



**2013 Retirees
& Service
Awards**

Thank you to these faculty members for their service and dedication to the UA, and the Department of Medicine.

Retirees:

- Dr. Gordon Ewy**
- Dr. William Johnson**
- Dr. Thomas Miller**
- Dr. Lawrence Stern**
- Dr. Raymond Woosley**

Service Awards:

- 35 Years:**
- Dr. David Johnson**
- 10 Years:**
- Dr. Miranda Adelman**
- Dr. Janet Campion**
- Dr. Arun Josyula**
- Dr. Franz Rischard**



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Letter from the Department Chairman



There has been a significant delay in our producing this newsletter. Each time I went to write this note to the department there was another change that I thought it would be important to mention. Needless to say there are many changes taking place within the DOM as well as UAHN. Hence let me catch you up on what has been taking place over the last several months.

Dr. Michael Waldrum became the CEO of UAHN starting in February of this year. Dr. Waldrum came from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) where he was CEO of the hospital. In addition, Dr. Waldrum held other important administrative positions at UAB during his long tenure. He is an internist and board certified pulmonary/critical care physician. Having a physician lead our network is exciting and he is already making changes to our culture that will allow UAHN to provide excellent high quality healthcare to the citizens of Arizona. Big changes are coming within the network and I believe you will all be excited by the changes.

Dr. Kent Kwoh has been appointed the new Director of the Arthritis Center and Director of the Division of Rheumatology.

Kent is at the University of Pittsburgh and will be joining the U of A this summer. Dr. Kwoh area of expertise is osteoarthritis and his arrival will be an exciting development for both the center and the division. There is also an active search for the new Director of the Arizona Cancer Center. This list is now short and I am hopeful that we will have a new director in the near future. Lastly, there is an active search for a new Director of the Sarver Heart Center and the Division of Cardiology. Dr Ewy will be retiring in June. There is a search committee through the Dean's office and candidates have been interviewed so again we believe that a new director will be identified relatively soon. Lastly, through the U of A the search for a new VP of Health Sciences is nearing completion and should be announced within the next few months.

Within the DOM there are several changes either completed or in the works. Dr. Phil Factor has joined us as the Vice-Chair for Clinical Affairs and Quality/Safety. Phil arrived this fall and has been working hard to institute changes that are badly needed in the way we provide care, especially in the outpatient setting. He has become actively involved in our South Campus working with the hospital to improve the outpatient environment.

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Annual Department of Medicine Awards Reception

When: 4:30 pm Tuesday,
April 30th

Where: Arizona Inn

Who: All faculty are invited
to help us celebrate the
achievements of our stu-
dents, residents, fellows, and
faculty!

Each individual's award
or recognition will be
announced at the ceremony.
Here is a list of this year's
honorees:

Dr. Huthayfa Ateeli
Camble May Berk
Dr. Jaskanwal Bisla
Dr. Gordon Carr
Dr. Melissa Crawley
Dr. Chirag Desai
Dr. JP Ferreira
Dr. Rene Franco, Jr.
Dr. Mark Friedman
Mark Godfrey
Dr. Silvija Gottesman
Dr. Kwan Lee
Dr. Adil Lokhandwala
Dr. Naser Mahmoud
Meghan Marmor
Katherine Ovsevit
Giao Quach
Dr. Preethi William
Dr. Nisreen Yagmour

Recent Student & Resident Publications, Awards, & Honors

The Arizona Center of Aging announced that four medical students have won scholarship awards for the Medical Student Training in Aging Research program. The 2013 winners are: **Sarah Daley, Stuart Dandorf, Melissa Ludgate, and Kirandeep Sumra.**

Congratulations to **Dr. Preethi William** for winning the recent National ACP Associate Abstract Poster Award in the clinical vignette category.

The GME office sponsored the annual Resident Excellence and Leadership Scholarships. Winners from the Department of Medicine were: **Dr. Ateefa Chaudhury,** and **Dr. Amitabh Pandey.**

Dr. Ahmad Salameh's article, "Disseminated Infection Caused by *Eggerthella Lenta* in a Previously Healthy Young Man: A Case Report" was published in the Case Reports in Infectious Diseases, vol.2012, Article ID 517637.

