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**

**Arizona Telemedicine Program’s Participation in Mexico’s Congreso de Telesalud Región de las Américas 2014 Opens Doors**

Posted: Sep. 23, 2014

*First time the ATP has been asked to bring training and consultation expertise to Mexico, where the rapid adoption of telemedicine faces the same challenges as the U.S. in reaching out to different populations and very rural areas.*

**14th Annual Himelic Memorial Golf and Dinner Classic, Oct. 3, Raises Funds for ALS Research at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson**

Posted: Sep. 23, 2014

*Golf enthusiasts can experience one of Golf Digest’s “75 Best Golf Resorts in North America”; non-golfers can enjoy dinner, auctions and dancing to live music.*

**UA Receives $1.4 Million for Firefighter Safety Research**

Posted: Sep. 12, 2014

*The University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health will lead a research project in four states to help reduce vehicle crashes and injuries in the fire service.*

**Media Mentions:**

Arizona Daily Wildcat
Fire Apparatus & Emergency Equipment
WFIE-TV
KMSB-TV
KOLD-TV
KTAR News
KVOA Tucson News
Hispanic Business
Fire Rescue 1
Insurance News Net
Fire Chief

**Dr. Elizabeth Calhoun Appointed Executive Director of the New Center for Population Science and Discovery at the Arizona Health Sciences Center**

Posted: Sep. 5, 2014

*Dr. Calhoun is a nationally recognized leader in minority health and health disparities research, with a special focus on breast cancer disparities.*

**Media Mentions:**

Insurance News Net

**Women’s Health Research Symposium: Sex and Gender Differences**

Posted: Sep. 4, 2014

*Presented by the Arizona Health Sciences Library, the event is a forum for the UA campus community to showcase research in women’s health and/or sex and gender differences and to expand cross-campus research collaborations.*
Expanding the Life Sciences Enterprise and Health-Care Professional Pipeline

Dr. Daniel Persky receives leadership award from the National Cancer Institute
Posted: Sep. 24, 2014
The award is a $100,000, two-year supplement to the UACC’s Cancer Center Support Grant. Dr. Persky is the first UACC member to be honored with this recognition. The UACC is one of just 41 NCI-designated comprehensive cancer centers and the only one headquartered in Arizona.

PhD in Nursing Student Selected for University Fellows Award
Posted: Sep. 24, 2014
Dr. Susan Renz, focused on investigating informed decision-making with nursing home residents, has received a prestigious, one-year fellowship from the UA Graduate College.

$1.8M grant supports UA Cancer Center’s cancer biology program
Posted: Sep. 23, 2014
The National Cancer Institute has awarded the University of Arizona Cancer Center a $1.8 million grant to continue training cancer researchers for the future.

Media Mentions:
Arizona Business Magazine

Expanding Access to Low Cost, High Quality Care

Gabriel Ayala Trio Concert to Benefit UA Mobile Health Program, Oct. 12
Posted: Sep. 29, 2014
The Dr. Augusto and Martha Ortiz Endowment helps sustain the UA Mobile Health Program that the Ortizes started in 1976 to provide health care to underserved people of all ages who are unable to pay for health insurance.

November Workshop at UA: Compassion Therapy for Cancer Survivors
Posted: Sep. 29, 2014
On Nov. 1, the Tucson Cancer Action Network will provide an opportunity to connect with others, participate in cancer care planning and experience compassion meditation.

Patients to Participate in ‘Be The Match’ Walk at Diamond Children’s to Raise Awareness of the National Marrow Donor Program
Posted: Sep. 29, 2014
The University of Arizona Medical Center is one of the sponsors for the 2014 Be The Match® Walk/Run. This event raises funds for Be The Match®.

First Responders to be Honored on 6th Annual Heroes Day, Oct. 2; Event Benefits UAMC Trauma Center
Posted: Sep. 25, 2014
News conference honoring this year’s Heroes of The Year nominees begins at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 2, to celebrate Heroes Day 2014 in Southern Arizona.
Media Mentions:
Arizona Daily Star
KVOA-TV

UA Department of Pediatrics and UA Health Network Welcome Dr. Neha Bhasin to Division of Hematology/Oncology/BMT
Posted: Sep. 23, 2014
The University of Arizona Department of Pediatrics and the University of Arizona Health Network welcome new faculty member Neha Bhasin, MD, assistant professor, to the Division of Hematology/ Oncology.
Media Mentions:
Arizona Daily Star

