General Faculty Meeting

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Department of Medicine

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Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018

New Hires – July 2018 - present

Tushar Acharya, MD
Cardiology

Rupa Bala, MD
Cardiology

Olivia Hung, MD
Cardiology

Nadar Makki, MD
Cardiology

Jennifer Stern, PhD
Endocrinology

Juanita Merchant, MD
Gastroenterology & Hepatology (Chief)

Shaun Chatelain, DO
GGP

Amy Klein, MD
GGP/Palliative

Clara Connell, MD
GGP

Krisstina Gowin, MD
Hematology & Oncology

Sao Jiralerspong, MD
Hematology & Oncology

Justin Hayes, MD
Infectious Diseases

Tarun Bathini, MD
Inpatient Medicine/Hospitalist

David Brual, MD
Inpatient Medicine/Hospitalist

New Hires – July 2018 - present

Soham Davé, MD
Inpatient Medicine/Hospitalist

Maham Farshidpour, MD
Inpatient Medicine/Hospitalist

Roshanak Habibi, MD
Inpatient Medicine/Hospitalist

Justin F. Hayes, MD
Inpatient Medicine/Hospitalist

Robert Koch, MD
Inpatient Medicine/Hospitalist

Shilpa Pedapati, MD
Inpatient Medicine/Hospitalist

Nanda Pullela, MD
Inpatient Medicine/Hospitalist

Sorabh Sharma, MD
Inpatient Medicine/Hospitalist

Anne Shergill, MD
Inpatient Medicine/Hospitalist

Kamaldeep Singh, MD
Inpatient Medicine/Hospitalist

Alvaro Altamirano Ufion, MD
Inpatient Medicine/Hospitalist

Angelo de Mattos, MD
Nephrology

Pablo Loarte-Campos, MD
Nephrology

Elaine Cristan, MD
PACCS/Sleep Medicine

New Hires – July 2018 - present

Tammer Y. El-Aini, MD
PACCS/Pulmonary

Imran Patel, MD
PACCS/Pulmonary

Salma Patel, MD
PACCS/Pulmonary

Francesca Polverino, PhD
PACCS/Pulmonary

Puneet Shroff, MD
PACCS/Allergy

Alicia Rodriguez-Pla, MD
Rheumatology

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Accolades & Awards

July – October 2018

Education – UA/State Recognition

Drs. John Bloom, Erika Bracamonte, J.P. Ferreira, Elizabeth Juneman, Robert Segal and **Amy Sussman** among DOM faculty recognized at 39th Annual UA College of Medicine – Tucson Faculty Teaching Awards and the Vernon and Virginia Furrow Awards

Dr. Marvin Slepian addresses Tucson/Phoenix audience for UAHS/UA College of Law Regulatory Science Seminar on "The Artificial Heart: A Regulatory Nightmare"

Dr. Kevin Moynahan presented with UA College of Medicine – Tucson Alumni of the Year Award at 2018 Homecoming/Reunion Weekend festivities.

DOM residency programs celebrate board passage rate success: Tucson Campus' Internal Medicine residency program hits 97%; South Campus IM program enjoys a 93%, 3-year rolling board passage rate—third highest of all IM residencies in the state, and Dermatology residents continue 5-year, 100% board passage streak.

UA Valley Fever Center for Excellence promotes statewide youth poster art contest with Arizona Department of Health Service for 2018 Valley Fever Awareness Week, Nov. 10-14.

GGP internist **Dr. Serena Scott** chosen as director of Sub-Internship Program for DOM Medical Education Office

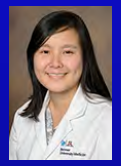
Education – National/Global Recognition

Dr. Bree Johnston named to the ABIM Geriatrics exam writing committee as well as associate editor of American Academy of Hospice & Palliative Medicine online journal *PC-FACS* and AAHPM ACGME Curricular Milestones Workgroup member.

Dr. Marvin Slepian paper on "Relation between blood pressure and pulse wave velocity for human arteries" in PNAS opens door on wearable technology to monitor patient blood pressure.

Dr. Karl Kern gives international address at Brazilian Society of Cardiology's 73rd Annual Congress and the UA Sarver Heart Center Resuscitation Research Group, which he chairs, has four presentations accepted at AHA Annual Scientific Sessions in November.

Dr. Kwan Lee invited speaker on "Contemporary Management of Cardiac Arrest in the Cath Lab" on behalf of SCAI delegation to Vietnam National Heart Association meeting and Great Wall International Congress of Cardiology, Beijing China.

