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## MAY YOU LIVE IN INTERESTING TIMES

'May you live in interesting times' is said to be a curse. These are certainly interesting times at the Medical School but rather than a curse I believe this is an opportunity for the school and department to move forward. As you are all aware Steve Goldschmid has become the interim dean while a new VP is chosen to direct the Medical School on the Phoenix and Tucson campuses. Within the year deans for both campuses will be found and Steve will return to direct the department. In the interim I will serve as Chairman of Medicine. My goal is to move the department forward in the direction begun by Steve.

Steve has successfully recruited a new section chief for nephrology and gastroenterology. We are hopeful that a new section chief for pulmonary will also accept a position soon. In addition, all sections have been successful in gaining new faculty and the department is in a rapid growth phase. I plan to continue this growth especially in light of the new tower being built at UMC and the growth occurring at UPH Kino campus. The residency program at UPHK has gotten off to a great start. The residents are enjoying their experience and the hospital is clearly the beneficiary of their presence. Next year the program will grow to 15 residents and remain at that number in the future. The department has asked to meet with the UMC administrators to plan manpower needs when the new tower opens. In the beginning the number of beds, both ICU and medical/surgical will probably be the same but that will change rapidly as units in the older part of the hospital are renovated and reopened. We need to plan now for this increase in beds and increase the size of our faculty appropriately. Once we have met with the hospital I plan to contact each section and explain future needs so that they can get a head start in the process. Internists, hospitalists, and intensivists will be the physicians in greatest demand.

The opening of the new tower and emergency department will also add pressure to our house staff. We need to think in new ways on how to structure our house staff program to meet both the educational needs of the residents and the service needs of the hospital. I will be meeting with Bill Johnson and Jason Krupp to discuss how to change the program to better serve these constituencies. We will engage the house staff in this process as well. We have tried some new approaches in the program at UPHK and given that success we plan a similar approach at UMC. We will all need to work together to keep both of our house staff programs training excellent medicine residents.

Lastly, I want to say that I will keep an open door to all faculty who wish to discuss issues about their positions at the U of A. I am especially interested in helping young faculty succeed. The department has limited resources but when possible those resources will be used to recruit new faculty and help young faculty gain a foothold in academic medicine.

I am grateful to Steve for the confidence he has shown in me and please feel free to offer any suggestions as to how I can do this job better.

Thomas D. Boyer, M.D.

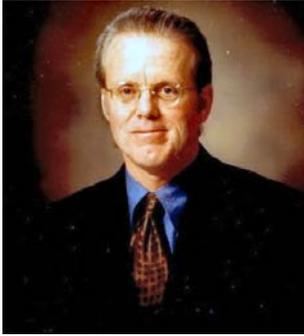
Interim Chairman and John Lee Professor of Medicine

## CLINICAL SCHOLAR AWARDS

We are very pleased to announce that three Department of Medicine faculty Clara Curiel-Lewandrowski MD, Betsy Dokken PhD, NP and Leona Downey MD have received Clinical Scholar Awards. This is a wonderful accomplishment and we are very proud to have these individuals as a part of the Department of Medicine. These awards mark the second year and second group of awardees for the UA ACTREC Clinical Scholar Circle. The Clinical Scholars Circle promotes new and established translational science faculty across multiple specialties to come together for collegiality, collaboration, mentoring and resource-sharing. The Circle meets on the second Tuesday of the month, topics include presentations by each award recipient on their project; a seminar in NIH grantsmanship; trainings in Clinical and Translation Science. Future announcements will give the details of these meetings. The Circle is open to faculty of all UA colleges who self-designate as clinical and translational scientists, recruiting its initial membership from existing senior faculty interested in mentoring junior scientists.

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William Johnson, MD

### ACADEMY OF EDUCATORS

Congratulations to William Johnson, MD & Kevin Moynahan, MD for being selected as inaugural members of the College of Medicine's Academy of Educators. The Academy was established to recognize the most outstanding educators and to provide a forum for teaching faculty to work together to enhance education programs. The Academy will work in collaboration with the College of Medicine's Educational Policy Committee to refine the academy's mission. This effort will be guided by the recommendations of a planning committee chaired by Joseph Alpert, MD. For more information on the Academy please visit <http://www.opa.medicine.arizona.edu/newsroom/releaseText.cfm?storyID=1314>.

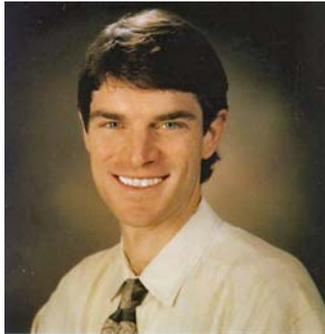
### SECTION NEWS

#### ENDOCRINOLOGY

The Department would like to thank the Endocrine Society for the support of Sarah Low & Ashley Lukefahr, recipients of the Endocrine Society Summer Research Fellowship.

#### HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY

Congratulations to Daniel O. Persky, MD whose manuscript, "Phase II Study of Rituximab Plus three Cycles of CHOP and Involved-Field Radiotherapy for Patients with Early-Stage Aggressive B-Cell Lymphoma: Southwest Oncology Group Study 0014," was published in a recent issue of the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*.



Kevin Moynahan, MD

### POINTS OF INTEREST

The Department of Medicine would like to congratulate its colleague, Fayez K. Ghisan MD, Director of the Steele Children's Research Center, for earning a prestigious MERIT (Method to Extend Research In Time) award from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. This award extends his National Institutes of Health grant, "Development of Intestinal Transport of Calcium and Phosphate," for an additional ten years, to 2018. This is the second time Ghishan's grant has received MERIT status.

### WELCOME

*Keep an eye out for these new employees and give them a warm welcome to our department!*  
 Vijay Chandiramani, MD— Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Section of Inpatient Medicine  
 Jules Harris, MD— Clinical Professor of Medicine, Section of Hematology/Oncology  
 Carol Howe, MD MLS— Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, Informationalist, Section of Geriatrics  
 Karen D'Huyvetter, ND MS-HES— Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, Program Evaluator, Section of Geriatrics  
 Sarah Kratz, MD— Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Section of Hematology/Oncology  
 Phillip Kuo, MD, PhD— Associate Professor of Medicine, Researcher Arizona Cancer Center  
 Christina Laukaitis, MD— Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Section of General Medicine  
 Lisan Peng, MD— Assistant Professor of Medicine, Section of Dermatology  
 Vinod Trivedi, MD— Assistant Professor of Medicine, Section of Infectious Disease

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit."

~Aristotle

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