



**Dr. Kenneth  
Knox Named  
Pulmonary  
Section Chief**

**Kenneth S. Knox, MD**, associate professor and vice chair of education in the University of Arizona College of Medicine, Department of Medicine, has been appointed Chief of the department's Section of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine.  
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at the DoM**

**30 Years**  
Debbie Young

**25 Years**  
Pam Abrams  
Dr. Kern

**15 Years**  
Lucia Contreras

**10 Years**  
Dr. Boyer  
Jean Breitlow  
James Deljanovan  
Dr. Dragovich  
Elizabeth Firmage  
Jennifer Frye  
Dr. Goldschmid  
Dr. Lisse  
Dr. Mahadevan



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**Letter from the Department Chairman**



We are nearing the end of the year and needless to say it has been an interesting time. The alignment of UMC and UPH occurred on paper and there is continued progress in bring the two corporations together. A search firm has been hired to find the permanent CEO for the corporation and we should have a name for the corporation as well in the near future. UPH and UMC still exists within the new entity but over time I think you will see them operationally disappear as the process of alignment goes forward. From my perspective we are already seeing the fruits of having a single corporation. It has become much easier to work with UMC and we find that they are much more interested in the needs of the DOM than in the past. They recognize that without the DOM the hospital would not be successful. With the opening of the new hospital the number of beds has increased significantly and the hospital administration has been very supportive of our attempts to meet the increase in demand for our services. We are actively recruiting for more hospitalists but most likely to get through the winter will need

locums to fill in until we can be fully staffed.

I am very pleased that Dr. Ken Knox has agreed to move from the VA to the University as the Chief of the Pulmonary Section and Vice-Chair for Education within the DOM. Ken is an outstanding physician and scientist as well as an educator. UMC is committed to expanding the ICUs and will provide support for the hiring of 6 new physicians. One new intensivist has been hired already, Dr. Franz Rischard, and by July more will be hired as well. With adequate staffing I believe our ability to take care of critically ill patients will greatly improve. Ken also will work with our program directors and College of Medicine to improve the way we educate our medical students and house staff.

Dr. Jason Krupp left the University of Arizona the end of last month to become Chief Medical Officer for a hospital in a Boston suburb. We all wish Jason well in his new job. Jason's job will be split into two positions, Vice Chair for Clinical Services and Chief of the Section of General Medicine, and I hope to announce the former appointment soon.

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# Residency Updates

## Congrats!

Congratulations go to **Drs. Bijin Thajudeen, Eias Murad and Naser Mahmoud**. They represented our University of Arizona Internal Medicine Residency program at the 6th Annual Doctor's Dilemma Competition at the ACP –Arizona Chapter meeting on September 11-12, 2010 in Phoenix and won!

The competition presents the best medical students and residents in Arizona for the honor of winning the W. Warner Watkins Award. They will receive scholarship funds to attend the ACP National Meeting, April 2011 in San Diego.



*From the Desk of the DoM's Vice Chair at UPHH, Dr. Harold Szerlip:*

This has been a banner year for UPHH. For the first time we have become profitable. The Medicine Department has seen large increases in volume. Cardiology outpatient volume more than doubled. There was also a 90% increase in cardiac procedures. With the recruitment of Dr. Trowers we have seen a marked increase in both GI outpatient volume and endoscopies. Endocrinology volume has grown significantly as has the number of patients seen in General Medicine clinic.

The Internal Medicine residency training program was reviewed by the ACGME and received 5 year accreditation with no

significant citations. In addition we were approved for a complement increase to 8 residents a year. Because of this we recruited 3 excellent new PGY2 residents. Our program was well represented at the State ACP meeting where we presented one oral vignette and 12 posters. Although we did not win Doctor's Dilemma this year (this honor goes to UMC!!) we did win third place prizes in both the oral presentation, Dr. Al-Adsani, and the clinical poster presentation, Dr. Poojary. We are looking forward to another outstanding year. Two General Internists, Drs. Chaudary and Sukerji, have joined us and are based at UPHH. We have been approved to begin

## What's New at UPHH:

We asked Dr. Szerlip to let us in on the exciting growth that the DOM is experiencing at UPHH.

construction on a Metabolic Disease/Diabetes Center to be housed in the Abrams Building. We are looking forward to having Rheumatology and Hematology/Oncology consultative services available this year. Our construction on a peripheral vascular intervention program is growing. With the addition of Dr. Yassine in Endocrinology, who is board certified by the American Board of Clinical Lipidology, we will begin providing dedicated outpatient lipid consultations. Finally we will again be asking for expansion of our residency program for a total of 30 house officers.

