The University of Arizona Health Sciences is the statewide leader in biomedical research and health-professions training. Its network of health-related organizations reach across the state of Arizona and beyond to provide critically needed, highly specialized health and medical training and outreach services to Arizona's major cities, towns, Native American reservations and its most remote communities. With a multidisciplinary, collaborative plan for growth, the UA Health Sciences concentrates on four areas of research excellence: Health Disparities, Population Health and Health Outcomes, Precision Health, and Neuroscience.

Health Disparities
The UA Health Sciences is tackling health disparities by promoting health equity and wellness within all communities—regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, geography, environment or socioeconomic status. Among many new initiatives under way is the establishment of the UA Center for Border Health and Outcomes and the UA Center for Disparities in Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism. The first center will study the impact of legal, employment, environmental, health-care delivery and public-health factors on the health outcomes of people who live on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border. The second center will serve as a nucleus for interdisciplinary research that forms the foundation for advanced, evidence-based clinical care and community outreach.

Population Health and Health Outcomes
The UA Health Sciences studies the health of populations as a whole and measures health outcomes to ensure appropriate resources are reaching the community. As part of this major initiative, UA Health Sciences established the UA Center for Population Science and Discovery to develop practical solutions to improve health outcomes, enhance access to quality health care, reduce health inequities, assess cost-effectiveness and ensure accountability.

Precision Health
The notion that “one size fits all” is over in health care. The UA Health Sciences is building a world-class program to develop novel, targeted therapies tailored to individual patients. The UA Center for Applied Genetics and Genomic Medicine supports health-care providers, genetic counselors and researchers in their efforts to advance precision health approaches for the diagnosis, prediction and treatment of disease, for improved patient care and outcomes and reduced health-care costs.

Neuroscience
More than 1,000 brain disorders affect more than 1 billion people worldwide. Fortunately, the UA boasts some of the best neuroscientists in the nation and they are tackling the biggest questions in brain science, as they also train the next generation of researchers and clinicians. The UA Center for Innovation in Brain Science focuses on cognitive aging in health and disease, chronic pain and traumatic brain injury, stroke and integrative neuroscience, among other areas.

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History
As the only academic health center in the state, UA Health Sciences had its beginnings on the UA campus in Tucson more than 45 years ago and has since expanded statewide with a growing presence in Phoenix, in rural and border areas and beyond.

1967
The Basic Sciences Building of the fledgling UA College of Medicine (now UA College of Medicine – Tucson) opened its doors to the first class of UA medical students.

1971
University Hospital was completed as the primary teaching hospital for the College. These two entities were known as Arizona Medical Center. Within a few years, the long-established UA Colleges of Nursing (1957) and Pharmacy (1947), which opened in the UA College of Liberal Arts, constructed new buildings and joined the hospital and medical college on the budding UA Health Sciences campus.

1994
The UA Health Sciences Phoenix Campus was established to meet the needs of UA medical students in Maricopa County and to provide education and community outreach to the surrounding region.

2000
The UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health became the fourth of the health-sciences colleges on the AHSC campus in Tucson.

2004
University Physicians, Inc., (now Banner – University Medical Group) assumed management of Kino Community Hospital in Tucson, which was renamed University Physicians Hospital (UPH). Known today as Banner – University Medical Center South, the hospital is a secondary teaching hospital for the UA College of Medicine – Tucson.

2007
UA College of Medicine – Phoenix admitted its inaugural class of 24 first-year medical students.

2010
The integration of UMC, UPH and their clinical affiliates resulted in the umbrella organization, The University of Arizona Health Network.

2015
The UA and Banner Health finalized the terms of a 30-year academic affiliation agreement that provides significant capital and investment resources for improvements to clinical facilities, equipment and clinical research and education programs.

The completion of the academic affiliation agreement launched the Banner – University Medicine Division. It includes three academic medical centers and a physicians group serving faculty at the medical centers.

The UA Health Sciences secured continued growth of the Phoenix Biomedical Campus. The Phoenix City Council gave approval to a five-acre expansion of the campus with the UA holding an exclusive 10-year window to develop this parcel.
## Centers and Institutes for Specialized Research and Patient Care

**UA Health Sciences**
[ahsc.arizona.edu/centers-institutes](http://ahsc.arizona.edu/centers-institutes)

- Arizona Institute for Clinical and Translational Science
- UA Cancer Center
- UA Center for Applied Genetics and Genomic Medicine
- UA Center for Disparities in Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism
- UA Center for Elimination of Border Disparities
- UA Center for Innovation in Brain Science
- UA Center for Population Science and Discovery

**UA College of Medicine – Tucson**
[medicine.arizona.edu/about-college/centers](http://medicine.arizona.edu/about-college/centers)

- Arizona Aids Education and Training Center
- Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine
- Arizona Center on Aging
- Arizona Emergency Medicine Research Center
- Arizona Hispanic Center of Excellence
- Arizona Respiratory Center
- Arizona Simulation Technology & Education Center
- Arizona Telemedicine and Telehealth Center
- Clinical and Translational Science Research Center
- Sonoran UCEDD Center for Excellence
- Steele Children’s Research Center
- UA Arthritis Center
- UA Arizona Sarver Heart Center
- Valley Fever Center for Excellence
- VIPER Institute

**UA College of Medicine – Phoenix**
[phoenixmed.arizona.edu/centers](http://phoenixmed.arizona.edu/centers)

- UA Cancer Center at St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center
- Center for Applied Nanobioscience and Medicine
- Center for Simulation and Innovation
- Center for Toxicology and Pharmacy Education and Research
- Arizona Emergency Medicine Research Center (Phoenix)

**UA College of Pharmacy**
[pharmacy.arizona.edu/page/centers](http://pharmacy.arizona.edu/page/centers)

- Arizona Poison and Drug Information
- Center for Toxicology
- Health Outcomes and PharmacoEconomic Research
- Medication Management Center
- Southwest Environmental Health Sciences Center
- UA Superfund Research Program
- Dean Carter Binational Center for Environmental Health Sciences

**UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health**
[publichealth.arizona.edu/centers-and-offices](http://publichealth.arizona.edu/centers-and-offices)

- Arizona Prevention Research Center
- Arizona Public Health Training Center
- Arizona Smokers’ Helpline (ASHLine)
- Asthma Clinical Research Center
- Canyon Ranch Center for Prevention and Health Promotion
- Center for American Indian Resilience
- Center of Excellence in Women’s Health
- Center for Rural Health
- Global Health Institute
- Mountain West Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Center
- Environmental, Exposure Science and Risk Assessment Center