Dr. Michael M.I. Abecassis Appointed Dean of UA College of Medicine – Tucson

Michael M.I. Abecassis, MD, MBA, has been appointed dean of the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson. His appointment begins early November 2019, as he becomes the ninth dean of the college since its founding in 1967.

Dr. William Cance Named Interim Director of UA Cancer Center

William Cance, MD, deputy director of the UA Cancer Center in Phoenix and a renowned oncology surgeon and physician-
scientist, has been appointed interim director of the UA Cancer Center.

Summer Institute on Medical Ignorance Cultivates Student Curiosity

Thirty high school students from across Arizona spent the summer at the University of Arizona, where they were steeped in ignorance — a misunderstood concept that should be understood simply as the first step in the process of scientific discovery.

Med-Start: 50 Years Helping Young People Prepare for Their Future in the Health Professions

Fifty years ago — just two years after the UA College of Medicine in Tucson welcomed its first class of medical students — about 20 high school students came to the campus to attend the first Med-Start summer program and learn firsthand what it takes to be a health-care professional.

Future Physicians, Researchers Spend Transformative Summer on the U.S.-Mexico Border

FRONTERA, or Focusing Research on the Border Area, prepares Arizona’s future health-care professionals and researchers to tackle the health challenges unique to the U.S.-Mexico border area, a mostly rural, bicultural region with interconnected communities on both sides of the border.
Banner – University Medicine Supports First-Year UA Medical Students with New Stethoscopes

For the second year in a row, Banner – University Medicine will provide each new medical student at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson a stethoscope. The gift of 120 stethoscopes is valued at $20,500.

UA Seeks to Improve Mining Safety

Researchers at the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health will study alternatives to diesel fuel, used to power equipment in underground mines, to reduce cancer and respiratory disease in miners, thanks to a $1.78 million grant from the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health.

Two Nursing Faculty Members Selected as Fellows in American Academy of Nursing

The American Academy of Nursing announced that UA College of Nursing’s Sheila M. Gephart, PhD, RN, and Ruth E. Taylor-Piliae, PhD, RN, FAHA, will join 231 other distinguished nurse leaders in the academy’s 2019 class of fellows during the academy’s annual policy conference.

UA Alumnus Leaves $8.8M to College of Medicine – Tucson

The UA College of Medicine – Tucson received an $8.8 million gift from the estate of Ronald K. Baker, MD, a 1975 alumnus of the college, including the largest endowed scholarship gift ever received by the college.
Bringing Diagnostic Tools to Rural Villages

Scott Litton, a second-year medical student at the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix, is changing diagnostic care for patients in rural villages in the Dominican Republic.

The Healthy Dose: Keep Your Skin Safe from Summer Sun

Lisa Quale, health educator at the UA Skin Cancer Institute provides ways to keep your skin healthy in the sun-drenched Sonoran Desert.

UPCOMING EVENTS

| JUL 19 | White Coat Ceremony Phoenix |
| JUL 26 | White Coat Ceremony Tucson |
| AUG 1-2 | 46th Annual Arizona Rural Health Conference |

UAHS IN THE NEWS

More than 5,000 valley fever cases reported in Arizona this year

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Arizona’s 54th State Legislative Session: Initiatives that impact clinicians and their patients

The Arizona Pulse

Tucson Tech: UA startup developing hand-held eye testing device

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