pharmaceutical firm that specializes in HIV therapies. RSVP today...

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## Integrative Medicine



Thanks to a \$1 million commitment from **Iris Cantor**, a lifelong philanthropist, the **UA Center for Integrative Medicine** will develop new curricula to train a new generation of integrative health professionals and empower individuals and communities to optimize health and well-being through establishment of the Iris Cantor Research and Innovation Fund...

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## PACCS



**Dr. Serpil Erzurum**, a world-renowned translational scientist on respiratory diseases from the Cleveland Clinic/Case Western Reserve University in Ohio, had them in the aisles for the final Winter Lung Series Conference for the 2016-17 academic year. With a full audience, late attendees either stood or sat on steps. Her lecture—“Metabolism and Hypoxia in Pulmonary Vascular Disease”—doubled as the March 9 installment in the DOM Research Seminar Series...

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Testimony by **Dr. Lynn Gerald**, clinical director, UAHS Asthma & Airway Disease Research Center, and member, Arizona Asthma Coalition, helped in passage of a bill in the Arizona Legislature to allow schools to stock and administer asthma medication via inhalers. Dr. Gerald testified before the House in early February. It passed the House on Feb. 21 and the Senate on March 14. Now, it awaits the governor’s signature...

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## This Just In...

"Festival of Books Underscores Women Innovators, Champions in STEM"

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"UA Study: Belly Fat Riskier to Mortality than Being Overweight for Women"

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"Treatment of Pain Gets Green LED Light for Clinical Trials: UA Researchers"

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"UA Health Sciences Introduces Website to Help Celebrate Anniversaries"

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"Biomedical Sciences Partnership Building Opens Doors to Discovery"

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"Marital Status May Impact Women's Health Later in Life, Says UA Study"

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"Connect with Program Managers at SBIR/STTR Arizona Regional Summit"

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"Hear Stanford's Dr. Julian Sage on Small Cell Lung Cancer, April 7"

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"Dr. Heddwen Brooks Lands \$1.53M from NIH/LB to Study Postmenopausal Hypertension"

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