



Dr. Fain to Lead Newly Combined Section:

Dr. Mindy Fain will lead the newly formed section of Geriatrics, General Medicine, and Palliative Care. Dr. Fain is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Arizona, College of Medicine, and is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Geriatrics. She is the current Section Head of Geriatrics and Gerontology, and Program Director for the geriatric educational programs at the UA College of Medicine. In addition Dr. Fain is Co-Director of the Arizona Center on Aging with Dr. Nikolich-Zugich.

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Letter from the Department Chairman



Since I last wrote about the DOM several good things have happened. The clinical outcomes report for the DOM was excellent with in-patient general medicine ranked #6 in the country for mortality. All of the faculty contributed to this excellent outcome as this reflects both our teaching and non-teaching services. The construction for the new office space for the DOM is moving ahead on time and budget. This will allow for most of the sections to be in a common area and should promote collaborative interactions. We are due to move into the new space July 5th and we will hold a reception in early July to allow everyone to see the new area. I want to thank you all for your patience during the construction and I am sure you will feel it was worth the wait.

As you are all aware Dr. Mindy Fain has become the new head of the geriatrics, general medicine and palliative care section of the DOM. I am quite excited about Mindy assuming this role as it will provide for a number of new oppor-

tunities for patient care, education and research. We have a number of plans to expand geriatrics both on this campus but especially on the UPHH campus which I think you will all find interesting and unique. We are now actively recruiting for a Director of Clinical Services and Vice Chair of Medicine and a Director of the Diabetes Center which will be located on the UPHH campus. Both of these are very important additions to our faculty and if you have any suggestions as to who you feel may be qualified to fill one of these positions please forward their names to Ginger in my office.

Most of you are aware that Richard Nuttall resigned his position as Departmental Administrator and took a similar position at the University of Florida in Gainesville. I have asked Todd Boltz to become the departmental administrator on a permanent basis. I think Todd is well qualified to fill this role and will bring stability to the DOM during this ongoing transition. Todd is in the process of reorganizing the administration to make it more efficient and responsive to the needs of the faculty.

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One Donor's Story...

When a local family was looking for a way to remember their loved one by contributing to a cause close to her heart they generously decided to direct donations to the Department of Medicine. Carmen Maria Borgaro Hultquist passed away on February 13, 2011. She was a well known local restaurateur, owner of Lerua's and El Torero Mexican restaurants.

Her family decided that in lieu of flowers they would like to have donations made to support osteoporosis research at the Department of Medicine. Support such as this can make a difference in education, research, and patient care in the DoM. To find out more about how to give, check out our new online donation center at:
www.deptmedicine.arizona.edu

Thank you to the family and friends of Mrs. Hultquist for their generosity.



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

The Medical Service at UPHH continues to grow. Inpatient census has been at an all time high. Cardiac services are expanding. We now offer CT coronary angiography. In addition our peripheral interventional program volume is increasing. The behavioral health pavilion is scheduled to open in September. This will free up additional beds within the hospital. To help fill these beds we are anticipating the creation of an inpatient geriatric unit under the direction of Dr. Fain. Plans for the new Diabetes Center have been

approved and construction is about to begin with an anticipated opening in late spring 2012. Plans have also been approved for our new GI endoscopy suite. Finally because of this growth and the high quality of our post graduate education, the ACGME approved the expansion of our Internal Medicine Residency program to 10 positions/year. We successfully matched 10 excellent PGY-1 candidates and are recruiting 3 additional residents into our PGY-2 class.

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I will keep you informed of the changes as they occur. I know you will all be supportive of Todd in his new role.

The alignment of UPH and UMC continues. Hank Wells has returned to the U of A and is working for the Dean in the development of the strategic plan for UA Healthcare. You may have been or will be contacted to participate in this process and I hope you will all join in creating the future for our new corporation. The search for the CEO of UA Healthcare has started and candidates are being interviewed this month. It is hoped that the new CEO will have been selected by June. This is an exciting time for UA Healthcare and the new CEO will be critical to our success. A new name has been selected for the new corporation as well and will be announced in the near future. Following announcement of the name, an ad campaign will be started promoting what all of you do for the citizens of Southern Arizona. The plan is for our hospitals and physicians to become the predominant providers of health care in Southern Arizona and a major tertiary referral center for all of Arizona and the adjoining states.

