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THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

College of Medicine – Tucson

MISSION: Advancing health and wellness through education, research and patient care.

HISTORY:
• The University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson admitted its first class of 32 students in 1967.
• The UA College of Medicine – Tucson was initially accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education in 1965, and in 2014 received full re-accreditation through 2022.

RESEARCH:
• Total annual research awards for the College have grown from $51 million in FY14 to $100.7 million in FY18.
• The College of Medicine – Tucson jumped from participating in 129 clinical trials in 2016 to 216 trials in 2018.

FACULTY AND STAFF:
• Medical students and residents receive instruction from 1,432 UA faculty members: 566 full- and part-time salaried, 329 affiliate and 537 associate (volunteer) faculty members.
• Nearly 1,000 staff members call the College of Medicine – Tucson home.

STUDENTS AND EDUCATION:
• Each year, the UA College of Medicine – Tucson admits approximately 120 students. The College received nearly 10,000 applications for the Class of 2023, a total application increase of more than 37 percent from the Class of 2021.
• The College currently has 515 medical students who are actively involved in faculty research initiatives and Tucson community service activities.
• With more than 1,850 undergraduates, the College of Medicine – Tucson has the largest undergraduate science education degree program in the world.
• The College offers three dual-degree programs in MD-PhD, MD-MPH and MD-MBA. Twenty-six students are enrolled in the MD-PhD program and one student is currently pursuing a MD-MBA.

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**Facilities**
- The College of Medicine – Tucson facilities currently encompass more than 455,000 square feet of classroom, lab and office space.
- UA clinical partner Banner Health opened a new $446 million, 670,000-square-foot hospital in April 2019. The new building replaced the aging hospital complex and includes 228 private rooms, 20 operating rooms and 649 licensed beds. It also includes $50 million in new patient-care equipment and computer technology.
- In the spring of 2017, Banner – University Medicine North, a $100 million outpatient clinic, opened in Tucson. The new 208,000-square-foot clinic houses numerous specialties, including cardiology, gastroenterology and general surgery.

**Alumni:**
- There are 4,361 MedCats worldwide. Of those, 2,310 reside in Arizona.

**Residency Programs:**
- The UA College of Medicine – Tucson Graduate Medical Education Program oversees 59 ACGME-accredited residency programs in all major specialties and subspecialties.
- The UA College of Medicine at South Campus Graduate Medical Education Program oversees four ACGME-accredited residency programs (medicine, ophthalmology, emergency medicine and family medicine) and one fellowship in medical toxicology.
- More than 700 residents and fellows are training at more than 35 sites, including the College’s primary teaching hospitals, Banner – University Medical Center Tucson and Banner – University Medical Center South, as well as the Southern Arizona VA Health System, the Tucson Medical Center and various Indian Health Service locations.

**Innovations and Breakthroughs:**
1963 - The College of Medicine – Tucson is established as the state’s first medical school.
1974 - Researchers develop the first artificial wrist.
1979 - Physicians perform Arizona’s first heart transplant.
1985 - Physicians successfully use the world’s first total artificial heart as a bridge to transplant.
1990 - The University of Arizona Cancer Center, founded by College of Medicine – Tucson faculty in 1978, receives one of the first comprehensive cancer center designations in the U.S. from the National Cancer Institute (NCI).
2004 - The Sarver Heart Center introduces cardiocerebral resuscitation, a significantly improved method to increase the survival rate of patients with cardiac arrest.
2005 - Arizona’s first medical simulation lab – ASTEC – is established.
2016 - Researchers in the College of Medicine – Tucson are appointed lead investigators for the largest peer-reviewed National Institutes of Health grant in Arizona history ($43 million).
Department and Centers:
The College has 20 departments – five basic science and 15 clinical science – and nine centers and institutes dedicated to specific areas of research, clinical care and teaching:

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