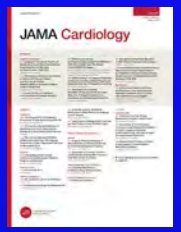


Dr. Hannah Tiu creates a Nephrology Fellow Survival App for mobile learning/reference.

Dr. Khadijah Breathett chairs session at Heart Failure Society of America Scientific Sessions in Nashville and gives talk on "The ACA and Advanced HF Therapies"

Olympian **Billy Mills** and UA's **Dr. John Galgiani** give keynote speeches for Association of American Indian Physicians Conference on impact of Valley fever.

Education – National/Global Recognition



Dr. Tushar Acharya article on "The Iceland MI Study: Association of Unrecognized Myocardial Infarction with Long-term Outcomes in Community-Dwelling Older Adults" published in *JAMA Cardiology*.

Dr. Raj Janardhanan delivers several invited lectures and headlines a 3D echocardiography workshop at EchoIndia 2018 in Chennai, where he also provides SRM Medical College guest lecture on "Multimodality Imaging in Valvular Heart Disease."

Dr. Sachin Chaudhary to cohost CME-event "Empowering the IPF Patient" Dec. 3 at Aloft with National Jewish Health's Dr. Gregory Cosgrove, who also is CMO for the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.

Dr. Nancy Sweitzer gives Maurice Sokolow Lecture in Cardiology at UCSF, keynote addresses at University of Alabama Comprehensive Cardiovascular Center's 7th Annual Focus on Heart Failure Symposium and University of Washington's 5th Annual Full Spectrum of Heart Failure Therapy Conference, and serves as invited speaker at the UCLA Cardiovascular Symposium 2018.

Education – Community Presence

UA Arthritis Center members and Rheumatology faculty present "Spotlight on Arthritis" Week with five lectures at world-renowned Canyon Ranch Health Resort, Oct. 8-12. Led by **Dr. Kent Kwoh**, topics include knee osteoarthritis, joint replacement surgery, foot & ankle issues and how to tame your pain.

UA Cancer Center hosts "Are You at High Risk for Breast Cancer?" free presentation and co-sponsors "Biden Community Cancer Event" in September.

Drs. Daniel Persky and **Abhijeet Kumar** participate Sept. 13 in "Ask the Doctor about Lymphoma," a treatment options update hosted by Lymphoma Research Foundation at Tucson Marriott University Park.

THE TUCSON CONFERENCE an 8-CME event for Tucson community physicians, date moved to Feb. 2 at Tucson Marriott University Park with presenters: **Drs. Edwin Aquino**, **Tara Carr**, **Steve Knoper**, **Merri Pendergrass**, **James Sligh** and **Nancy Sweitzer**. **Dr. Monica Kraft** co-chairs the organizing committee with the Division of Dermatology's **Dr. Robert Segal**, and Arizona Community Physicians' Drs. Robert Berens and Alan Rogers.

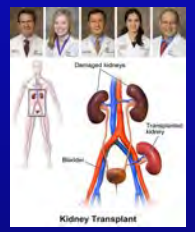
UA fellow, med students sweep top awards at AZ Chapter of American College of Cardiology event.

Hem-Onc Chief **Dr. Julie Bauman** delivers Fall Doc Talk lecture on "Throat Cancer: The New Epidemic," Sept. 11 at Westin La Paloma

Clinical – UA/State Activities

Hospitalist **Dr. Bujji Ainapurapu**, Renal Biopsy Service's **Dr. Erika Bracamonte**, Geriatric's **Dr. Monica Vandivort**, and Infectious Diseases' **Dr. Tirdad Zangeneh** receive inaugural College of Medicine **Clinical Excellence Awards**.

UA/Banner Kidney Transplant Team lauded for record-breaking week, June 17-23, with 10 transplants completed, three from living donors.



Division of Cardiology, Sarver Heart Center celebrate open house for new $4.2-million Advanced Electrophysiology Suite, led by **Drs. Matthew Hutchinson, Julia Indik and Peter Ott.**

UA/Banner Dermatology cuts ribbon at newly consolidated clinic site on North Pima Canyon Drive.

Drs. Kapil Lotun, Ranjith Shetty among PCPs, specialists expanding services to Banner – University Medicine Physicians Office in Green Valley, joining **Drs. Hannah Tiu** and **Gerald Wolff**, among others.