Lastly, the budget that will be passed by the legislature is going to lead to significant reductions in monies in support of the medical school and for the care of our patients receiving medicaid. It is unclear at this time how we are going to be impacted but staff reductions and furloughs are certainly possible. It is our job to continue to care for our patients irrespective of what type of insurance they have and I know you will all continue to do the best you can for our patients during these difficult financial times.

What's New at UPHH:

A report from Dr. Szerlip to let us in on the exciting growth that the DOM is experiencing at UPHH.

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Dr. Mindy Fain, Section Chief of Geriatrics, General Medicine, & Palliative Care

As Medical Director for the Home-based Primary Care Program at the Southern Arizona VA Healthcare Center for over twenty years, Dr. Fain has created a program that provides in-home care for older veterans with advancing chronic illnesses, and their families, as part of an inter-professional health care team. She is the Medical Director for the SAVAHCS Telehealth Program, which uses "Health Buddy" devices to help manage diabetes, heart failure, COPD, and depression in over 700 ill veterans.

She leads two statewide educational grants: the Arizona Reynolds Program of Applied Geriatrics, a state-wide physician training program funded by the Donald W. Reyn-

olds Foundation to improve the care of frail, older adults; and the Arizona Geriatric Education Center with Co-Director Dr. Jane Mohler, a HRSA-funded geriatric program to train health professionals across the state, to promote excellence in the care of vulnerable seniors.

General medicine physicians provide the majority of care for the geriatric patient and yet receive limited education in how to care for this rapidly increasing patient population. Dr. Fain, by being section chief for both geriatrics and general medicine will be better able to integrate geriatric education and research into the section of general medicine. Her expertise in research also will add an academic component to general medicine that has been lacking in the past. Palliative care is the final piece in the management of patients with chronic illness and integration into the section will complete the circle of best practice for this patient population. Under Dr. Fain's leadership the services provided by all of the physicians within the DOM will improve in all areas including quality, research and education. We congratulate her on her new appointment and are pleased to have her assume these new responsibilities within the DOM.

Palliative Care Expands at UMC

We are happy to announce the expansion of palliative care services at University Medical Center!

Our Palliative and Supportive Care inpatient consult service is available to work collaboratively with the patient's primary team to help optimize patient and family quality of life.

Our team can work with adult patients at any point in their illness trajectory, regardless of their current treatment goals and we encourage early referrals.

Consults can be obtained by paging CARE (2273) and we are available 8am - 5pm

DOM ONLINE

www.deptmedicine.arizona.edu

What's New on the Web?

A: Faculty Spotlight!

Each month our DoM website will now showcase a member of our faculty.

This month you can learn more about Dr. Kwan S.

Lee a distinguished member of our Cardiology Section. Dr. Lee has been part of our faculty



since 2009 and is currently the Director of the Cardiac Catheterization lab at UPHH.

Moving forward we will be featuring a new faculty member from a different section each week and highlighting their contributions to our department and their section.

Guadalupe Martinez Joins the Vice Chair of Education's Office

Under the leadership of Dr. Knox, Guadalupe Martinez has been charged with facilitating the development of the Educational Office. Mrs. Martinez has her master's degree in Higher Education from the University of Arizona's Department of Educational Studies, Policy and Practice. She is a PhD Candidate currently in the final stages of her dissertation, also in Higher Education, and anticipates defending this fall to complete her doctorate from the University of Arizona. She is currently a guest lecturer on research methods for the UA School of Dance, guest lecturer on organizational theory, college access, and athletics for the UA College of Education, and has an adjunct faculty appointment at Pima Community College for the Education and Teacher Education Programs.



Education at the Department of Medicine

The Vice Chair of Education, Ken Knox, MD is leading the newly dedicated educational office in the Department of Medicine. Dr. Knox is reaffirming the DOM's commitment to improving the quality of medical education for students, residents, fellows and graduate students. In addition, Dr. Knox is acquiring the resources necessary for professional growth of current faculty and to attract talented junior faculty to the UA's Department of Medicine.

