The Arizona Health Sciences Center at the University of Arizona has numerous people, programs and initiatives aimed at improving the state’s health-care workforce, life sciences economy and health-care delivery system. Each month we compile the top stories and notable news items that highlight our efforts and progress in these important areas.

Partnering on Health-Care Transformation

UA Heart Surgeon Dr. Zain Khalpey Receives Grant to Understand Healing Power of Stem Cells
Posted: Jul. 28, 2014
Stem cell therapy shows promise in the repair and regeneration of damaged heart tissue from a heart attack, the leading cause of death and disability in Western society. Understanding the mechanisms of how stem cells react in the body could maximize their efficiency and offer better ways to treat people with heart failure.
Media Mentions:
PRWeb

UA Researchers Study Increasing Lifespan and Immune Function
Posted: Jul. 24, 2014
National Institute on Aging-funded research testing if dietary interventions that extend lifespan increase or decrease immune defense against infection, and help to understand how to achieve optimal healthy longevity.
Media Mentions:
Explorer News
Yuma News Now
Press Release Point

UA Discovery Shows Curcumin Blocks the Metastasis of Colon Cancer by a Novel Mechanism
Posted: Jul. 10, 2014
UA researchers discover one of the mechanisms by which curcumin can prevent cancer cell metastasis in colon cancer.
Media Mentions:
AZ Business Journal
Medical Xpress
Oncology Nurse Advisory

‘Father of Telemedicine’ Dr. Jay H. Sanders Appointed Honorary Chair of Telemedicine and Telehealth Service Provider Showcase
Posted: Jul. 7, 2014
Drs. Jay H. Sanders and Ronald S. Weinstein, both American Telemedicine Association president emeriti, will spearhead the first-of-its-kind convention linking telemedicine medical specialty providers with users, Oct. 6-7 in Phoenix.

AHSC & College of Medicine-Tucson Research Administration Offices Combine to Better Support Faculty Research
Posted: Jul. 4, 2014
In response to the recommendations of the AHSC advisory councils to bolster support for faculty research efforts, the UA College of Medicine – Tucson Research Office has combined with the new AHSC Research Administration Office.

CDC Awards $4 Million to Arizona Prevention Research Center
Posted: Jul. 1, 2014
The award will fund public health prevention research at the University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health with a focus on reducing health disparities among Latinos living in Southern Arizona.

Media Mentions:
Arizona Public Media

Expanding the Life Sciences Enterprise and Health-Care Professional Pipeline

UA College of Medicine – Tucson School Orientation Activities Welcome Class of 2018, Beginning July 30
Posted: Jul. 29, 2014
The University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson welcomes its newest class of medical students with free iPads and three-days of community-building activities, beginning on Wednesday, July 30.

Going Rural: UA Medical Students Spend the Summer Training in Rural Communities
Posted: Jul. 22, 2014
As government agencies report a higher percentage of health-related deaths in rural communities as compared with more urban areas – partially due to less access to qualified physicians and specialists – the University of Arizona is working to increase the number of physicians serving in such communities.

Media Mentions:
Bdnews24.com
Insurancenewsnet.com

UA College of Medicine – Tucson Earns Accreditation Through 2022
Posted: Jul. 14, 2014
In addition to awarding the college accreditation for a full eight-year cycle, the accreditation authority for MD programs in the U.S. and Canada determined that the college has a number of institutional strengths, including mentorship, counseling, community service and service learning opportunities that are distinctive and worthy of emulation.

Media Mentions:
AZ Business Journal
Tucson News Now

UA College of Nursing Ranked Among ‘Most Social Media Friendly Nursing Schools’ for 2014
Posted: Jul. 3, 2014
NurseJournal.org ranked the college at No. 14.

Expanding Access to Low Cost, High Quality Care

UA Battles Breast Cancer with Research, Advanced Treatments and Team Approach
Posted: Jul. 31, 2014
The breast surgeons at the University of Arizona Department of Surgery are leading several clinical trials.

UA Rural Health Conference and Performance Improvement Summit
Posted: Jul. 30, 2014
41st annual conference focuses on access to health care in Arizona’s rural communities.

Media Mentions:
UAnews.org

New System in Arizona Dramatically Improves Survival from Cardiac Arrest
Posted: Jul. 29, 2014
Study Shows Marked Increase in Survival Rates with Routing Change

Media Mentions:
KGUN-TV
KTAR
KJZZ
Medical Xpress
News-Medical.net
HealthCanal.com

U.S. News & World Report Names UA Medical Center Among Best in Nation
The annual U.S. News Best Hospitals rankings, now in its 25th year, recognize hospitals that excel in treating the most challenging patients.