## Karl Kern, MD Appointed Interim Section Chief



**Karl B. Kern, MD**, professor of medicine and chair of the Sarver Heart Center Resuscitation Research Group, has been appointed acting chief, Section of Cardiology in the University of Arizona College of Medicine Department of Medicine.

Dr. Kern is director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at University Medical Center, and director of the Interventional Cardiology Fellowship Program. He will retain these duties as well.

He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians; Clinical Cardiology Council; Cardiopulmonary, Perioperative, Critical Care Council of the American Heart Association; American College of Chest Physicians; American College of Cardiology; and Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions.

Dr. Kern has received numerous honors for excellence in teaching at the UA College of Medicine. He was voted House Officer Educator of the Year and is on the Dean's List for Excellence in Teaching. He received the Interventional Cardiology Fellowship Teaching and Mentoring Award in 2008, the Cardiology Fellowship Teaching Award in 1999, the Cardiology Fellowship Mentoring Award in 1996 and 2001, and he was a Dean's Teaching Scholar in

1995-96. He has been a visiting professor at the Sao Paulo School of Medicine, Sao Paulo, Brazil; the Anhembi Morumbi School of Medicine, Sao Paulo, Brazil; and The Leopold-Franzeus University of Innsbruck in Innsbruck, Austria.

Dr. Kern is active in the American Heart Association, serving as president of the Old Pueblo Division, in 1992, and president of the AHA - Arizona Affiliate in 1993. He was chairman of the American Heart Association National Subcommittee for Advanced Cardiac Life Support from 1997-2000. He is a past chairman of the Emergency Cardiac Care Committee of the American College of Cardiology and a past governor for Arizona for the American College of Cardiology. Dr. Kern has been named one of the "Best Doctors in America" annually since 1996. He is an active cardiology interventionalist.

Dr. Kern's research interests are in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and coronary blood flow. He has been awarded numerous American Heart Association grants, an AHA-Flinn Young Investigator award and two three-year awards from the Arizona Disease Control Research Commission in the area of basic CPR research. He has published more than 140 peer-reviewed scientific articles.

Dr. Kern graduated magna cum laude from Brigham Young University. Following his graduation, he attended Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia, where he graduated Alpha Omega Alpha. His postgraduate education and cardiac fellowship training were at the University of Arizona.

### DOM ONLINE

#### What's New on the Web?

**A:** The section of Hematology/Oncology recently launched their new web page. It has lots of useful information and features including a faculty directory, news from the section, and announcements for current events. You can also find information relating to the important research that goes on in the



[www.deptmedicine.arizona.edu](http://www.deptmedicine.arizona.edu)

section. Patients can use the quick links to make appointments, find clinical trials and learn about ways to donate. Take a minute to visit the DoM website and click on the link to the new Hematology/Oncology site.

## Residency Updates

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### Dermatology

The Dermatology program was approved by the ACGME. Our two residents are couple: **Sandra Leyo DuPont, MD** and **Jason P. DuPont, MD**. They joined us November 1st to begin their training.

### Cardiology

Congratulations to **Larissa Allen, MD** and **Alexander Trujillo, MD** for winning the Charles W. Hall, Jr. Memorial Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding houseofficers on the coronary care unit rotation. These physicians were chosen by the cardiology faculty and fellows as the recipients of this year's award.

## Fellowship News

### Geriatrics

Our new Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship program was approved by the ACGME with no citations! Ellyn Lee, MD is the program director, and we're currently recruiting for fellows to start July, 2011.

### Endocrinology

The endocrinology Fellowship program, under the leadership of program director Stephen P Thomson, MD and coordinator Lupita Martinez, was granted 5 years of continued accreditation by the ACGME.

The Section of Endocrinology welcomed three new fellows. **Tony Kaston, MD** completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Sinai Grace Hospital in Michigan. **Iyad Syoufi, MD** completed his Internal Medicine residency at St. John's Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit. **Amber Taylor, MBBS** completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Washington.



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He also holds The Murray and Clara Walker Memorial Endowed Research Chair in Emphysema and is a member of the Arizona Respiratory Center and the Department of Immunobiology.

Dr. Knox is nationally known for his clinical expertise in sarcoidosis (an inflammatory systemic disorder of unknown cause), fungal diagnostics, and immunologic lung disease. His nationally-funded research utilizes bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL, a "lung wash" done through an endoscope) to study the mucosal lymphocyte response to a variety of infectious and inflammatory diseases including the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), cytomegalovirus (CMV), endemic fungal pathogens and rheumatologic lung disease.

Dr. Knox joined the UA College of Medicine in 2008. He served as chief of medicine for the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System in Tucson, where he was instrumental in the transition to a closed staffing model in the intensive care unit (ICU). He is board certified in pulmonary, sleep and critical care medicine.