Recently, Guadalupe Martinez, PhD coordinator for programmatic development in the Vice Chair's office spearheaded an inaugural gathering for the residency and fellowship Program Directors and Coordinators. This forum will continue on a quarterly basis and serve as a mechanism to network and share educational ideas. Additionally, the newly appointed Faculty Mentoring Committee met to brainstorm and overhaul the process of matching junior faculty with mentors. The Education Office is working on ways to capture educational activities of the faculty to augment the upcoming clinical RVU mode 1. Implementing an Educational Relative Value Unit (ERVU) model to gauge teaching productivity is a high priority of the department.

Welcome to Our New Fellowship Coordinators!

DoM welcomes Martha Leon and Shannon Edwards to the Education Office. Mrs. Leon and Mrs. Edwards are the Specialty Training Coordinators assisting the Medicine Subspecialty Fellowship Programs and the Dermatology Residency Program.



Mrs. Leon is a native Tucsonan and joining us from Oro Valley Hospital. She comes with a background in hospital admitting as manager of inpatient and outpatient services and staff. She looks forward to working on the education end of medicine, and interacting with her Program Directors and fellows. Mrs. Leon assists various fellowship programs, and is responsible for the centralized functions for the Endocrinology, Rheumatology, Geriatrics, Hematology/

Oncology, Infectious Disease, and Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care programs.



Mrs. Edwards is from Mason City, Iowa and has been residing in Arizona for the past 16 years. Before joining the Department of Medicine Mrs. Edwards served as a Billing and Insurance Specialist for Tompkins Family Chiropractic. Like Mrs. Leon, Mrs. Edwards assists with multiple education programs. She is responsible for the centralized functions for the Dermatology Residency, Gastroenterology, Nephrology, Hospice and Palliative Care programs. Furthermore, she works with Cardiology and Interventional Cardiology as a general oversight and additional resource. She is currently preparing for and looking forward to Gastroenterology's upcoming ACGME site visit in June.

Another Great Match Day

This job could not have been done if it were not for the time that you all donated to the recruitment process, thank you.

It is our pleasure to announce the 2011-2012 interns for the Department of Medicine Residency Training Program at UMC.

Ahmad Al-Khashman	University of Jordan
Cibi Arumugam	University of Louisville
Huthayfa Ateeli	Mu'Tah University
Joseph Bavaro	University of Washington
Katharine Beeler	Universitat Zurich
Jaspreet Bisla	University of Virginia
Meghan Boros	University of Arizona
Ryan Burklund	University of Arizona
Samuel Carli	Saint George's University
Ateefa Chaudhury	University of New Mexico
Shariq Chudhri	University of North Texas
Corinne Cox	University of Arizona
Susan Dadaian	University of New England College
Jennifer Dais	University of Arizona
Anjali Dixit	Gajra Raja Medical College
Razan El Ramahi	Jordan University of Science & Technology
Miriam Emerson	University of Arizona
Joseph Hanna	Northwestern University
Gilbert Harrison	University of Arizona
Jennifer Hill	University of Arizona
Kahroba Jahan	Ross University

Emily Jeffrey	Oregon Health & Science University
Redet Kidane	University of Arizona
Jocelyn Ko	Saint George's University
Drew Kurtzman	University of Arizona
Keri Maher	Western University of Health Sciences
Yolanda Mercer	University of Arizona
Thi Nguyen	Ross University
Muna Omar	Jordan University of Science & Technology
Amitabh Pandey	Tulane University
Pavan Parashar	Saint George's University
Vinit Patil	Howard University
Catherine Phan	Ross University
Tuan Phan	University of Washington
Glenn Stokken	Saint George's University
Ismail Tabash	Al-Quds University

Fast Facts about Match Day at UMC:

- **3,645 Screened Applications**
- **434 Invited for Interviews**
- **259 Actual Interviews Held**

Match Day at UPHH

Fast Facts about Match Day at UPHH:

- **2,481 Applications**
- **82 Candidates**
- **2 New PGY2's with a third on the way**

Aswani Kumar Alavala	Guntur Medical College
Hammam Alquadan	Jordan University of Science and Technology
Chirag Desai	Saint George's University
Rene Franco, Jr	Medical University of the Americas (Nevis)
Imam Imam	Universita Di Bologna
Anju Nair	Ross University
Shivani Naresh	Saint George's University
Divya Pati	Osmania Medical College
Victor Sanders	Saint George's University
Varun Takyar	Ross University
PGY2:	
Peter Cherian	Ross University

Save the Date

Annual Department of Medicine Awards Banquet

Tuesday April 26th from 4:30 -6:30 pm

It is time again to recognize the hard work of some of our talented students and residents. The event will be held at the Arizona Inn. All faculty are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Melissa Colchado at 626-6349.

