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## INFECTIOUS DISEASE SECTION OVERVIEW



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### Fellowship Training Program

The Fellowship Training Program is based in the Infectious Diseases Section in the Department of Medicine at the University of Arizona College of Medicine. The Program is two years duration with an emphasis on training in clinical Infectious Diseases. Candidates for training must be board eligible or certified in Internal Medicine... To learn more about the fellowship program visit

<http://www.infectiousdiseases.medicine.arizona.edu/fellowship-program.htm>

#### Current Fellows (graduation dates):

Brian Chasin (6/07)  
Andrea Giblin (12/07)  
Clifford Martin (6/08)  
Shannon Thorn (12/08)

#### Future Fellows

Fares Masannat (7/07)  
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Vicki Iannis (7/08)  
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For more information regarding the Section of Infectious Disease please visit  
[www.medicine.arizona.edu/infectiousdiseases](http://www.medicine.arizona.edu/infectiousdiseases)

### POINTS OF INTEREST

**DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE PHYSICIANS—2007-2008 BEST DOCTORS IN AMERICA** - Our apologies for missing Margaret Miller, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine.

**OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR GROUP LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE** - March 3—March 26, 2008

**NOTE TO PHYSICIANS** - In the 6OPC there is a list of generic medications that can be purchased at Walmart and Target for a \$4 co-pay.



### EVENTS

- **AZCC—Better Than Ever**  
Register by March 3rd (626-7177)
- **Class of 2008 Match Day**  
March 20th 10:00am  
DuVal Auditorium
- **5th InnovationDay**  
Tuesday, March 25th  
[www.innovation.arizona.edu](http://www.innovation.arizona.edu).
- **NIH Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants Administration.**  
March 25-26—San Antonio, TX  
June 19-20—Chicago, IL
- **2008 UA4Food Faculty-Staff Drive**  
[ua4food@email.arizona.edu](mailto:ua4food@email.arizona.edu)  
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"INDIVIDUAL  
COMMITMENT TO A  
GROUP EFFORT - THAT IS  
WHAT MAKES A TEAM  
WORK, A COMPANY WORK,  
A SOCIETY WORK, A  
CIVILIZATION WORK."  
~ VINCE LOMBARDI ~



Welcome Baby Cooper!

## EXCITING TIMES FOR THE CLINICS IN 2008

Judy Grant and I have been hard at work with the Clinic team at 6OPC to make it easier for our physicians to practice medicine and for our patients to get in to see us. Brooke Hourscht has joined the clinic as Operations Manager of 6OPC, as Judy works to assist our clinics at UPH-Kino and Wilmot as well. She will be present throughout the clinic and has a tremendous knowledge of our clinical operations, insurance and pre visit issues, as well as patient care and physician issues. We have improved our staffing ratios so that when you need assistance caring for a patient, a member of our patient care team should be able to assist you almost instantly. Our Patient Room Light Notification system is fully functional and ready for use by all who practice at 6OPC. The light above the door will be green when your patient is in the room. If you need assistance, simply press the red button located above the desk in the exam room and a member of the patient care team will knock on the door. Those of us who have been piloting the system have enjoyed the efficiencies it has created.



You may have also noticed the new 36" flat screen television in the 6OPC waiting room. This was obtained as part of a federal government health education grant in partnership with Accent Health and CNN. It features monthly programs focusing on healthy lifestyles and clinical updates. We are finalizing plans with an architect for some minor structural changes to the clinic as well, which will include private, checkout stations and a nursing station located in the current medication sample room in order to be closer to you and your patients. Hopefully, this will include an update to the aesthetics of the clinic to complement the excellent care provided by the physicians and clinical assistants of the Department of Medicine.

Judy and I truly appreciate your patience and willingness to assist us in making the Department of Medicine clinics operate efficiently. Our continuing goal is to create a clinic that enhances your ability to provide care. More to come...

Gratefully,  
Jason Krupp, MD  
Director, Adult Medicine Clinics  
Department of Medicine

## SECTION NEWS

### ENDOCRINOLOGY

We are happy to announce that the Section of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Hypertension has received accreditation from the ACGME to begin our Endocrine Fellowship Program, beginning July 1, 2008. Dr. Steve Thomson will be the new program director. We are also delighted to announce our inaugural class of fellows.

Hussein Yassine, MD  
Residency, Case Western Reserve, Cleveland, Ohio  
Maris Posadas, MD  
Residency, University of Arizona, Tucson  
Shadi Badrieh, MD  
Residency, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Youngstown, Ohio

## GRANTS & AWARDS

Primary Investigator Dr. Howard Lien is being sponsored by the Dialysis Clinic for a "Pilot Study Evaluating the Efficacy of Sodium Thiosulfate in Lowering Vascular Calcification in Patients Receiving Maintenance Hemodialysis."

## WELCOME

**CONGRATULATIONS! IT'S A GIRL!** - Aubrei Ranshaw's baby Cooper was born Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, weighing in at 7lbs 14oz and 19in long.

WANT TO SUBMIT INFO FOR THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER?

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