Dr. Victoria Murrain Appointed Interim Deputy Dean for Diversity and Inclusion at the UA College of Medicine - Tucson

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I am pleased to announce that Dr. Victoria Murrain has accepted the position of Interim Deputy Dean for Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson.

Dr. Murrain also is Assistant Dean and Designated Institutional Officer for Graduate Medical Education at the Tucson UA South Campus and Associate Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine.

A nationally respected leader in community and rural-based graduate medical education, Dr. Murrain is an active clinician, a gifted educator and an effective advocate and problem solver. As Interim Deputy Dean for Diversity and Inclusion she will serve as Chief Diversity Officer for the UA College of Medicine – Tucson, and, with key stakeholders, will develop a sustainable plan for implementation of clear college-wide policies and strategies pertaining to diversity and inclusion. In that regard, she will establish programs and metrics that reflect outcomes that meet the diversity-and-inclusion vision, develop and implement initiatives focused on building cultural competence and intergroup dialogue and identify ways to more effectively sustain an environment that is inclusive and productive for all students, trainees, faculty and staff in the College of Medicine – Tucson and beyond.

Dr. Murrain received her DO from the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (now Western University) in Pomona, Calif. After completing her Family Medicine residency at the UA, she served as a physician at the South Plains Community Health Center in the Texas panhandle, where she provided care to migrant and seasonal workers. Several years later she returned to the UA as a faculty member, serving in multiple GME-related roles before accepting the opportunity to lead the UA South Campus Graduate Medical Education programs.

Dr. Murrain’s special areas of interest include diversity, community medicine, maternal-fetal medicine and community engagement. Among her many contributions: she developed the Rural Health Obstetrical Program, in conjunction with the mobile health clinic; helped establish the Homeless Teen Program for family and community medicine.
residents and developed and coordinated resident/student community health fair engagement; developed and coordinated the Spanish Language Health Care Disparities Distinction Track; developed and coordinated the Mentoring Program for Underrepresented Students in Medicine and residents (to begin next month); and facilitated the College’s High School Medical Careers event. She also has served as the dean’s liaison to the Faculty Diversity Advisory Council. Dr. Murrain is fluent in Spanish and continuously advocates for the provision of health care to the underserved.

Please join me in congratulating Vicky on her new role!

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