Convocation Ceremony

Friday, May 13 at 3:30 pm and Commencement, Friday, May 13 at 7:30 pm

Convocation is a special time for the university community. It is a long-standing rite of passage that marks the culmination of our labor throughout the year. It is a time when students, along with the faculty who taught them, can be proud of their achievements and share in the gratifying feeling that accomplishment brings.

Department of Medicine Physicians Recognized as 2011-2012 Best Doctors

Dr. Fass Honored

Dr. Ronnie Fass has been selected to receive the 2011 International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Senior Investigator - Clinical Science Award. The Award was presented at the Research Awards Dinner on Friday, April 8th 2011 at the Milwaukee Art Museum. Dr. Fass is being honored for his commitment to advancing the understanding of functional gastrointestinal and motility disorders.

We are pleased to announce the 2011-2012 Best Doctors.

An exhaustive peer review determines the physicians included in the database. Only those who earn the consensus support of their peers as well as meet additional qualification criteria are included. Inclusion is a remarkable honor!

Congrats to all DoM physicians who were included!

CARDIOLOGY

Joseph S. Alpert
Eric A. Brody
Gordon A. Ewy
Paul E. Fenster
Julia H. Indik
Karl B. Kern
Peter Ott
Vincent L. Sorrell
Mark J. Friedman
Julia H. Indik
Hoang M. Thai
Steven Goldman



Elizabeth B. Juneman
Hoang M. Thai
Sergio G. Thal

DERMATOLOGY

Clara Curiel
Richard A. Hoshaw
Duane C. Whitaker

ENDOCRINOLOGY

David G. Johnson

GASTROENTEROLOGY

John Thomas Cunningham
Ronnie Fass
Steve Goldschmid

GERIATRICS

Mindy Fain

HEPATOLOGY

Thomas D. Boyer

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

John N. Galgiani
Richard M. Mandel
Neil M. Ampel

INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE

Randy J. Horwitz

GENERAL MEDICINE

Dana M. Kageyama
Kevin Moynahan

Anthony M. Stazzone
Jennifer L. Suriano
Carol A. Wolfe
Steven A. Wool

HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY

Frederick R. Ahmann
David S. Alberts
Thomas D. Brown
Ana Maria Lopez
Thomas P. Miller
Alison T. Stopeck
Robert B. Livingston

PULMONARY

John W. Bloom
Sammy C. Campbell
Steven R. Knoper
Kathleen Gibson
Kenneth S. Knox
Charles W. Otto
Linda S. Snyder

RHEUMATOLOGY

Jeffrey R. Lisse
Margaret M. Miller
Eric P. Gall

Integrative Medicine Hosts Community Event

Realizing the demand and need for continued efforts in the field of integrative mental health, the Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine presented a free community event at the Fox Tucson Theatre made possible in part by Mrs. Neelam and Dr. Gulshan Sethi, UMC cardiologist.

The Science of Healing event featured a film screening of the Science of Healing, a PBS Special by Dr. Esther Sternberg, director of the Integrative Neural Immune Program and co-chair of the NIH Intramural Program on Research in Women's Health, followed by a question and answer session with Dr. Sternberg

and Dr. Andrew Weil, moderated by Dr. Victoria Maizes.

The one-hour film follows Dr. Sternberg to a tiny village in Greece, where her personal experience of the power of place inspired the research on the mind-body connection and environment in the healing process. Both the film and the following Q&A panel were designed to give viewers insight into how to affect small changes on a daily basis for overall good health. The event was well-attended by representatives from the College of Medicine, the University of Arizona, and the community-at large.

Construction Update

Thank you...

In October 2010 forty-five individuals were relocated so that demolition could begin on the AHSC Department of Medicine 6th floor renovation project. This in itself was quite an undertaking. Faculty and staff helped to make this a smooth transition.

Within the last several weeks the barriers have come down, allowing us to get a glimpse down the halls to watch the progress with our own eyes. We are fast approaching the completion of the project, furniture will be installed in mid June and forty-eight individuals are tentatively scheduled to move into the newly renovated space on July 5th, 2011.