Arizona Health Sciences Center-Affiliated Experts Working With Ebola Virus in West Africa
Posted: Sep. 19, 2014
Experts who have ties to the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson and the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, are working with the Ebola virus outbreak in West Africa and are available to talk to reporters. Dr. Post is not in West Africa but is an internationally recognized expert in global health.
Media Mentions:
UA Arthritis Center Presents ‘Optimal Aging, Rewinding the Clock,’ Oct. 1
Posted: Sep. 18, 2014
Free lecture, open to the public, by Michael Hewitt, PhD, Canyon Ranch Health Resort research director for exercise science.
Media Mentions:
Arizona Daily Star
Jewish Post

Dr. Charles B. Cairns Appointed an Assistant Vice President at AHSC and Vice Dean of the UA College of Medicine – Tucson
Posted: Sep. 15, 2014
A nationally recognized leader in emergency and critical care research, Dr. Cairns has been appointed assistant vice president for clinical research and clinical trials at the Arizona Health Sciences Center, vice dean of the UA College of Medicine – Tucson and professor of emergency medicine. He is scheduled to begin his new duties in November.
Media Mentions:
Arizona Daily Star

UA Center for Integrative Medicine Awarded $1.7 Million to Advance Integrative Primary Care
Posted: Sep. 10, 2014
Designation and federal grant funding designed to provide patients broad access to integrative primary care regardless of socioeconomic status.

UA Pediatric Infectious Disease Expert Available to Discuss Respiratory Virus Affecting Children in the Midwest
Posted: Sep. 10, 2014
Ten states have contacted the CDC for assistance in investigating clusters of the virus in Colorado, North Carolina, Georgia, Ohio, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Kentucky.
Media Mentions:
KVOA Tucson News

Arizona Telemedicine Program at AHSC Announces Speakers for Telemedicine and Telehealth Service Provider Showcase
Posted: Sep. 9, 2014
Roster of 31 national telemedicine innovators and luminaries includes CEOs of telemedicine specialty service providers, telemedicine program and medical directors, legal experts and more.
Media Mentions:
Verde Independent

UA College of Pharmacy Students Team Up with El Rio Neighborhood Center For Free Health Fair for Tucson Community Sept. 20
Posted: Sep. 8, 2014
Free health screenings, health information, raffle, goody bags, more than 50 exhibitors, Spanish translators and health vendor expo.
Media Mentions:
Arizona Daily Star

Docs on Bikes, a Public Health Program in Southwest Tucson, Seeks to Promote Healthy Lifestyles
Posted: Sep. 8, 2014
Medical Residents from the El Rio Community Health Center, participated in the first Docs on Bikes event in August. Martha Monroy (wearing UA red), from the Center of Excellence in Women’s Health at the University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, secured the funding for this program which focuses on promoting healthy lifestyles in Southwest Tucson.

The Three Most Important Questions to Ask Your Doctor About Atrial Fibrillation
Posted: Sep. 4, 2014
September is National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month.
Media Mentions:
KGUN-TV
UAMC Trauma Center Chosen for Clinical Study on New Drug that May Improve Function after Acute Spinal Cord Injury
Posted: Sep. 3, 2014
If effective, the new drug could provide a therapeutic option that would offer these patients a greater opportunity to live independently and lessen the impact of this life-altering trauma on them, their family and on society.
Media Mentions:
KVOA-TV

Tucson Fire Department and UA Department of Emergency Medicine Host Community-Wide Scavenger Hunt for Life-Saving Emergency Defibrillators Sept. 3-30
Posted: Sep. 2, 2014
The HeartMap Tucson Challenge enlists the public’s help to locate the life-saving devices in Tucson and Pima County. The individual or team that identifies the most AEDs wins a $5,000 grand prize.
Media Mentions:
Arizona Daily Star
EMS1.com
KGUN-TV
KVOA-TV
Tucson News Now
The Republic

Other News & Notes

People on the Move at the UA Health Network
Posted: Sep. 30, 2014
The University of Arizona Health Network (UAHN), one of the largest employers in Southern Arizona with more than 6,800 employees, welcomes three new executives to its ranks.

UPH Board Accepts Recommendations of Independent Panel
Posted: Sep. 5, 2014
The University Physicians Healthcare (UPH) Board of Directors voted unanimously today to adopt the recommendations of the independent panel that met last month on the UPH termination of Rainer Gruessner, MD.
Media Mentions:
Arizona Daily Star
Tucson News Now

UAMC to Discontinue Home Health Services in October
Posted: Sep. 4, 2014
University of Arizona Medical Center announced today it will discontinue its home health services in the next 30 days.
Media Mentions:
Arizona Daily Star

UA Steele Children’s Research Center Welcomes New Special Events and Development Coordinators
Posted: Sep. 2, 2014
Katie James, MPA, and Michelle MacDonald have joined the University of Arizona Steele Children’s Research Center as coordinators, special events and development.