From the previous Arizona ACP:

- Oral Vignette Presentation - **Dr. Divya Pati**
- Clinical Case Poster - **Dr. Preethi William** won 3rd place
- PGY 1 Poster - **Dr. Qi Yu** won 2nd place, **Dr. Aaron Fernandes** won 3rd place
- Doctors Dilemma - University Campus won 2nd place.

Dr. Boyer's Letter (Continued from Page 1)

He, in concert with Lynn Schneider Grennan, has developed a model for the administration of the clinics. This model provides for more nurse managers to help us provide high quality and safe care for our patients. As the model evolves the department will keep you informed of the changes and how they will impact your practice. We have never had a model that focuses on quality and safety as well as providing adequate staffing for our clinics. I think you will all be pleased with the changes as we go forward.

Dr. Bruce Kaplan has recently been made the Director of the Division of Transplantation Medicine and vice-chair for research within the DOM. Dr. Kaplan has been the Director of the Division of Nephrology and after multiple discussions it was decided that the DOM needed a Division of Transplantation Medicine. This change reflects the move towards service lines and will allow for all of those physicians involved in transplantation to work together to develop programs to improve patient care and support research and education. Dr. Kaplan is an international authority on transplantation and we are fortunate that he has accepted this position. A national search for a new Director of the Division of Nephrology has begun and we are hopeful that we can identify a suitable candidate in the near future. Dr. Kaplan's role as vice-chair for research will involve the development of an infrastructure within the DOM to support the research efforts of our faculty, especially the junior faculty. Advice will be provided on how to perform clinical studies and we will help the faculty negotiate the regulatory hurdles both within the COM and with the funding agencies. Dr. Kaplan's leadership will fill a longstanding need within in the DOM.

This is the year in which EPIC will go live. Before EPIC each faculty member will require training in ICD-10 as that is what EPIC will use. You will be notified soon of the training for ICD-10 which will be done over the internet. EPIC training will require that you attend classes and will occur over the summer. Training sites are being developed and once finalized scheduling for the classes will begin. All clinical faculty must participate in this training during the allotted time. You will be able to train during the evening and on weekends as well as during the week. The use of EPIC will resolve many of our current problems and improve the quality of patient care within UAHN.

We are about to enter an exciting time both for UAHN and for the COM. All of the leadership positions, except for the VP of Health Sciences, have been filled and new directors are being brought into the Centers. This new leadership is going to lead to new innovations for both UAHN and the COM. The faculty of the DOM is going to play a critical role in bringing these new ideas to fruition. This is a great time to be a member of the U of A COM and I hope you find the next few years as exciting and rewarding as I expect them to be.

Bressler-Alpert Society Continues its Mission to Support Education

As many of you know, the Department of Medicine has recently established a professional society for alumni as well as current and former faculty. This society's name recognizes the contributions of Dr. Rubin Bressler and Dr. Joseph Alpert whose combined leadership helped shape the department for 30 years.

Congratulations to **Dr. Irbaz B. Riaz**, who has been named as the first awardee of funds from the society. Dr. Riaz is a member of the Internal Medicine Residency Program-University Campus. He will be using his award to subsidize his travel to the Euro PCR 2013 conference. His project is titled, "Transcatheter Closure Versus Medical Therapy for Cryptogenic Stroke: A Meta-analysis of Randomized Clinical Trials."

The Bressler/Alpert society is designed to support the educational mission of the Department. Membership dues provide resources for residents and fellows who are involved in research to use for travel to academic meetings and present their findings. The society was founded with a generous donation from the Department, and continues to grow as members contribute this important educational mission.

Dues for the society are \$100 annually, and through this contribution members will have the opportunity to attend an annual meeting for Society Members starting in 2014. This gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by the IRS, and is a great way to stay connected to the UA Department of Medicine, and support our young physician scientists.

Thank you to all of our current members for your continued support of education in the Department of Medicine.

If you are interested in becoming a member please contact Melissa Colchado at: mcolchado@deptofmed.arizona.edu or (520) 626-6349 for more information.



Rubin K. Bressler, MD was devoted to helping establish the College as a top-notch research and educational program for 38 years. He joined the then-three-year-old UA College of Medicine as Professor of Pharmacology and Medicine in 1970. He established and headed the College's Department of Pharmacology and also headed the Department of Medicine.

