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General Update

Arizona Cancer Center researchers were awarded more than $1.7 million from the National Cancer Institute for a five-year study looking into an aggressive form of breast cancer that strikes women after pregnancy. Results of the study may further explain mechanisms that play a role in early-onset breast cancer, particularly those related to a recent pregnancy.

The Angel Clinic, located on the 3rd Floor of UMC, is now licensed as a UMC Hospital-Based Clinic. The Physicians that staff this clinic are the faculty of the Section of Pediatrics Endocrinology, Dr. Mark Wheeler (Section Chief), Dr. Chet Patel, Dr. Priti Patel, and Dr. Kurt Griffin. In the transition of this clinic to hospital-based designation, UMC joined hands with the UA/UPH Department of Pediatrics, working as one team to ensure that our patients receive very good care. A successful transition is a product of a great team so thank you to all who participated.

Francisco Garcia, MD, MPH, director of the University of Arizona Center of Excellence in Women’s Health, and co-director of the Cancer Disparities Institute of the Arizona Cancer Center, has been appointed to the National Institutes of Health Advisory Committee on Research on Women’s Health.

Eric P. Gall, MD, interim director of the Arizona Arthritis Center, has been appointed chairman of the Arthritis Foundation’s national Public Health Committee. The Public Health Committee coordinates the Foundation’s public health efforts on osteoarthritis, inflammatory arthritis and juvenile arthritis with the U.S. Centers of Disease Control, congressional representatives and others.

Feedback From Our Patient
Patient X has a bad extended bout of hypotension post op and this had a huge impact on his kidney. The staff all worked so hard to bring it up. I am simply amazed with the quality of this hospital. I have never seen it anywhere else. I think every hospital needs to learn about this place. The director of the Critical Services reminded me so much of you I can’t tell you - (and she graduated in 1978 while I graduated in 1976 - so we had some stories….). But we had a long conversation and she was telling me that a couple of years ago they did some program- can’t remember the name of it, something like Studer, heck I don’t know - but it took all aspects of hospital care back down to the basics of care and to remind all that they are providing a service, reminded them of why there were there. This place is amazing; from the housekeepers who introduce themselves and ask permission to come into the room to the smiling staff to the Dr’s who each introduce themselves, shake your hand and explain what their specialty is and what they are there for...every single doctor did this, even when EB was in shock and they were hauling it to stop the drop. And with all of the interns and residents, the instruction education is dripping from the walls. The nursing staff is absolutely top notch; pleasant, knowledgeable, reassuring. Simply everything you want - it is a 480 bed Level 1 Trauma facility too.