We thank the men and women that have worked so hard on this project, the departments and centers that have allowed us to use their space temporarily, the faculty and staff for their patience. Special thanks to the leaders on this project:

- Dave Diebold, Architect, Davie Diebold Architects
- May Carr, Architect, Senior, UA
- Chris Kraft, Facilities Project Manager, UA
- Angie Souza, Assistant Dean, Planning and Facilities, COM
- Debi McCarthy, Project Manager, Division II
- Hal Deverna, Project Superintendent, Division II
- Frank Perez, Health/Safety Specialist, UA
- Mark O'Dell, Information Technology Project Manager, UA



11/29/10 - (above) Dave Diebold & Hal Deverna review the 6th floor plans. (right) Demolition complete.



12/7/10 - (left) Metal framing is put up and the walls start to take shape.

3/25/11 - (right) Painting is complete and barriers have been pulled down.



WELCOME NEW FACULTY

Grants & Awards

Dr. Bruce Kaplan: sponsored by Novartis for a project titled: “Assessment of Oral Loading of EC-MPS in High Risk Renal Transplant Recipients Undergoing Rapid Steroid Elimination.”

Dr. Stephen Klotz: sponsored by the VA for an IPA for Dr. Susan Hoover.

Dr. Franz Rishcard: sponsored by Actelion for two projects, the first is titled, “A Multi-Center, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Phase 3 Study to Demonstrate the Efficacy and Safety of ACT-293987 in Patients with Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension.”

The second is titled, “Long-Term Single-Arm Open-Label Study, to Assess the Safety and Tolerability of ACT-293987 in Patients with Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension.”

Dr. Harold Szerlip: sponsored by Spectral Diagnostics, Inc for a project titled: “SDI-PMX_NA001-A Phase 3 Study Evaluation Use of Polymyxin B Hemoperfusion in a Randomized Double-Blind Controlled Trial of Adults Treated for Endotoxemia and Septic Shock.”



DERMATOLOGY WELCOMES:

Jeanette Pitts, MD: Dr. Pitts attended the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Kansas City, and studied at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. She completed her residency in Dermatology at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta before her fellowship in Mohs Micrographic Surgery at Penn State University School of Medicine in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Dr. Pitts is board certified in Dermatology, and her interests include cutaneous oncology, mohs, and reconstructive surgery.



GASTROENTEROLOGY WELCOMES:

Shahid Habib, MD: Dr. Habib attended Quaid-e-Azam Medical College in Pakistan. He then completed his residency at Western General Infirmary, UK and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Dr. Habib completed fellowships at the Federal Postgraduate Medical Institute in Pakistan and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and his clinical specialties include Gastroenterology and Hepatology. His special interests include liver failure, liver transplant and NASH.

INPATIENT MEDICINE WELCOMES:

Prasanthi Tummuru, MD: Dr. Tummuru attended medical school at Deccan College of Medical Sciences in Hyderabad, India which included a one year rotating internship at Esra Hospital. She completed her residency at Synergy Medical Education Alliance in Saginaw, Michigan, and is board certified in internal medicine. Prior to joining our faculty was a member of the Porter Health System in Valparaiso, Indiana. Dr. Tummuru has experience in both inpatient, outpatient, and occupational medicine



NEPHROLOGY WELCOMES:

K. Vinay Ranga, MD: Dr. Ranga attended medical school at Osmania University in Hyderabad, India. He is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Nephrology. Dr. Ranga Completed his fellowship in Nephrology at the University of Missouri-Columbia, and his fellowship in Transplant Medicine at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland. Dr. Ranga’s clinical specialties include transplant medicine, nephrology, and internal medicine.



PULMONARY WELCOMES:

Franz Rischard, DO: Dr. Rischard received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine license from the Western University of Health Sciences. He completed his residency and internship in Internal Medicine as well as his fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center. Prior to joining us he was Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine and Director of the Department of Pulmonary Medicine at Northwest Hospital in Tucson, Arizona. He is currently Assistant Professor of Medicine in Pulmonary and Critical Care with his specialty being Pulmonary Hypertension. He is participating in several pharmaceutical trials on novel drugs to help patients with pulmonary hypertension. He also has several research projects under development providing better tools to diagnose patients with pulmonary hypertension.