As a clinical investigator, he published more than 300 papers and wrote 10 books. He received numerous awards and honors throughout his career, including a Burroughs Wellcome Clinical Pharmacology Award and a Guggenheim Fellowship. During his career, Dr. Bressler served for 30 years as executive editor of the journal, *Life Sciences*. Dr. Bressler passed away in 2009. He was 80 years old.



Joseph S. Alpert, MD, is Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine at the University of Arizona College of Medicine (UA COM) at Tucson and Editor-in-Chief of the *American Journal of Medicine*. Dr. Alpert served as Professor and Chief of Medicine at the University of Arizona from 1992-2006.

He has received many awards for excellence in teaching from the Brigham Hospital, the United States Navy, the University of Massachusetts, and the UA COM. Dr. Alpert received the Gifted Teacher Award from the American College of Cardiology (ACC).

He has served on the Boards of Trustees of the ACC, the American Board of Internal Medicine, and the Association of University Professors. He has authored 48 books and monographs and more than 600 publications.

Funding Awarded to the Mentor Match Program

The University of Arizona's Academy of Medical Education Scholars awarded full funding to a grant proposal entitled, "Mentor Match: An innovative technological approach toward establishing mentoring partnerships for physician-faculty in the Department of Medicine." This proposal was submitted by **Ken Knox, MD** and **Guadalupe Martinez, PhD**. The program was recognized at the College of Medicine Annual Teaching Awards ceremony.

The Academy of Medical Education Scholars was founded based on the recommendations of an advisory committee chaired by Dr. Joseph Alpert in late 2007. The purpose is to recognize and support the most accomplished teachers and educators at the UA COM.

UA Sarver Heart Center Investigator Award Recipients

Since 1995, the UA Sarver Heart Center's Investigator Awards Program has provided a stepping stone between bright ideas and promising proof that may help researchers compete for national grants. For the 2012-2013 year, the following Department of Medicine faculty members received awards for their research:

Dr. Aiden Abidov

Dr. Betsty Dokken

Dr. Janet Funk

Dr. Hussein Yassine
Cardiovascular disease fellow
Dr. James

Nguyen was also the recipient of an award.

Dr. Nguyen was mentored by Dr. Aiden Abidov.

Dr. Fain Appointed Executive Director of Practice Innovation at AHSC



Mindy Fain, MD, Division Chief of Geriatrics, General and Palliative medicine at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson and Co-director of the UA Center on Aging, has been appointed executive director of practice innovation at the Arizona Health Sciences Center (AHSC).

Dr. Fain has been a longtime nationally recognized innovator in developing new models of care for frail elders with advancing chronic conditions. As past medical director of the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System home-based primary care team, she helped to develop a chronic disease remote tele-monitoring program. The chronic-care protocols used in this program were promoted for national use. She also has participated in many national demonstration projects, including the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's "Medicaring Project," in which her site was selected as a best practice national demonstration site.

She was recruited as Division Chief in 2003 and to the UA Center on Aging in 2006 to help build geriatric programs and develop collaborative programs. These programs include an interprofessional palliative medicine program focused on advancing chronic conditions (led by **Ellyn Lee, MD**), and a geriatric-orthopedic hip fracture acute-care consulting service (led by **Ana Sanguinetti, MD**). With her colleague **M. Jane Mohler, MPH, FNP-c, PhD**, Associate Director of the Arizona Center on Aging, she also has assisted The University of Arizona Medical Center – South Campus in developing aging expertise, including supporting Nurses Improving Care for HealthSystem Elders (NICHE) designation.

Dr. Fain also co-directs the new Emerging Leaders in Healthcare Innovations Program, which prepares UA medical student scholars in the pursuit of the Institute of Medicine's three-part aim of improving health, improving care and lowering costs.

Dr. Thomas Boyer Received the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases Distinguished Service Award

Thomas D. Boyer, MD, an expert in the diagnosis and treatment of liver disorders and a noted liver transplant physician, has been honored by the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) with its Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Boyer is the Robert S. and Irene P. Flinn Professor of Medicine and director of the Liver Research Institute and chairman of the Department of Medicine for the UA College of Medicine – Tucson.