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, Dr. Knox graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in microbiology from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Dr. Knox, obtained his medical degree and residency training in internal medicine at Ohio State University. He completed a fellowship in pulmonary/critical care/sleep medicine at Indiana University in Indianapolis, where he also served as educational director and director of the immunologic lung disease program.

### Dr. Boyer's Letter *Continued from p. 1*

We are going to have a national search the Vice Chair for Clinical Services position. In the interim Dr. Tiwari will direct our inpatient activities at UMC with help from Dr. Knox. Our goal is to improve the admission process so that patients coming from the ED are admitted to the appropriate service in a timely manner. The presence of a night-time physician to admit patients when the services are capped has greatly improved the movement of patients from the ED into the hospital. Making this work better is one of our principle goals this year.

I would like to share with you some of the DOM goals for the New Year. Firstly, our financial situation has improved significantly. We are currently under budget, i.e. better than expected, which is a testimony to all of your hard work and a funds flow process that is working. We are beginning to work on next year's budget and will be getting information from you about hiring of new faculty etc. The DOM is currently working with the hematology-oncology section to link effort to funds. We want to define what % of each FTE is for clinical care, research, teaching

and administration and where the funds are coming from to support each of those activities. Once we have the model developed for hematology/oncology we will apply it to all of the other sections. Each year a faculty member will receive a detailed description of their FTE and all of its components including funds for each activity. Our goal is to be transparent so that there is no confusion about work effort and funding for that effort. As part of this process we are working towards an all RVU model for both productivity and bonus. We will have this completed by July of next year and with an RVU model this will allow us to give bonuses to each of our productive faculty and not just to the high earners. I will keep you abreast of this project and when we have it developed we will present it to the faculty. Lastly, the remodeling project on the 6th floor for the DOM is finally starting. It will be completed in 9 months but during that time the 6th floor hallway will be closed. To enter 6 OPC you will need to go through the waiting area. I know this is an inconvenience but once the project is done I think you will all be pleased with the outcome. Having most of our faculty in one area will be great both for collaboration and morale.

# Spotlight on Geriatrics

## Geriatric Faculty Receives \$375,000 Geriatric Academic Career Award Grant



**Rosemary Browne, MD**, Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Section of Geriatrics and Gerontology in the Department of Medicine, and faculty of the Arizona Center on Aging, has received a prestigious five year, \$375K Geriatric Academic Career Award (GACA) to train interdisciplinary health care professionals in surgical transitions of care for hospitalized geriatric patients. GACA Awards are funded through the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The GACA Program was created in response to reports such as the Institute of Medicine's Retooling for an Aging America: Building the Health Care Workforce (2008), which observed that the US is facing an impending health care crisis, as the number of older patients with complex health needs is rapidly outpacing the number of health care providers with the knowledge and skills to adequately care for them. The purpose of the GACA is to promote the career development of physicians, nurses, social workers, psychologists, dentists, pharmacists, and allied health professionals as academic faculty in geriatrics. UA mentors for Dr. Browne's GACA grant include aging experts **Dr. Mindy Fain**, Chief of the Section of Geriatrics and Gerontology, **Dr. Jane Mohler**, Dr. Barry Weiss, and Dr. Carol Howe.

## Arizona Geriatric Education Center Received Funding

Arizona Geriatric Education Center (AzGEC) proposal has received 5 years of HRSA funding (\$ 2 million dollars) to train health professionals throughout the state in the care of older adults. Our statewide AzGEC consortium, which includes collaborators from the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center, Arizona State University, and the Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System, is poised to offer state-of-the-art interprofessional geriatric education and training programs for nurses, physicians, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, public health workers and social workers.

The Arizona Geriatric Education Center is housed in the Arizona Center on Aging, and some of our planned educational programs include:

- On-site trainings at Indian Health Service sites and community health centers,
- A 160 hour interprofessional faculty

scholars program for College faculty at the AHSC and ASU, and

- A senior mentor program for interprofessional health science students.

As a result of these and other proposed activities, seniors will have increased access to well-trained healthcare providers and evidence-based geriatric health care services, and be better able to remain at home, independent and productive for as long as possible -- Safely Home, and Aging in Place.

Thanks for lending your expertise, and for all of your support in making the AzGEC possible. Stay tuned for specific information regarding program planning activities. We look forward to working together to make Arizona a great place to grow up in, and a great place to grow old in!

## CRIT Advances Skills

Chief Residents from nearly every medical and surgical specialty at the University of Arizona participated in a special weekend retreat at Tucson's Starr Pass Resort to learn how to improve their care of older adults, to build their leadership and teaching skills – and to have fun. At the First Annual Chief Resident Immersion Training (CRIT) program retreat 23 Chiefs joined residency program directors and other faculty, administrators and staff from AHSC and UMC.

