**General Update**

**University Medical Center in Top 5 of 98 Academic Medical Centers in National Quality Survey**

For the third consecutive year, University Medical Center has won a coveted Quality Leadership Award from the University HealthSystem Consortium (UHC), a national organization comprised of 107 U.S. academic medical centers.

This prestigious award is granted annually to five academic medical centers delivering high-quality care as measured by the UHC Quality & Accountability Study. This year, 98 academic medical centers were included in the analysis, which measured safety, effectiveness, efficiency, equity and patient centeredness.

UMC and four other academic medical centers—University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics, Methodist Hospital of Indiana, Lehigh Valley Health Network in Allentown, Penn., and Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.—were the top scorers in the annual study. UMC’s overall score placed it in the No. 2 spot of 98 academic medical centers, up from No. 4 last year.

Earlier this year UMC was the named one of the 30 Best Hospitals in America by Becker’s Hospital Review magazine. In announcing the award, Becker’s stated: “Each of these 30 winners has put patients’ needs first, driven a variety of innovations and set the bar for high-quality care higher. University Medical Center in Tucson, Ariz., pushes the quality envelope in many directions.”

**David S. Alberts, MD, received the Association of Community Cancer Centers’ 2010 Clinical Research Award** during the ACCC National Oncology Economics Conference Sept. 30 in St. Louis, Mo. The association honored Alberts for his extensive research, leadership and commitment to individuals with cancer. Alberts, whose career has focused on translational cancer prevention and treatment research, is director of the Arizona Cancer Center and Regents Professor of Medicine, Pharmacology, Nutritional Science, and Public Health at the University of Arizona.

**News Regarding AHCCCS Benefits Changes**

Changes to AHCCCS benefits become effective Friday, October 1. This includes the reduction and/or elimination of some adult AHCCCS benefits as legislated by the State in response to the State budget deficit. Also today, officials had planned to begin charging mandatory copayments for some AHCCCS recipients. A federal judge, however, has temporarily blocked Arizona from raising such copays. The stay was issued Oct. 1 by U.S. District Judge Earl Carroll and runs through October 31.