The AASLD Distinguished Service Award is given to an individual in honor of their sustained service to the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) or to the liver disease community in general. The award recognizes service provided to the community of hepatology researchers and clinicians over an extended period that is well beyond that provided by many members who serve on the Governing Board and Committees of AASLD. For 25 years, Dr. Boyer has received NIH funding to study drug metabolizing enzymes and their regulation of expression. Dr. Boyer also has multiple ongoing studies sponsored by pharmaceutical companies for the treatment of hepatitis C, cirrhosis, NASH, PSC and hepatorenal syndrome. He has published numerous articles, book chapters and editorials on these areas of investigation. Dr. Boyer has co-edited a leading textbook, "Hepatology, A Textbook of Liver Disease," currently in its sixth edition.

Congratulations to the Department of Medicine Faculty Named to the 2013 Best Doctors List!

Only five percent of doctors in America earn this prestigious honor, decided by impartial peer review. Founded in 1989 by Harvard Medical School physicians, Best Doctors works to help people get the right diagnosis and right treatment. Gallup® has audited and certified Best Doctors, Inc.'s database of physicians, as using the highest industry standards survey methodology and processes. This year's winners will also be announced in the July edition of Tucson Lifestyle Magazine. Congratulations again to everyone named on the list!



Frederick Ahmann	Medical Oncology and Hematology
David Alberts	Medical Oncology and Hematology
Joseph Alpert	Cardiovascular Disease
Neil Ampel	Infectious Disease
John Bloom	Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine
Thomas Boyer	Hepatology
Eric Brody	Cardiovascular Disease
Lee Cranmer	Medical Oncology and Hematology
John Cunningham	Gastroenterology
Gordon Ewy	Cardiovascular Disease
Mindy Fain	Geriatric Medicine
Mark Friedman	Cardiovascular Disease
Paul Fenster	Cardiovascular Disease
Eric Gall	Rheumatology
John Galgiani	Infectious Disease
Kathleen Gibson	Internal Medicine
Steven Goldman	Cardiovascular Disease
Evan Hersh	Medical Oncology and Hematology
Randy Horwitz	Allergy and Immunology
Julia Indik	Cardiovascular Disease

David Johnson	Clinical Pharmacology & Endocrinology and Metabolism
Elizabeth Juneman	Cardiovascular Disease
Dana Kageyama	Internal Medicine
Karl Kern	Cardiovascular Disease
Stephen Klotz	Infectious Disease
Steven Knoper	Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine
Kenneth Knox	Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine
Dawn Lemcke	Internal Medicine
Jeffrey Lisse	Rheumatology
Robert Livingston	Medical Oncology and Hematology
Ana Maria Lopez	Medical Oncology and Hematology
Victoria Maizes	Family Medicine
Laura Meinke	Critical Care Medicine
Margaret Miller	Rheumatology
Thomas Miller	Medical Oncology and Hematology
Kevin Moynahan	Internal Medicine
Sam Moussa	Gastroenterology
Peter Ott	Cardiovascular Disease
Linda Snyder	Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine
Anthony Stazzone	Internal Medicine
Alison Stopeck	Medical Oncology and Hematology
Hoang Thai	Cardiovascular Disease
Sergio Thal	Cardiovascular Disease
Michael Waldrum	Pulmonary Medicine
Andrew Yeager	Medical Oncology and Hematology

Appointments & Changes in the Division of Cardiology

Division of Cardiology

Dr. Aiden Abidov,
Associate Division Chief
South Campus

Dr. Kwan Lee, Chief of
Cardiology, South Campus

Dr. Sasanka Jayasuriya,
Director of Cardiology
Clinic

Dr. Rajesh Janardhanan,
Medical Director, Cardiac
Imaging

University Campus

Dr. Rajash Janardhanan,
Co-Director, Cardiac
Imaging, Univeristy Campus

Cardiac Care Program Honored

Our Cardiac Care Program was awarded the Blue Distinction Designation for Cardiac Care. A Blue Distinction Center meets quality-focused criteria that emphasizes patient safety and outcomes. UAMC, University Campus, met all of the selection criteria. This is the first time that we have achieved this distinction. The program specific metrics address outcomes related to our cardiac care program, with particular focus on cardiac surgery and percutaneous coronary intervention programs. Congrats Heart Team!