Hospitalist **Dr. Ryan McGrath** is honored by Banner – UMC at combined leadership meeting for work on timely patient discharge.

UA Lung Transplant Program named a "Blue Distinction Center" by Blue Cross Blue Shield, further broadening geographic reach for Banner – UMC Tucson.

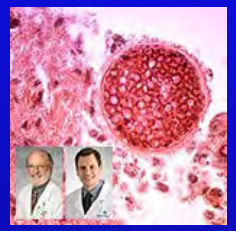
Clinical – National/Global Recognition

World Association of Sarcoidosis and Other Granulomatous Disorders names **UA Interstitial Lung Disease Program** among designated WASOG Sarcoidosis Clinics.

Dr. Chyi Chyi Chong was invited to be a faculty member and speaker at the 5th John C. McDonald Transplant & Dialysis Access Symposium hosted Oct. 13-14 by LSU Shreveport.

DOM physicians continue to make up quarter of 'Top Doctors' in Tucson from UA/Banner Health — **24** appear in *Tucson Lifestyle* magazine listings for 2018.

Dermatology Chief **Dr. James Sligh** appointed to American Academy of Dermatology Actinic Keratoses Work Group.



Dr. John Galgiani spearheads development, sharing of new UA/Banner Health Valley Fever Clinical Practice protocols to avert diagnoses delays in fungal respiratory infection endemic to U.S. Southwest.

2018 Fellow of the American Heart Association conferred on **Dr. Khadijah Breathett** by AHA Council on Quality Care and Outcomes Research.

Dr. Mindy Fain awarded 4-year, $850,000 HRSA Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program grant to support interprofessional geriatric education and training and integrating geriatrics into primary care.

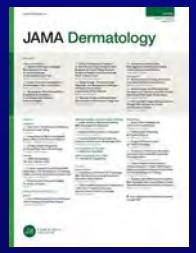
Clinical – National/Global Recognition

DOM continues to lead *U.S. News* 'Best Hospital' rankings for Banner – UMC Tucson, with just one of three nationally ranked and six specialties or adult procedures recognized as "high performing" not in department.

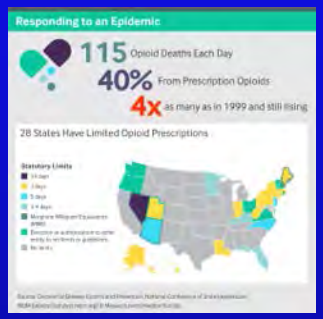
Dr. Monica Kraft appears in four *MD Magazine* articles, videos on asthma as part of coverage of 2018 CHEST Meeting in San Antonio.

Dr. Clara Curiel, as part of Melanoma Prevention Working Group, co-authors paper in *JAMA Dermatology* about

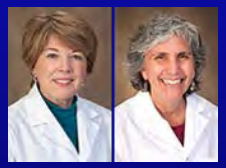
higher risk of skin cancer for patients who require excising of more than one atypical mole.



Dr. Monica Vandivort named American Academy of Home Care Medicine 2018 National HouseCall Physician of the Year.



Drs. Mindy Fain, **Lisa O'Neill**, **Raed Sukerji**, **Meena Dagar** and **Mohab Ibrahim** awarded $32K HRSA Geriatrics Work-force Enhancement Program Opioid Supplement to educate and train primary care providers about opioid management for older adults.



Drs. Ana Sanguineti, **Mindy Fain**, **Bellal Joseph** and **Jason Wild** author chapter, "Management of Common Fractures in Older Adults," in *Oxford Textbook of Geriatric Medicine*, 3rd Ed.—book takes honors at British Medical Association Book Awards.

Clinical – Community Presence

Drs. Steve Black, **Jane Mohler**, **Jil Tardiff** and **Jason Yuan** participate as research mentors for UA Border Latino & American Indian Summer Exposure to Research (BLAISER) Program.

Dr. Monica Vandivort gives keynote address for Southeast Arizona Agency on Aging

Annual Conference in Sierra Vista on "Team Care: Impacting Our Community's Health."

Drs. Bijin Thajudeen, Sangeetha Murugapandian serve on South-west Nephrology Conference planning committee. Co-held with 6th Annual Cardio Renal Metabolic Conference, she delivers plenary lecture on "Modality choice in older patients with ESRD" at Phoenix event.

Join Doximity by Nov. 15 to have your say on the next *U.S. News & World Report* Best Hospitals Survey.

