FAST FACTS
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
College of Medicine – Tucson

MISSION: Advancing health and wellness through education, research and patient care.

HISTORY:
- The University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson admitted its first class of 32 students in 1967.
- The UA College of Medicine – Tucson was initially accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education in 1965, and in 2014 received full re-accreditation through 2022.

RESEARCH:
- Total annual research funding for the College has grown from $70 million in FY15 to nearly $82 million in FY17.
- The College of Medicine – Tucson jumped from participating in 129 clinical trials in 2016 to 252 trials in 2017.

FACULTY AND STAFF:
- Medical students and residents receive instruction from 1,432 UA faculty members: 566 full- and part-time salaried, 329 affiliate and 537 associate (volunteer) faculty members.
- Nearly 1,000 staff members call the College of Medicine – Tucson home.

STUDENTS AND EDUCATION:
- Each year, the UA College of Medicine – Tucson admits approximately 115 students. The College received over 9,500 applications for the Class of 2022, a remarkable 32 percent increase from the previous year’s applications.
- The College currently has 511 medical students who are actively involved in faculty research initiatives and Tucson community service activities.
- With more than 1,850 undergraduates, the College of Medicine – Tucson has the largest undergraduate science education degree program in the world.
- The College offers three dual-degree programs in MD-PhD, MD-MPH and MD-MBA. Nineteen students are enrolled in the MD-PhD program, two are on the MD-MPH track and one student is currently pursuing a MD-MBA.

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**Facilities**
- The College of Medicine – Tucson facilities currently encompass more than 450,000 square feet of classroom, lab and office space.
- UA clinical partner Banner Health will open a new $400 million, 670,000-square-foot hospital in the spring of 2019. The building will replace the aging hospital complex and include over 200 new patient rooms.
- In the spring of 2017, Banner – University Medicine North, a $100 million outpatient clinic, opened in Tucson. The new 208,000-square-foot clinic houses numerous specialties, including cardiology, gastroenterology and general surgery.

**Alumni:**
- There are 4,240 MedCats worldwide. Of those, 2,295 reside in Arizona.

**Residency Programs:**
- The UA College of Medicine – Tucson Graduate Medical Education Program oversees 59 ACGME-accredited residency programs in all major specialties and subspecialties.
- The UA College of Medicine at South Campus Graduate Medical Education Program oversees four ACGME-accredited residency programs (medicine, ophthalmology, emergency medicine and family medicine) and one fellowship in medical toxicology.
- More than 700 residents and fellows are training at more than 35 sites, including the College’s primary teaching hospitals, Banner – University Medical Center Tucson and Banner – University Medical Center South, as well as the Southern Arizona VA Health System, the Tucson Medical Center and various Indian Health Service locations.

**Innovations and Breakthroughs:**
- 1963 - The College of Medicine – Tucson is established as the state’s first medical school.
- 1974 - Researchers develop the first artificial wrist.
- 1979 - Physicians perform Arizona’s first heart transplant.
- 1985 - Physicians successfully use the world’s first total artificial heart as a bridge to transplant.
- 1990 - The University of Arizona Cancer Center, founded by College of Medicine – Tucson faculty in 1978, receives one of the first comprehensive cancer center designations in the U.S. from the National Cancer Institute (NCI).
- 2004 - The Sarver Heart Center introduces cardiocerebral resuscitation, a significantly improved method to increase the survival rate of patients with cardiac arrest.
- 2005 - Arizona’s first medical simulation lab – ASTEC – is established.
- 2016 - Researchers in the College of Medicine – Tucson are appointed lead investigators for the largest peer-reviewed National Institutes of Health grant in Arizona history ($43 million).
DEPARTMENTS AND CENTERS:
The College has 20 departments – five basic science and 15 clinical science – and ten centers and institutes dedicated to specific areas of research, clinical care and teaching:

Basic Science Departments
- Cellular & Molecular Medicine
- Chemistry & Biochemistry
- Immunobiology
- Pharmacology
- Physiology

Clinical Departments
- Anesthesiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Family & Community Medicine
- Medical Imaging
- Medicine
- Neurology
- Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Ophthalmology & Vision Sciences
- Orthopaedic Surgery
- Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery
- Pathology
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Radiation Oncology
- Surgery

Centers & Programs
- Arizona Telemedicine Program
- Center for Integrative Medicine
- Center on Aging
- Emergency Medicine Research Center
- The University of Arizona Arthritis Center
- The University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center
- The University of Arizona Steele Children’s Research Center
- The University of Arizona Thomas D. Boyer Liver Institute
- Valley Fever Center for Excellence
- Venom Immunotoxicology, Pharmacology and Emergency Response (VIPER) Institute