University of Arizona Diabetes Program Takes Off

Sleep Center in the News

Dr. Sairam Parthasarathy, Director of The Center for Sleep Disorders, was elected Chair of the Sleep Disorders Research Advisory Board to the NIH. Last year, The Center for Sleep Disorders received provisional accreditation from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. This would not have been possible without the diligent teamwork by the sleep center staff, and the strong support from the division, department, and the hospital administration. The Center for Sleep Disorders celebrated its one year anniversary in February.

Program Director Honored

Congratulations to **Dr. Harold Szerlip** who was named *Runner Up Educator of the Year* at the previous Arizona ACP !



Merri Pendergrass, MD, PhD
Director, UA Diabetes Program

and community members are also planned.

The newly renovated Family and Community Medicine (FCM) and Diabetes Physician offices officially opened on December 5, 2012. The offices are located in the Abrams building on the South Campus. Diabetes and FCM physician offices occupy adjoining space, facilitating collaborative efforts between the two departments. The diabetes space includes 9 exam rooms, 5 specialty procedure rooms and a patient and family education room. Other features, shared with FCM, include a classroom for patient and community education sessions, a lab draw station, a demonstration kitchen and a physical performance assessment and training room.

Initially, Diabetes and Endocrinology specialty medical care will be provided in these offices. There are plans to offer additional services soon. These may include “diabetes survival skills” instruction for newly diagnosed patients, comprehensive diabetes self-management education, enhanced insulin pump management, and foot care. Programs for families and community members are also planned.

The Diabetes Physician offices will be central in the new Diabetes Program. The goal of the Diabetes Program is to develop a comprehensive, population management and healthcare delivery approach for people who have diabetes or are at risk for developing the disease. The program will also provide a platform for clinical and translational research and collaborate with other departments to obtain external research funding. The Diabetes Program will align with related activities throughout UA and UAHN, partnering with clinicians and researchers in departments of surgery, nutrition, pharmacy, nursing, public health, and others. The focus of activity in the Diabetes Physician Offices will not be to duplicate services provided elsewhere. It will be to develop unique and innovated care strategies to improve clinical outcomes and to provide services that are not available elsewhere.

The vision of the Diabetes Program is that, during every patient encounter in at UAHN, patients will experience treatment that is consistent with evidence-based standards for optimal diabetes care. Efforts of the Diabetes Program will be geared towards developing strategies to 1) systematically identify diabetes patients whenever/wherever they interact with UAHN – e.g. in a diabetes, other specialty or PCP clinic, pre-op clinics, lab, radiology, dialysis, ED, OR, inpatient services, L&D, et cetera, 2) apply diabetes treatment protocols designed for each setting, 3) triage patients to the appropriate level of diabetes services, 5) provide ongoing diabetes management support to those patients willing to work with us, 6) develop and track quality metrics for each area, 7) provide training for students and staff, and 8) liaise with other U of A and community programs to improve, align, coordinate and integrate care.

UA Diabetes Program Gets Involved in the Community

On Sunday, March 3rd Dr. Merri Pendergrass organized a team of UA faculty and staff to participate in the American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure. The event takes place in cities and towns across the US. By riding in the Tour de Cure, the cyclists raised money to help the American Diabetes Association fund critical research, advocacy and community based outreach.

The UA1cyclists team, led by Dr. Pendergrass raised \$2,534 to help stop diabetes!



Pictured from left: Michael Bernas, Dr. Merri Pendergrass, John Marques and Ann McGrath. Cyclists on the team not pictured here: Dr. Craig Stump, Dr. Marlon Guerrero, Dr. Franz Rischard, Dr. Meredith Hay, Dr. Marylyn McEwen, Michael Gibbs, Kaniz Islam and Pamela Kallio.

