

# DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE NEWS

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## GASTROENTEROLOGY UPDATE SUMMARY

### Current GI Faculty

**Steve Goldschmid, MD**

Professor & Chairman, Dept. of Medicine  
Interim Section Chief of GI  
SPECIAL INTERESTS: Inflammatory Bowel Disease

**John T. Cunningham, MD**

Professor of Clinical Medicine  
SPECIAL INTERESTS: Pancreatic Cancer; Mucin Producing Tumors of the Pancreas

**Ayaaz Ismail, MD**

Assist. Professor of Clinical Medicine  
Program Director of the GI Fellowship Program  
SPECIAL INTERESTS: General GI

**Romeo Esquivel, MD**

Assist. Professor of Clinical Medicine  
SPECIAL INTERESTS: General GI

**Thomas D. Boyer, MD**

Professor of Medicine  
Director, Liver Research Institute  
SPECIAL INTERESTS: Diagnosis and Management of all forms of liver disease

**M. Peter Lance, MD**

Professor of Medicine  
SPECIAL INTERESTS: Colon Cancer

**Richard E. Sampliner, MD**

Professor of Medicine  
SPECIAL INTERESTS: Barrett's Esophagus

**Ronnie Fass, MD**

Professor of Medicine  
Director, GI Motility Lab  
SPECIAL INTERESTS: Motility disorders, IBS, GERD

**GI Procedures**

Procedures performed in the 2006-2007 fiscal year in the GI lab included 1408 colonoscopies, 959 EGDs, 59 flexible sigmoidoscopies, 612 EUS, and 3399 ERCPs. A total of 2591 patients were seen. Wait times for an appointment for a clinic visit is three to seven months and two to six months for a procedure.

**Clinical Gastroenterology Fellowship Program**

This is a three-year program with two first-year positions available. The program is based at UMC, Southern Arizona VA Medical Center and UPH-Kino Campus. Training follows RRC guidelines for program/conferences. The third year of the fellowship allows trainees to focus on a particular area. The UMC endoscopy lab has the capacity to perform pancreaticobiliary endoscopy and endoscopic ultrasound. Esophageal and anorectal motility are also performed.

**Current GI Fellows**

3rd Year: Jimmy Kim, Navin Kumar, Darren Keller  
2nd Year: John Kasher, Vikram Boolchand  
1st Year: Andrew Weinberg, Willy Chuang, Seth Miller

**Federally Funded Research**

Colon Cancer Prevention  
Therapy in Pancreatic Cancer  
Drug Induced/Toxic Liver Injury  
Functional GI Disorders

**Publications 2006 Calendar Year**

Journal articles – 7  
Books – 1  
Chapters – 6  
Abstracts – 7  
Presentations – 4



Dr. Goldschmid smiles as patient awakens from sedation after colonoscopy screening. Nurse Bryan Witzens monitors her vital signs.



## EVENTS

- **Benefits Re-Enrollment**  
*Aug. 13 - Sept. 10*
- **Fall Gem Show**  
*Sept. 6-9*
- **Bldg. 201 Intermittent Power Outages**  
*Sept. 13 - 5pm-12am*  
*Sept. 14 - 5pm-12am*  
*Sept. 14&15 - 7am-5pm*

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## **BENEFITS RE-ENROLLMENT**

Re-enrollment ends September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **NEW!!! Medical Insurance Option "Single + 1"**

To those who may have missed it...if only you and your spouse, or only you and one child are on your medical plan, there is now a "Single + 1" option (for medical insurance only). To elect this option be sure to select "Add/Change" under Medical and choose "Single + 1." **This option will save you \$75 per month, if you were on the "Family Plan" before!**



## **WELCOME**

*Keep an eye out for these new employees and give them a warm welcome to our department!*

### Rheumatology

Augusto Posadas, MD - Fellow

Sujata Sarkar, MD - Faculty - Starts September 4<sup>th</sup>

### Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine

John Bloom, MD - Interim Section Chief

Linda Snyder, MD - Section Director of Fellowship Program

Laura Meinke, MD - Faculty

Kathleen Williams, DO - Faculty

Sandeep Chowdhary, MD - Fellow

Parvathy Nair, MD - Fellow

### Geriatrics & Gerontology

Rosemary Browne, MD - Faculty—Starts September 1st

### General Medicine

Sireesha Koppula, MD - Faculty—Starts September 8th

### Inpatient Medicine

Fahd Chaudhry, MD - Faculty

### Staff

Ana Saiz - Account Sr. - Business Office

Donna Darnell - Administrative Assistant - Inpatient Medicine

Linda Lorent - Administrative Assistant - Endocrinology

Sherri Raskin - Residency Program Coordinator Sr. - Internal Medicine Kino

Susan Price—Medical Assistant - Gastroenterology - Starts September 4<sup>th</sup>

## **POINTS OF INTEREST**

### Residency Program at Kino

Information is now available at <http://www.uph.org/AboutUPH/>

[GraduateMedicalEducation/InternalMedicineProgram/tabid/357/Default.aspx](http://www.uph.org/AboutUPH/GraduateMedicalEducation/InternalMedicineProgram/tabid/357/Default.aspx)

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

- Andrew Carnegie



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