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General Update

**UPH Hospital** construction of the helipad is almost complete. The helipad is located to the South of UPH Hospital and adjacent to the location of the new Emergency Department. As UPH Hospital moves towards becoming a Level 3 Trauma Center, this new facility will allow multiple helicopters to land, park and be stationed on site. This is an exciting project for the UPH Hospital Campus. We appreciate the assistance from Pima County to move this project forward.

**UA Healthcare and College of Nursing** RNs selected as part of Fab 50 nurses. UMC nurses included Norma Battaglia, Victoria Beall, Cynthia Guldborg, Karen Holstin, Anne Joy, Lori Mare, Chere Smith, and Victoria Veronese, Anita Gallardo from UPH Hospital, Pamela Cherry and Carol Mangold from the University of Arizona College of Nursing. Angie Muzzy won the “Most Inspirational Mentor” award and Kristen Kidder won the “Alex Stuetze Memorial Pediatric Nursing Award.”

The **University Medical Center Trauma Team** will be honored March 8 in Phoenix at the 4th Annual Health Care Leadership Awards ceremony sponsored by Arizona Business Magazine. Peter Rhee, MD, medical director of the UMC Trauma Program, will be the keynote speaker. The team is receiving a special award for its stellar response to the tragic shootings of Jan. 8 in Tucson. In addition, Dr. Rhee, neurosurgeon Michael Lemole, MD, and Rainer Gruesner, MD, head of the Department of Surgery, will be honored in April by the Pima County Medical Society as 2011 Doctors of the Year for their part in caring for the shooting victims and strengthening the trauma program.

**The UAH ICD-10 5010 Project teams** have begun to meet on a regular basis. Since combining our efforts, there has been some reorganization of the original teams to ensure we have representation from across UA Healthcare. During the last several weeks the teams have been identifying team functions, responsibilities and tasks. The teams have also been conducting “brainstorming” sessions to help develop timelines for their team’s project plan. Over the next several months we will highlight a team per Newsletter to introduce you to the team, their function and their activities.

**UMC/UAH is a major sponsor of the UA Mortar Board Student Neighborhood Clean-up event on March 26, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.** This is an important UMC/UAH, University, and neighborhood event to demonstrate our support of the University area neighborhoods next to the hospital. As you may know these neighborhoods are under significant pressure to maintain stability and a reasonable proportion of owner-occupied houses and residents. Our UMC helipad operations have also been a challenge for some residents who live close to the UMC campus. Although our altered flight paths have provided significant improvements to mitigating the noise impact, there are times when the helicopters are a significant source of stress for residents trying to sleep or simply enjoy a quiet evening at home. The Jefferson Park Neighborhood directly north of the UMC hospital is an important neighborhood partner with UMC. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Steve Brigham at 694-4225 or Janet Leathers at 694-5031. Volunteers will meet at the Aerospace & Mechanical Engineering (AME) Building on the corner of Speedway and Mountain just before 9:00 a.m.