“The CRIT Program encourages teamwork and collaboration, and brings together a variety of disciplines to address the complex needs of older patients and their families,” says Mindy Fain, MD, Chief of the Section of Geriatrics and Gerontology and co-Director of the Arizona Center on Aging.

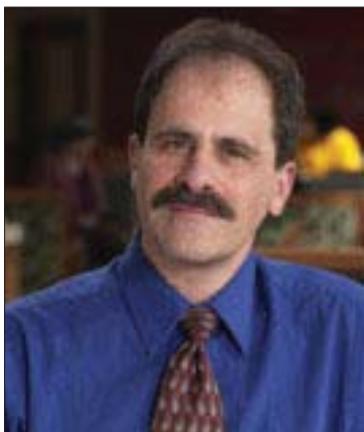
## Dr. Bloom Honored

Congratulations to **John Bloom, MD** who has been named to the College of Medicine's Academy of Medical Education Scholars. The Academy's Selection Committee has chosen Dr. Bloom and four other physicians to join the nine current founding members of this prestigious organization.

The Academy of Medical Education Scholars was established at the UA College of Medicine in 2008 to recognize the College's most outstanding educators and to provide a forum for teaching faculty to work together to enhance educational programs and educational scholarship.

Members of the Academy are teachers, scientists and clinicians who have demonstrated excellence in - and a profound commitment to - medical education. They are compassionate mentors and leaders who, through lectures, seminars, conferences and a wide range of publications, represent the UA College of Medicine across the nation and throughout the world.

## Dr. Michael Bookman named Chair of Ovarian Committee of the Gynecologic Oncology Group (GOG)



**Michael A. Bookman, MD**, section chief of Hematology/Oncology at the Arizona Cancer Center, has been appointed to chair the Ovarian Committee of the Gynecologic Oncology Group (GOG).

The GOG, which is designed to promote and perform clinical trials, new drug development and to establish new standards of care, is a part of the Clinical Trials Cooperative Group Program sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI). These cooperative groups include research-

ers, cancer center members and community physicians who all come together with a common research focus. The GOG is the only such group dedicated to female pelvic cancers.

Dr. Bookman has been a member of the GOG for the past 20 years, and has served on a number of Committees, including Developmental Therapeutics, Medical Oncology, Protocol Development and Operations. He was most recently the chair of the Information Technology Committee.

As the chair of the Ovarian Committee, Dr. Bookman is responsible for overseeing large randomized studies that are involved in the treatment of literally thousands of ovarian cancer patients. That includes prioritizing and evaluating the key scientific and clinical questions that will improve the long-term outcomes for women with ovarian cancer, he said.

"I'm very passionate about clinical research; I think the national cooperative group program - particularly in gynecologic cancers - has been a huge success," Dr. Bookman said. "Most of the standards of care have been developed through GOG, and I'm thrilled to be a part of that process and to try to carry it forward."

Formed in 1970 by a group of gynecologic surgeons, the GOG has completed more than 300 clinical trials and registers more than 3,300 patients each year in GOG research trials. The GOG is a non-profit organization with the purpose of promoting excellence in the quality and integrity of clinical and basic scientific research in the field of gynecologic malignancies. Visit [www.gog.org](http://www.gog.org) for more information.

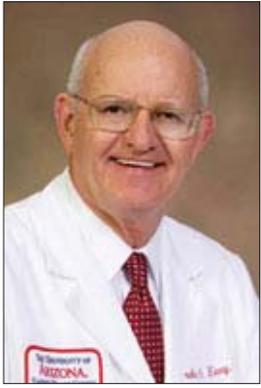
## Susan G Komen for the Cure of Southern Arizona

*Woman to Woman: Let's Talk about Breast Cancer*, a documentary funded by the Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Southern Arizona was developed in English and Spanish to record breast cancer survivor's wisdom. Recognizing the lack of culturally and linguistically competent materials available for Latinas newly diagnosed with breast cancer **Ana María López, MD, MPH, FACP**, created these films

based on interviews with survivors.

The films cover critical decision making points. "This work has been a labor of love as the survivors took ownership of the project and created a valuable patient education tool that will assist women facing breast cancer treatment decisions," said Dr. López.

For more information contact Angela Valncia at (520) 626-0331.



## Dr. Gordon Ewy Receives the Eugene G. Sander Endowed Faculty Fundraising Award

**Gordon A. Ewy, MD**, director of the Sarver Heart Center at the University of Arizona College of Medicine, is the 2010 recipient of the Eugene G. Sander Endowed Faculty Fundraising Award from the University of Arizona Foundation Board of Trustees.