**Media Mentions:**
Arizona Daily Star (7/16)
Arizona Daily Star (7/17)

**Baby Boomers Greatest at-Risk Group of the Silent Killer Infection, Hepatitis C; New Clinic at UAMC Offers Free Screenings**

Posted: Jul. 14, 2014
Each year, more than 2 million people in this nation are infected with the hepatitis C virus. The group with the greatest number of infected individuals is the baby boomer generation, and now, thanks to a free hepatitis C screening clinic at the University of Arizona Health Network, those who unknowingly carry the silent killer virus, can be screened free of charge.

**Media Mentions:**
Arizona Daily Star
KGUN-TV
Tucson Weekly
KTAR

**More than 100 UAHN Physicians among 'Best Doctors in America'**

Posted: Jul. 14, 2014
More than 100 Tucson physicians with the University of Arizona Health Network are ranked among the 2014 Best Doctors in America and are featured in Tucson Lifestyle magazine’s July issue on Best Doctors in Tucson.

**Media Mentions:**
Tucson Lifestyle Magazine

**UA-Led School-Based Asthma Program in Tucson Receives National Recognition**

Posted: Jul. 10, 2014
The University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health is leading a stock Albuterol program in the Sunnyside Unified School District where 87 percent of the population is Latino and 28.3 percent of children under the age of 12 live in poverty.

**Media Mentions:**
Arizona Daily Star
Arizona Daily Wildcat
KVOA-TV

**Free Healthy Eye Screenings**

Posted: Jul. 9, 2014
At the University of Arizona Medical Center and UA Department of Ophthalmology sponsored healthy eye screenings, we check for cataracts, glaucoma, diabetes, macular degeneration and dry eye.

**Media Mentions:**
Tucson Sentinel
Tucson News Now

**Contributing to the Growth of the Arizona Biosciences Economy**

20th Annual Fathers of the Year Awards Dinner and Gala Raises $205,000 for the UA Steele Children’s Research Center

Posted: Jul. 9, 2014
Event celebrates six outstanding Tucson fathers while raising funds to support type 1 diabetes research, clinical programs, faculty recruitment and endowment at the UA Steele Center.

**Media Mentions:**
InsuranceNewsnet.com

**Other News & Notes**

Dr. Mary Koithan Selected for Fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing

Posted: Jul. 31, 2014
Associate Dean of Professional and Community Engagement at the UA College of Nursing among 168 nurse leaders selected for one of the highest honors in the nursing profession.

**University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center Welcomes New Doctors, Notes National Appointments**
Posted: Jul. 29, 2014
Drs. Desai and Doraiswamy join the University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center faculty; Professors Antin and Gregorio appointed to national organizations.

**UA College of Nursing Dean Joan Shaver Inducted into International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame**
Posted: Jul. 28, 2014
For more than 20 years, Dr. Shaver has conducted research in sleep science and women's health. She was among the first to study sleep problems as part of the transition into menopause.

**People and Programs On The Move at the Arizona Health Sciences Center**
Posted: Jul. 28, 2014
Dr. Elizabeth Krupinski recognized as one of the top imaging researchers in the nation by the Academy of Radiology Research; Dr. Nick Giovinco first podiatric surgeon invited to present lecture at Georgia Tech.

**Marianne Capp Hadden Named Director of Development for UA College of Medicine – Tucson**
Posted: Jul. 24, 2014
UA alumna served as director of development for the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health since 2011 and previously had an extensive career with Roche Pharmaceuticals in sales and marketing.

**National Video Awards Won by AHSC Division of BioCommunications’ Michell Bauer and Erica Coleman**
Posted: Jul. 21, 2014
Their videos, ‘Wildcat Diagnosis,’ ‘A Very Brady Medical School’ and ‘Science Fiction Into Fact,’ won four awards, including two Silver Awards of Distinction from The Communicators Awards of the International Academy of Visual Arts and two Telly Awards.

**‘Christmas in July’ at Diamond Children’s: Firefighters from Golder Ranch Fire Department to Give Toys to Hospitalized Children**
Posted: Jul. 16, 2014
Firefighters from Golder Ranch Fire Department are giving Diamond Children’s a “Christmas in July” on Wednesday, July 16, 2-3 p.m.

**People and Programs On The Move At the Arizona Health Sciences Center**
Posted: Jul. 14, 2014
Dr. Frank Walter honored with Arizona’s highest award for public health service; Dr. Ana Maria López honored by Chicanos Por La Causa for being a “cornerstone of our community.”

**UA Department of Pediatrics and the University of Arizona Health Network Welcome New Faculty to the Division of Critical Care**
Posted: Jul. 7, 2014
The University of Arizona Department of Pediatrics and the University of Arizona Health Network welcome new faculty member Brittany Shutes, MD, assistant professor to the Division of Critical Care.