Greetings from the UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences:

The month of May is traditionally filled with the excitement of commencement and celebrating the accomplishments of Arizona Health Sciences Center graduates. To each of our graduating students, we offer our thanks for your contributions to our programs and for the lasting impact you will have as a health sciences center alumnus. And we wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

In this edition of AHSC News, you will read about recent honors, a major new appointment, and a few of our latest accomplishments in research and clinical care. Of particular note is the recent naming of two of our academic teaching hospitals to the 2015 edition of Becker's Hospital Review's "100 Great Hospitals in America."

As has been highlighted previously, a major AHSC strategic undertaking has been the enhanced and expanded program offerings to
provide training for health professionals to become independent basic, clinical and translational researchers. Once again we are offering the AHSC Career Development Award program, designed to provide protected research training and mentorship opportunities for junior faculty members who wish to pursue academic careers in clinical and translational research. AHSC faculty are asked to please encourage promising junior faculty members to apply for this program. Information is available here and applications are due June 15.

In addition, our Clinical and Translational Science Graduate Degree Program is accepting Master of Science and PhD applicants graduate students interested in research careers in clinical and translational research. These career development awards and graduate training programs will help AHSC develop and retain our most talented faculty members and strengthen our biomedical workforce by bringing advancements in health care directly from the laboratory to the bedside.

Joe G.N. “Skip” Garcia, MD
UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences

Dr. Rogers Awarded $1.4 Million Grant to Study Tumor Formation

Dr. Lisse Appointed Telemedicine Medical Director

Jeffrey R. Lisse, MD, professor of medicine and medical director of the UA Arthritis Center’s Osteoporosis Program,
$1.4 million R01 National Institutes of Health grant that will support efforts to reveal new insights into genomic instability, which could lead to new drug targets to combat tumor formation.

**Arizona Poison Centers Welcome Approval of New Snake Antivenom**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved a new antivenom to treat rattlesnake bites. The two poison control centers in Arizona are on track to begin research into the best utilization of snakebite medicines.

**Dr. Murphy Recognized for Excellence in Teaching, Research, Scholarship**

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy will honor John E. Murphy, PharmD, associate dean and professor of has been named medical director of the Arizona Telemedicine Program.

**New Translational Science Graduate Degree Program**

The UA has established a Clinical Translational Science Graduate Degree Program, offering a Master of Science or PhD for college graduates and post-graduate students interested in careers in clinical and translational research.

**Genetic Factors May Affect the Benefit of Resistance Exercise**

Women with a high genetic risk of obesity may benefit less from resistance exercises than those at a lower genetic risk, according to research published in the *International Journal of Obesity.*
academic affairs and assessment at the UA College of Pharmacy, for his excellence as a teacher, his outstanding achievements as an author and mentor and his overall impact on pharmacy education and the profession.

Chicanos Por La Causa Recognizes Dr. ‘Skip’ Garcia for his Leadership

Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc., the third-largest Hispanic nonprofit in the country, recognized Joe G.N. “Skip” Garcia, MD, senior vice president for Health Sciences, for the significant strides he has made in health equity and education at the University of Arizona.

Study Shows No Significant Benefit to Therapeutic Hypothermia in Children

Two Banner Health academic medical centers in Arizona have been named to Becker's Hospital Review's 2015 edition of “100 Great Hospitals in America,” a compilation of some of the most prominent, forward-thinking and focused health-care facilities in the nation.

Dr. Merkle Inducted as Fellow by Western Academy of Nurses

Carrie Merkle, PhD, RN, FAAN, associate professor at the UA College of Nursing, was inducted as a Fellow into the Western Academy of Nurses.

Dr. Rosenfeld Honored with Anna M. Shannon
Diamond Children’s Medical Center at Banner – University Medical Center Tucson was one of 38 children’s hospitals in the United States and Canada to participate in a large-scale study that has shown no significant difference in outcomes for children who received therapeutic hypothermia and children who maintained a normal body temperature after suffering cardiac arrest.

**Mentorship Award**

For the second consecutive year, a UA College of Nursing faculty member has been honored with the Anna M. Shannon Mentorship Award from the Western Institute of Nursing, a collaborative of collegiate nursing schools and health-care agencies in 13 Western states.

**Students Presented at National Symposium**

Two UA College of Medicine – Phoenix students were chosen to present at an American Medical Association symposium.

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**AHSC April Research Grant Awards**

View a monthly listing of Arizona Health Sciences Center grant awards [here](#).