Grants & Awards

Dr. Franz Rischard sponsored by United Therapeutics Corporation for a project titled: *A Post-Marketing Observational Study to Assess Respiratory Tract Adverse Events in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Patients Treated with Tyvaso.*

Dr. Bruce Kaplan sponsored by CTI Clinical Trial and Consulting Services Inc for a project titled: *A randomized, open-label, multicenter trial...safety and efficacy of eculizumab in the prevention of AMR in living donor kidney transplant.*

Dr. Harold Szerlip sponsored by Eli Lilly and Co for a project titled: *A multicenter, randomized double-blinded, placebo-controlled, dose-ranging, phase 2 Study to evaluate the safety and renal efficacy of LY3009104 in Patients.*

Dr. Sujata Sarkar awarded the Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award by the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin for a project titled.

Dr. Mindy Fain sponsored by the University of Alabama for a project titled: *Comprehensive Programs to Strengthen Physicians Training in Geriatrics.*

DOM ONLINE

www.deptmedicine.arizona.edu

What's New on the Web?

Mentor Match is available online. Faculty are encouraged to contact the Department's Education Office for more information on how to enroll in this program, and assistance with connection and/or software.

Upon providing basic information about interests and needs, the mentee can begin accessing the soft-



ware. The Mentor Match software allows mentees to view information about potential senior faculty mentors.

The program is open to all faculty with a primary appointment in the Department of Medicine from all career tracks. Click on the *Faculty Mentoring Program* link on the top of the DOM homepage for more information about how to get involved.

Grants & Awards

Dr. Stephen Klotz sponsored by the Arizona Department of Health Services for a project titled: *HIV Care Services*.

Dr. Franz Rischard sponsored by the United Therapeutics Corporation for a project titled: *Comprehensive Characterization of Right Ventricular Performance and Afterload in patients with pulmonary arterial hypertension undergoing initial....*

Dr. Bruce Kaplan sponsored by CTI Clinical Trial and Consulting Services Inc for a project titled: *A phase 2/3, double-blind, placebo-controlled, 2-part study (part 1 open-label) to assess the safety, efficacy & pharmacokinetics of single intravenous....*

Dr. Janet Funk sponsored by Vanderbilt University for a project titled: *Oxidative Activation of the Dietary Cancer Chemopreventive Agent Curcumin*.

Dr. Mark Lin sponsored by UCB Biosciences Inc for a project titled: *A non-interventional long-term post marketing registry of patients treated with certolizumab pegol (cimzia) for crohn's disease*.

WELCOME NEW FACULTY



Bianca Afonso, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine

Dr. Afonso joins the Division of Gastroenterology. She obtained her medical degree from the Universidade Federal Fluminense in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil followed by internal medicine training at Universidade Estadual do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. She completed her internal medicine residency at Cleveland Clinic Florida and then served as Chief Resident in internal medicine at UAMC-South Campus. In 2012 she completed her fellowship in GI at the University of Arizona and joined the faculty. Dr. Afonso practices all aspects of general GI, and is interested in the educational and research aspects of women's health in GI.



Faiz Anwer, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine

Dr. Anwer joins the Division of Hematology/Oncology. He received his graduate and post graduate medical training at the Rawalpindi Medical College, University of the Punjab, Pakistan; and further residency training at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center McKeesport and completed a fellowship in hematology/oncology at the UA. Dr. Anwer has returned to the UA after completing about nine months in specialized blood and marrow transplantation (BMT) training at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. His primary clinical focus is on bone marrow transplantation.



Christine Berry, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine

Dr. Berry joins the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine. She received her MD from Johns Hopkins University, and completed her internal medicine residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Berry went on to finish a four year fellowship program in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Johns Hopkins University before joining the faculty there. Her current academic activities include clinical research in obstructive lung disease, inpatient care, and clinical care to patients with COPD.



Pavani Chalasani, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Medicine

Dr. Chalasani joins the Division of Hematology/Oncology. She received her medical degree at Gandhi Medical College, Hyderabad, India, and a master's degree in public health from the University of Massachusetts. She completed her residency at the UA. She was the UACC's chief fellow. Her primary focus is breast cancer medical oncology and benign hematology. She has a strong interest in translational research.



Phil Factor, DO, FCCP, Professor of Medicine

Dr. Factor is the new Vice-Chairman of Medicine Clinical Affairs. He joins the Division of Pulmonary, Adult Allergy, Critical Care, & Sleep Medicine. Dr. Factor received his DO from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in Chicago, IL. He then completed his residency at Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center Department of Medicine before his fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at the University of Chicago.