Research – UA/State Activities

Dr. Clara Curiel recognized Nov. 2 at UA Wildcats Football game *(above)* as 'Academic Champion' by UA President's Office — in part for Dr. Curiel's work that led to her being named 2018 Arizona Bioresearcher of the Year. AZBIO award presented Oct. 3 *(below)* in Phoenix during Arizona Bioscience Week.

UA College of Medicine, College of Public Health, Center on Aging and BIO5 Institute host "Aging & Resilience Seminar Series" as part of effort toward gaining recognition as Claude D. Pepper Older American Independence Center.

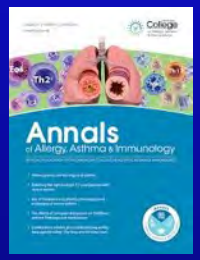
Dr. Juanita Merchant and **Khadijah Breathett** represent DOM at UA College of Medicine's 2nd Annual Innovations & Inventions Research Fair.

V Foundation $60,000 grant allows **Dr. Pavani Chalasani** to work on expanding clinical trials in Arizona related to breast cancer research.

Research – National/Global Activities

UA Division of Rheumatology and UA Arthritis Center faculty get 15 abstracts accepted for 2018 American College of Rheumatology/American Rheumatology Health Professionals Meeting, Oct. 19-24 in Chicago.

Dr. Tara Carr and **Monica Kraft** author paper on "Use of Biomarkers to Identify Phenotypes and Endotypes of Severe Asthma" in *Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology*.



Rheumatology Chief and Arthritis Center Director **Dr. Kent Kwoh** named to prestigious Division Directors Special Committee for the American College of Rheumatology.

Dr. Sai Parthasarathy to lead effort to finalize 5-year NIH strategic plan on sleep medicine research.

Drs. Steve Klotz and **Norm Beatty** to present a paper at symposium on "Chagas' Disease in the United States – Is it Time for Primary Prevention?" and two posters related to kissing bug research at the 67th ASTMH Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

Dr. Prabir Roy-Chaudhury recognized at American Society of Nephrology plenary session for six years of leadership of Kidney Health Initiative, a joint venture with FDA to accelerate research to improve dialysis and kidney disease therapies available on market.

Research – National/Global Activities

Findings from study by **Drs. Daniel Combs** and **Sai Parthasarathy** published in *Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine* note infants often aren't screened for sleep apnea, but it may be tied to risk of death from congenital heart disease.

The journal *Occupational and Environmental Medicine* publishes groundbreaking research, led by UA's **Dr. Esther Sternberg** and funded by U.S. General Services Administration Wellbuilt for Wellbeing Program, that found open office seating arrangements offer health benefits unseen in workers in cubicles, private offices.

NIH National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Dr. Monica Kraft officially made NHLBI advisory council member and chairs Sepsis workshop for National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

Dr. Ernest Vina papers published in *JAMA Network Open* on "Positive psychological intervention on pain and functional difficulty among adults with osteoarthritis" and *Lupus* on "Healthcare resource utilization and costs of long-term corticosteroid exposure."

Dr. Nima Toosizadeh co-authors multiple papers on geriatric biomechanics, back pain, frailty, fall prevention and assessments to predict acute outcomes in colonoscopy screening.

All of US Arizona Research Program, hosted by UA-Banner Health, passes enrollment milestone of 15,000, leading national effort for genetic database to better develop personalized therapies in precision medicine.

Research – Contracts & Awards

Dr. Juanita Merchant receives two R01 awards from NIDDK/NIH for a combined $3.05M to study "Transcriptional Control Gastrin" and "MDSC Polarization and Helicobacter Induced Gastric Metaplasia."

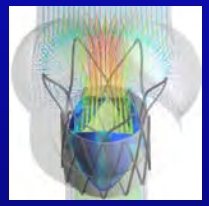
Dr. Khadijah Breathett receives $875K NHLBI grant—as well as $10K UA Sarver Heart Center Women of Color Heart Health Ed Committee award—to address provider bias in advanced heart failure therapies for racial/ethnic minorities.

Dr. Bhaskar Banerjee receives $1.99M research grant from NCI/NIH to fund next steps in development of Dual View Imaging endoscope in colonoscopy. He is also interviewed for upcoming article on topic in *MedTech Strategist*.

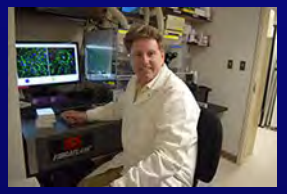
Boeringer Ingelheim $500,000 grant awarded to **Dr. Sachin Chaudhary** to study "Role of GERD and Sleep Apnea in progression & exacerbation of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF)."