James H. Moore Jr., president and CEO of the UA Foundation, says Dr. Ewy was selected in recognition of his commitment and achievements in development. He consistently has guided the interests of donors toward support for programs at the University during his 24-year tenure as director of the Sarver Heart Center.

“Dr. Ewy is a true gentleman, a masterful administrator, and a caring physician,” says Moore. “While he does not think of himself as a fundraiser, his kind heart and passion for helping people make a strong case for investments in the Sarver Heart Center. He recognizes that it is not what the University needs, but rather what the donor is seeking to affect, that is of the essence in attracting private support.”

“It is his willingness to listen and act upon what he hears from donors that has brought the Sarver Heart Center 11 endowed chairs, more than any other center on the Arizona Health Sciences Center campus, and second to just one other college on the entire

UA campus,” says Clint McCall, senior director of development at the UA Sarver Heart Center. “His honesty, integrity and clarity of vision for Sarver, in combination with his desire to fulfill donors’ passions, are an impressive combination of traits. The Sander Endowed Faculty Fundraising Award was established by the UA Foundation Board of Trustees in 2008 to honor UA faculty who set examples among their peers for upholding high standards of performance in fundraising and development efforts. The award is named for longtime dean of the UA College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Eugene G. Sander, PhD, who has been an advocate and leader of faculty involvement in the fundraising process for more than two decades.

Last year, the award was recognized by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* as a model for encouraging faculty involvement in fundraising. Previous recipients include Soyeon Shim, PhD, director of the John and Doris Norton School of Family and Consumer Sciences, in 2008; and John W. Olsen, PhD, Regents’ Professor of Anthropology, in 2009.

The University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center in Tucson, Ariz., emphasizes a highly interdisciplinary research environment fostering innovative translational or “bench-to-bedside” research.

## Sarver Heart Center Healthy Heart Conference:

Join us Saturday, **Feb. 12, 2011**, for the Annual Healthy Heart Conference in DuVal Auditorium at University Medical Center in Tucson from 8 a.m. to noon. Learn about the Resuscitation Research Group’s protocols that are saving lives in Arizona and a growing number of states and countries. Find out why strokes are not an equal opportunity affliction. Get empowered to understand how you can prevent heart disease by knowing how it strikes different genders and ethnic groups. Learn the latest about arrhythmia diagnosis and treatment. Visit [www.heart.arizona.edu](http://www.heart.arizona.edu) for registration information. Or, watch your mail for details next month. The \$15 registration fee covers a continental breakfast, health screens, materials and snack.

### Save the Date!

Sarver Heart Center Healthy Heart Conference: Heart of the Matter Luncheon focused on Women and Heart Disease:

**Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011**

## Dr. Stump Honored

**Craig S. Stump, MD, PhD**, Section Chief for Endocrinology, Diabetes and Hypertension received a “Cure, Care & Commitment” award from the American Diabetes Association, Tucson, at its annual luncheon on November 10, 2010 at The Manning House.

Dr. Stump was selected for his work as a physician-scientist, embracing the mission of academic medicine to treat, to teach and to research.

His selection in the “Cure” category recognized his research in investigating insulin resistance in muscle tissue as a contributing factor in diabetes development, and his translational research efforts to discover biomarkers for diabetes in conjunction with a UA/ASU team of proteomic investigators.

## Arizona Cancer Center Director David S. Alberts, MD, received 2010 Clinical Research Award from the Association of Community Cancer Centers



**David S. Alberts, MD**, received the Association of Community Cancer Centers’ 2010 Clinical Research Award at ACCC’s 27th National Oncology Economics Conference in St. Louis, Mo. He was honored Sept. 30 for his extensive research, leadership and commitment to individuals with cancer. Dr. Alberts is director of the Arizona Cancer Center and Regents Professor of Medicine, Pharmacology, Nutritional Science, and Public Health at the University of Arizona.

Dr. Alberts has had a strong career focus on translational cancer prevention and treatment research. The emphasis of his laboratory-based and clinical research has been on the chemoprevention and treatment of cancers of the breast, colon, ovary and skin. Clinically, Dr. Alberts pioneered new treatments for advanced ovarian cancers, including in vitro tumor cell chemosensitivity testing for personalized medicine strategies, intraperitoneal chemotherapy, and maintenance chemotherapy.

Presently, Dr. Alberts helps to coordinate phase I and II and pharmacokinetic drug studies at the Arizona Cancer Center for molecularly targeted chemopreventive agents and anticancer drugs. His laboratory research is concentrated on the evaluation of new surrogate endpoint biomarkers for cancer prevention trials with a special focus on precursor lesions for bladder, breast, colon, cervical, endometrial, ovarian, prostate and skin cancers, using quantitative histopathology (i.e., karyometric) approaches.

