**Gastroenterology Update Summary**

**Current GI Faculty**

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**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

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**Dr. Goldschmid smiles as patient awakens from sedation after colonoscopy screening. Nurse Bryan Witzens monitors her vital signs.**
**BENEFITS RE-ENROLLMENT**

Re-enrollment ends September 10th.

**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 4th

**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 4th

**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)

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