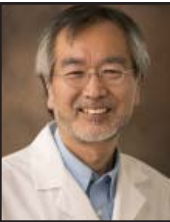
Rajesh Janardhanan, MD, MRCP Associate Professor of Medicine

Dr. Janardhanan joins the Division of Cardiology. He is the Director of Non-Invasive Cardiac Imaging at South Campus, and Co-Director of Non-Invasive Cardiac Imaging at the University Campus. Dr. Janardhanan completed a clinical cardiology fellowship at the University of Virginia, followed by training in advanced multi-modality non-invasive imaging. His interests include valvular/structural heart disease, cardiomyopathies, heart failure and cardiac risk screening in athletes.



Sunitha Musuku, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine

Dr. Musuku joins the Division of Gastroenterology. She obtained her MBBS at Andhra Medical College University of Health Sciences in Vijayawada, India. She then completed her residency at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA before finishing her GI fellowship here at the University of Arizona College of Medicine.



Yasuhiro Nakatani, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine

Dr. Nakatani joins the Division of Infectious Disease. He completed his MD at Kanazawa University School of Medicine in Kanazawa, Japan. He then finished his internal medicine residency at Nagoya Daini Red Cross Hospital in Nagoya, Japan before completing a fellowship in infectious disease at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine.



Hitendra Patel, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine

Dr. Patel joins the Division of Hematology/Oncology. His primary focus is in GI medical oncology. He spent six years at the Truman Medical Center at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. Dr. Patel completed his hematology-oncology fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh, where he worked with Dr. Yeager.



Merri Pendergrass, MD, PhD, Professor of Medicine

Dr. Pendergrass is the Director of the new UA Diabetes Program. She received her PhD in Biopsychology from the University of Texas in Austin before completing her MD at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. She then completed her internal medicine residency and fellowship in endocrinology and metabolism at the University of Texas in San Antonio.



Soham Puvvada, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine

Dr. Puvvada joins the Division of Hematology/Oncology. Her primary focus is lymphoid malignancies and translational research. Dr. Puvvada received her MD at the University of South Florida College of Medicine and completed her internal medicine residency at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. Dr. Puvvada completed a fellowship at Duke University Medical Center. She is a recipient of the competitive American Society of Hematology CRTI Career Development Award as well as Duke Silber Memorial Research Award.



Elise Reinhard, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine

Dr. Reinhard joins the Division of Geriatrics, General, & Palliative Medicine. She received her MD from Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Reinhard completed her internal medicine residency, and geriatric fellowship here at the University of Arizona College of Medicine.



Johnathan Schatz, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine

Dr. Schatz joins the Division of Hematology/Oncology. He completed his hematology-oncology fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and has been pursuing a laboratory-based career in molecular-targeted therapeutics, with an emphasis on lymphoma. He was recruited for a highly competitive Clinical Translational Science Institute (CTSI) position in collaboration with BIO5. His clinical focus is Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma.



Safel Shetty, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine

Dr. Shetty joins the Division of Inpatient Medicine. He completed his medical studies at M.S. Ramiah Medical College at Bangalore University in Bangalore, India. He then completed his internship and residency in Baltimore Maryland at Franklin Square Hospital Center which is an affiliate of the University of Maryland.



Parminder Singh, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine

Dr. Singh received his medical degree from Maulana Azad Medical College in New Delhi, India. He completed his residency and hematology-oncology fellowship at New York Medical College, Westchester Medical Center where he was the chief fellow. Dr. Singh's primary focus is in genitourinary medical oncology. His key area of interest is developing new drugs in kidney and prostate cancer. Dr. Singh will also focus on developing studies to elucidate new biomarkers in prostate and kidney cancer.



Macy Whitley, DO, Assistant Professor of Medicine

Dr. Whitley joins the Division of Geriatrics, General, & Palliative Medicine. Dr. Whitley received her DO from the University of North Texas Health Science Center. She then completed her residency at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, and the hospice and palliative medicine fellowship here at the University of Arizona College of Medicine.