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## **A Message from the Senior Vice President for UA Health Sciences and the Interim Dean for the UA College of Medicine - Tucson**

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Earlier this week, a change in administrative leadership for the Department of Anesthesiology in the College of Medicine – Tucson took place to preserve unity in the pursuit of our mission.

Unity across the University of Arizona Health Sciences community and within every department of the College of Medicine – Tucson is essential to successfully address the increasingly complex health care challenges we face as educators, researchers and care providers. When issues and concerns arise that could be detrimental to our mission of providing cutting-edge health education, research, patient care and community outreach services, it impacts our ability to best serve our students, our patients and the community at large.

Over the last few weeks, we have been made aware of growing concerns within the Department of Anesthesiology about its ability to remain unified and focused on supporting the mission. To preserve the unity of the department and its success, and to help the department move past potential distractions from the mission, Dr. Randal Dull decided this week it was best that he step down from his duties as chair. He will continue to serve as a tenured professor and physician in the department.

An interim chair for the department will be appointed soon, and a national search for a new chair will follow. For the immediate future, Dr. Kron will serve as acting chair of the department, in addition to continuing in his roles as interim dean and as professor in the Department of Surgery. Throughout this process, UAHS and COM-T leadership will continue to work with the department to ensure a smooth transition.

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