Dr. John Galgiani awarded $200,000 subcontract from the CDC to investigate the clinical utility of a Valley fever rapid diagnostic test for antibodies to coccidioidomycosis.

Dr. Marvin Slepian wins NIH/NIBIB grant for $3.84M to study "Biomechanical Approaches and Technologies for Enhancing TAVR Outcomes."



Dr. Steve Black wins $1.8M R01 award from NHLBI to study "PKG Signaling and Sepsis-Induced ALI" related to his research on ARDS.



Research Awards

Oct. 1, 2017 – Sept. 30, 2018

Sponsor Type	Total Award Amount
NIH	$32,656,354
Federal (not NIH)	$746,793
Foreign Federal Government	$51,503
Foreign Private Profit	$679,961
Foundation	$234,589
Institution of Higher Education	$142,700
Private Non-Profit	$720,989
Private Profit	$26,523,396
State – Arizona	$879,745
TOTAL	$62,636,020

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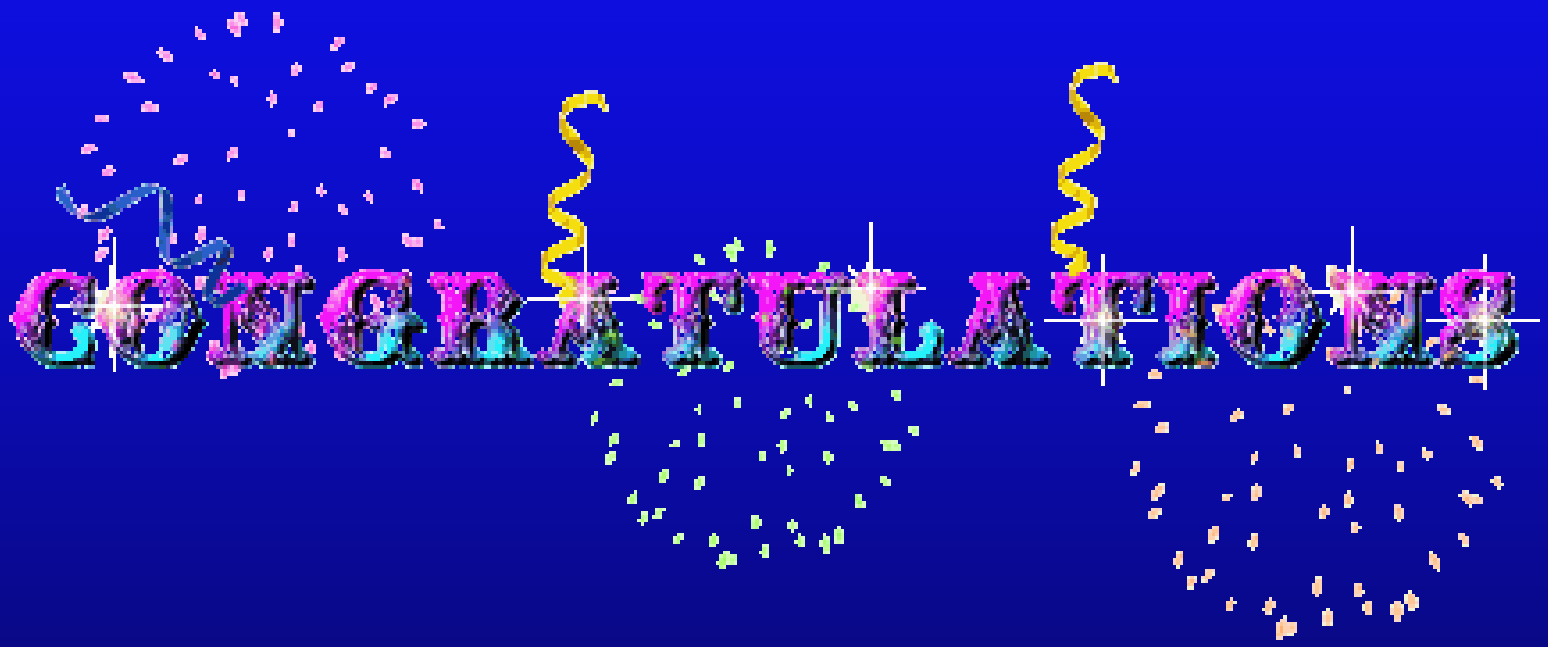
Congratulations to you all!