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College of Medicine

Best Doctors, Inc Best Doctors 2007-2008

Congratulations to the following Doctors of the Department of Medicine for making the list of America's Best Doctors as compiled by Best Doctors, Inc

Cardiovascular Disease

Joseph S. Alpert
Eric A. Brody
Gordon A. Ewy
Paul E. Fenster
Steven Goldman
Julia H. Indik
Karl B. Kern
Beth R. Malasky
Timothy M. Marshall
Peter Ott
Vincent L. Sorrell
Hoang M. Thai
Jerrod A. Winter

Clinical Pharmacology

John W. Bloom
Timothy C. Fagan
David G. Johnson

Dermatology

Clara Curiel
Joseph Hud
Robert Louis Rietschel
Duane C. Whitaker

Gastroenterology

Thomas D. Boyer
John Thomas Cunningham
Ronnie Fass
Steve Goldschmid
M. Peter Lance
Richard E. Sampliner
Charles Sanner

Geriatrics

Mindy Fain

Infectious Disease

Neil M. Ampel
John N. Galgiani
Eskild A. Peterson

Integrative Medicine

Victoria Hope Maizes

Internal Medicine (General)

Kathleen E. Gibson
Dawn P. Lemcke
Richard M. Mandel
Kevin Moynahan
Suzie C. Park
Jeffrey I. Selwyn
Anthony Stazzone
Carol A. Wolfe
Steven A. Wool

Neurology

Geoffrey L. Ahern
Bruce M. Coull

Oncology and Hematology

Fredrick R. Ahmann
David S. Alberts
Donald J. Brooks
Thomas D. Brown
Robert B. Livingston
Ana Marie Lopez
Thomas P. Miller
Alison T. Stopeck
Raymond Taette
Andrew M. Yeager

Pulmonary

John W. Bloom
Sammy C. Campbell
Steven R. Knoper
Linda S. Snyder

Rheumatology

Margaret M. Miller

Sleep Medicine

Philip Eichling

UPH RANKED 100 BEST VALUE HOSPITAL

University Physicians Hospital has been ranked as one of the 100 Best Value Hospitals in the United States as part of the Hospital Value Index™! UPH Hospital was also listed as one of **100 Best Kept Secrets** – recognizing hospitals that offer high value but may not be as well known as other hospitals in their market. In addition, market-specific data on reputation of local hospitals are presented. University Medical Center and UPH Hospital were the only two Tucson Hospitals listed. This is yet another testament to the great care provided at UPH Hospital and the dedicated physicians and staff working each day to make this a top-notch, quality facility. If you would like more information on the market results, please visit <http://www.hospitalvalueindex.com/>.



Jason Krupp, MD became the Section Chief of General Internal Medicine on June 1, 2008. Dr. Krupp joined the department late last year, and has actively been involved in helping to organize the Internal Medicine Section, the Hospitalist Program and Residency Education. Congratulations to Dr. Krupp on his new role!

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SECTION NEWSCARDIOLOGY

Vincent Sorrell, MD was recently selected as a member of the Editorial Board for the JASE.

Congratulations to **Vincent Sorrell, MD** who was recently selected as a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of the American Society of Echocardiography (JASE). The JASE is now in its 21st year of publication, and is widely recognized as the premier subspecialty journal in the field of cardiovascular ultrasound.

ENDOCRINOLOGY

Congratulations to **Betsy Dokken, PhD, NP** who has been appointed as Assistant Professor of Medicine, tenure-eligible, in the DOM, Section of Endocrine and Diabetes, Hypertension and Metabolism Research Program as of June 1st.

Dr. Hussein Yassine, CA IV, Endocrine Fellow was awarded The University of Arizona Foundation Independent Grant-- for conference fees and travel to the American Diabetes Association and Endocrine Society Scientific Sessions in San Francisco in June.

Congratulations to **Janet Funk, MD** who was awarded a grant from the Arizona Cancer Center's "Better Than Ever" program. The program raises funds to support women's cancer research within the Arizona Cancer Center. Dr. Funk's project is titled, "Turmeric of the Skeletal Complications of Breast Cancer: Efficacy and Mechanism of Action".

Laura Wright, a graduate student in the laboratory of Dr. Janet Funk (Diabetes Research), won the "Best Abstract Award" at the Scripps Institute Annual Update on Natural (Dietary) Supplements in January in San Diego. Laura was also selected to participate in a special "Endocrine Trainee Day" at the Endocrine Society's national scientific meeting in San Francisco.

Drs. Leslie Ritter (PI) and Janet Funk (Co-I) have been awarded a grant from the Arizona Biomedical Research Commission for their project, "Novel Use of a Natural Product for Acute Stroke Therapy".

HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY

The department is pleased to welcome three new fellows; Sarah Akhunji, MD, Sirisha Maddipoti, MD & Alfred Vargas, MD.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Clifford Martin, MD graduated from the Infectious Disease Fellowship Program on June 30, 2008. Cliff will be going into private practice in Tucson and will continue his involvement with the Infectious Disease Fellowship as a curriculum lecturer and attending physician for Infectious Disease Fellows when they rotate at Tucson Medical Center.

The department is pleased to welcome new fellow, Voichita "Viki" Ianas, MD.

WELCOME

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

Andrew Carter, MD—Section of Cardiology

Sachin Chaudhary, MD—Section of Inpatient Medicine

Rakshith Gadam, MD—Section of Inpatient Medicine

Lokesh Jha, MD—Section of Inpatient Medicine

Uday Kanakadandi, MD—Section of Inpatient Medicine

Adebisi Obafemi, MD—Section of Inpatient Medicine

Yuval Raz, MD—Section of Pulmonary, Clinical Instructor

James Sligh, MD—Section of Dermatology, Section Chief

Rachel Swart, MD—Section of Hematology/Oncology

Stephen P. Thomson, MD—Section of Endocrinology, Endocrine Fellowship Program Director

"It's a very funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it."

William Somerset Maugham

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