During his career, Dr. Alberts has served as an advisor to numerous cancer research foundations and committees, including chair of the Oncologic Drug Advisory Committee to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (1984-1986). He was a member of the National Cancer Institute’s Board of Counselors (to the Division of Cancer Prevention, 1990-1994), the Board of Scientific Advisors (1999-2006), and was on the coordinating subcommittee to the Clinical Translational Advisory Committee, NCI (2006-2009). In June 2001, he was acknowledged by Science to be one of the top three National Institutes of Health-funded clinical researchers in the United States. In 2003 the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) recognized his contributions to clinical care in the field of cancer with the Joseph H. Burchenal Clinical Research Award, and in 2004 the American Society for Preventive Oncology gave him its Distinguished Career Award for research excellence. Also in 2004, the AACR awarded Dr. Alberts with its AACR-Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation Award for Excellence in Cancer Prevention Research Worldwide.

# Research, Grants & Awards

## John T. Cunningham, MD

\* Sponsored by Gore for a project titled, *Collect Retrospective, Deidentified Data on the Past Use of the Gore Viable End Prosthesis.*

## Mindy Fain, MD

\* Sponsored by U MASS for a project titled, *Integrated Geriatrics Education: A Model Curriculum Across the Medical Education Continuum.*

\* Sponsored by U TX SWMC for a project titled, *Comprehensive Programs to Strengthen Physicians Training in Geriatrics.*

\* Sponsored by UNTHSC for a project titled, *Geriatrics Education and Training in Texas Program.*

## Janet Funk, MD

\* Sponsored by NCCAM for a project titled, *Identification of Natural Product Inhibitors of Breast Cancer Bone Metastasis.*

## Carol Howe, MD

\* Sponsored by MSSM for a project titled, *Pogoe Knowledge Map Integration and Tap-G Operation.*

## Bruce Kaplan, MD

\* Sponsored by Novartis for a project titled, *A Multi-Center, Randomized, Open-Label Study of Efficacy and Safety Comparing Everlimus with Low Dose Tacrolimus to Cellcept Vs. Standard Dose Tacrolimus in Renal Transplant Recipients.*

\* Sponsored by Astellas for a project titled, *A Phase 2 Randomized, Open-Label, Parallel Group, Multi-Center Study to Assess the Safety and Efficacy of Alefacept in Denove Kidney Transplant Recipients.*

\* Received an educational grant from Davita Source for *Nephrology Fellowship.*

## Stephen Klotz, MD

\* Sponsored by HRSA for *The Ryan White Early Intervention Services Grant.*

## Joy Logan, MD

\* Sponsored by AKDHC for a *Interventional Nephrology Fellowship Grant.*

## Sujata Sarkar, MD

\* Sponsored by ANRF for a project titled, *Characterization of Pathogenic TH17 Responses in Collagen Induced Arthritis.*

\* Sponsored by NIAMS for the *Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award.*

## Carol Schneiderman, MD

\* Sponsored by AZ DHS for a project titled, *Pharmacist-Based Treatment Adherence Program.*

## Craig Stump, MD

\* Sponsored by ASU for a project titled, *Population-Based Proteomic Investigation of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus.*

## Dr. Gall to Chair Arthritis Foundation Public Health Committee

**Eric P. Gall, MD, MACP, MACR**, interim director of the Arizona Arthritis Center, has been appointed chairman of the Arthritis Foundation's national Public Health Committee.

The Public Health Committee coordinates the Foundation's public health efforts on osteoarthritis, inflammatory arthritis and juvenile arthritis with the U.S. Centers of Disease Control, congressional representatives and others.

Dr. Gall is one of the founding directors of the Arizona Arthritis Center, a Center of Excellence at the UA College of Medicine. A UA College of Medicine faculty member from 1973-1994, he also served as chief of the Section of Rheumatology, Allergy and Immunology. He was chairman of the Department of Medicine at Chicago's Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science from 1994 to 2009. In 2010 he returned to the Arizona Arthritis Center to work with the fellowship program before accepting the position of interim director.

# Welcome Richard Nuttall

# WELCOME OUR

Welcome to our new Administrator Richard Nuttall. Richard brings over nine years of senior administrative and progressive management experience in academic health care institutions. Most recently he worked as the Chief Financial Officer for the School of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

As the Department Administrator, Richard will have overall responsibility for the Department's financial and operational components of clinical practice management, research management, and the financial management of departmental teaching activities.

