September is National Preparedness Month: Are We Really Ready?

The University of Arizona’s Mountain West Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Center at the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health is in the midst of its week-long schedule of activities designed to enhance employee awareness and response to emergency situations. Through media presentations, lectures, webinars and hands-on activities, participants will experience a wide range of emergency scenarios that could impact both their personal and professional life.

UA Surgeons First to Robotically Remove Whole Pancreas Combined with Auto-Islet Transplant

Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Infection Impairs the Aging Immune System’s Response to Other Viruses
Friday, Oct. 19
6:15 p.m.
**Second Annual M*A*S*H Bash to Benefit UA Trauma**
Pima Air and Space Museum
6000 E. Valencia Road

Surgeons at The University of Arizona Medical Center performed in July the world's first fully robotic total pancreatectomy with a successful simultaneous autologous islet transplant on a woman suffering from chronic pancreatitis.

**Be alert for rattlers: snakes out and biting**

The Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center, located at the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy, warns desert dwellers that rattlesnake bites for the first three weeks in August were the highest for that period in three years. The Poison Center was called in on 14 snakebites in six days.

The first experimental proof that long-term infection with cytomegalovirus (CMV) may impair the aging immune system's response to unrelated viruses – such as West Nile or the flu – has been published in the open access journal *PLoS Pathogens*.

**Dr. Matt Gallek Selected as RWJF Nurse Faculty Scholar**

Matthew J. Gallek, PhD, RN, CNRN, an assistant professor at the University of Arizona College of Nursing, is one of just 12 outstanding nursing educators to win a competitive grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Nurse Faculty Scholars program this year. Dr. Gallek will receive a three-year,
$350,000 award to promote his academic career and support his research. The Nurse Faculty Scholar award is given to junior faculty who show outstanding promise as future leaders in academic nursing.