## ENDOCRINOLOGY WELCOMES:

**Hussein Yassine, MD** joined the Section as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, having completed his Endocrinology Fellowship here at the UA. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, and holds the prestigious certification and title of Diplomate of the American Board of Clinical Lipidology. He is currently a co-investigator on a five-year NIH R01 grant investigating proteomic biomarkers

for diabetes with UA principal investigator, Craig Stump, MD, PhD under a sub-contract agreement with ASU investigator Randy Nelson, PhD. He is working to establish his own independent research program focusing on protein composition and post-translational modifications of high-density lipoprotein (HDL) in diabetes and cardiovascular disease.



## GASTROENTEROLOGY WELCOMES:

**Mark Lin, MD** Dr. Lin joined the section of Gastroenterology after finishing fellowship in St. Louis at Barnes-Jewish Hospital/Washington University School of Medicine. He serves as a general GI faculty with a clinical interest in inflammatory bowel disease. He is also interested in novel imaging techniques to detect dysplasia in the luminal GI tract



## GASTROENTEROLOGY WELCOMES:

**F. Otis Stephen, MD** received his medical degree from The Ohio State University College of Medicine. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Johns Hopkins University/Sinai Hospital and his fellowship in gastroenterology at St. Louis University School of Medicine. Prior to joining us, he was an Assistant Professor at UC Davis. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Director of Small Bowel Imaging and Endoscopic Therapy. Dr. Stephen also spends two weeks out of the year teaching endoscopic techniques to physicians in Africa.



## GERIATRICS WELCOMES:

**Ana Sanguinetti, MD** graduated from the UA, College of Medicine in 1989 and, following a year with Project Age Well in Tucson, completed an Internal Medicine residency at TMC. She then joined Group Health Medical Associates, an innovative community-based practice. In 2002, she took a seven-year hiatus from work while caring for ailing parents, and upon returning to medicine she got additional training in the care of older adults. She completed the Geriatric Medicine Fellowship at the UA. She has long been interested in global health. She worked in a clinic outside Lima, Peru for 2 years, treating patients with tuberculosis, and more recently spent a week in Honduras, with other members of Salud Juntos, helping to deliver basic medical care. Dr. Sanguinetti is Board certified in Internal Medicine, and is fluent in Spanish.



## GENERAL MEDICINE WELCOMES:

**Satyapriya Chaudhary, MD** joins the section of General Medicine. Dr. Chaudhary completed medical school at Ramaiah Medical College in Bangalore, India. She then completed her internship at Osmania General Hospital in Hyderabad, India. In 2009 Dr. Chaudhary did a residency at Synergy Medical Education Alliance in Michigan. She was Chief Resident in Internal Medicine at University of Arizona/UPHK Graduate Medical Education Consortium.

# NEW FACULTY

## Section News

### GENERAL MEDICINE WELCOMES:

**Dong Hoon Lee, MD** joins the section of General Medicine. Dr. Lee received his MD from Yonsei University College of Medicine in Seoul, South Korea in 1999. He completed a transitional year internship at the Yonsei University Yong-dong Severance Hospital in Seoul. After that Dr. Lee did his residency in Internal Medicine at The Mount Vernon Hospital in Mount Vernon, NY.



### GENERAL MEDICINE WELCOMES:

**Eliza Panczyk, MD** joins the section of General Medicine. She received her MD from the University of Arizona in May of 2006. She completed her Internal Medicine residency here at the UA as well. She is a previous recipient of the Zenas B. Noon, MD Award of Excellence for Outstanding Medical Student in Cardiology. Dr. Panczyk belongs is a member of the American Heart Association as well as the Golden Key International honour Society.

### GENERAL MEDICINE WELCOMES:

**Nicole Stern, MD** is an Assistant Professor of Medicine int the DoM. She received her BA from Stanford University and her MD from the UA. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the UA and her fellowship in Primary Care Sports Medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City. During that time her research focused on identifying the age of onset of childhood obesity in an urban American Indian health clinic. She co-produced a documentary with the Association of American Indian Physicians about the life of a young, American Indian man living with AIDS. Dr. Stern currently practices at the Wilmot Clinic specializing in bothe internal Medicine and Sports Medicine.



### GENERAL MEDICINE WELCOMES:

**Raed Sukerji, MD** joins the section of General Medicine. Dr. Sukerji received his MBBS from the University of Jordan in 2005. In 201 he completed his Internal Medicine Residency here at the Univeristy of Arizona. Previously he completed an internship at the Al Hussein Hospital in Jordan and was a locum physician at the one of the leading cancer centers in the Middle East, King Hussein Cancer Center in Amman, Jordan.

### GENERAL MEDICINE WELCOMES:

**Amna S. Yaqoob, MD** joins the section of General Medicine. Dr. Yaqoob earned her MBBS from King Edward Medical University in Pakistan in 2002. She completed her residency at Louis A. weiss Memorial Hospital at the University of Chicago Program in 2008. After that Dr. Yaqoob completed a Geriatric Medicine Fellowship here at the University of Arizona before becoming a consultant physician at the Arizona Department of Disability Services.

### HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY WELCOMES:

**Emad Elquza, MD** is the medical director at Arizona Cancer Center at UMC Orange Grove. He was chief fellow in the department of hematology and oncology at the University of Arizona College of Medicine where he served a three-year fellowship. Dr. Elquza received his medical degree from the Flinders University School of Medicine in Adelaide, Australia. He is actively involved in research and his interests include the study of stem cell mobilization in patients treated with bone marrow transplantation.



### Gastroenterology

With three additional faculty, the GI Section is now seeing patients at Wilmot and Green Valley and expects to have a presence at other satellite clinics in the near future. The Section will be increasing its clinical activities at UPH Hospital where a new endoscopy lab. is planned.

Bhaskar Banerjee, MD is the editor of a new textbook: 'Nutritional Management of Digestive Disorders', published by CRC Press

Dr. Banerjee is the Principal Investigator in a Research Development Award: 'Lipid Microbubbles for Receptor Targeted Detection of Pancreatic Cancer', a Specialized Project in Research Excellence in GI Cancers (NIH/NCI); \$40,000. He is also a co-investigator in a four year \$835,000 research grant from American Cancer Society on 'The Diagnostic use of Confocal Microscopy in Esophageal Pathology'.

### Dermatology

Under the rotation system for the Ortho-Dermatologics Lectureship Award, Dermatology is receiving the 2011 Award from the Association of Professors of Dermatology (APD)! The award consists of \$2,200 to support a visiting professor during the 2011 calendar year. Dr. Sligh will accept the award at this year's annual meeting in Chicago October 9th.



To submit stories and ideas for the next newsletter please contact Melissa Colchado, Administrative Assistant at [mcolchado@dep-tofmed.arizona.edu](mailto:mcolchado@dep-tofmed.arizona.edu)

### INPATIENT MEDICINE WELCOMES:

**Bujji Ainapurapu, MD** joins the section of Inpatient Medicine. Dr. Ainapurapu received his MBBS from Madras Medical College and completed his Internal Medicine Residency at All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, India. He comes to the UA from the Saint Francis hospital in Evanston, IL which is affiliated to the University of Illinois in Chicago where he was Chief Resident.



### INPATIENT MEDICINE WELCOMES:

**Amanpreet Bains, MD** joins the section of Inpatient Medicine. Dr. Bains received his MBBS from the University of West Indies in St. Augustine, Trinidad in 2002. He then worked in the Advanced Pain Management Center, the Internal Medicine Clinic, and Henry Mayo Hospital in Valencia, California. After this he completed a pathology observership and research before joining the Dr. Garabed A Fattal Free Clinic in Binghamton, NY. He completed his residency at United Health Services in Johnson City, NY.



### INPATIENT MEDICINE WELCOMES:

**Rangaswamy Chintapatla, MD** joins the section of Inpatient Medicine. Dr. Chintapatla received his MBBS from Osmania Medical College in Hyderabad, India. He completed his residency in General Surgery at Kasturba Medical College in Mangalore, India in 2004. In 2010 He completed his Internal Medicine Internship and Residency at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.



### INPATIENT MEDICINE WELCOMES:

**Arun B. Josyula, MD, MPH** joins the section of Inpatient Medicine. Dr. Josyula completed his MBBS at Andhra Medical College in India in 2000. In 2003 he graduated with his MPH from the University of Arizona. Dr. Josyula completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the UA as well. He also previously worked as a research specialist at the UA in Environmental and Community Health.



### INPATIENT MEDICINE WELCOMES:

**Sathish Karmegam, MD** joins the section of Inpatient Medicine. Dr. Karmegam received his MBBS from Stanley Medical College in Chennai, India in 2004. From 2005-2006 he was an Honorary Medical Officer of Internal Medicine at Trafford General hospital in Manchester, UK. In 2006 he worked as a resident at St. John of God Hospital in Perth, Australia. He completed his residency at the University of Nevada school of Medicine in Las Vegas.



### RHEUMATOLOGY WELCOMES:

**Rafael Grau, MD**, Professor of Clinical Medicine, April 2010. Dr. Grau comes to us from Indiana University where he was the director of the Division of Rheumatology for the last seven years. Dr. Grau also served as coordinator of the resident rheumatology rotation in Indiana and student elective coordinator. In addition, Dr. Grau was director of the Scleroderma Clinic. He previously was attending rheumatologist at the Maricopa Medical Center for six years. Dr. Grau has had a continuing interest in pediatric rheumatology.

