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A Message from the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences

Dear Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to announce the appointment of **Dr. Charles B. Cairns** as the next Dean of the College of Medicine – Tucson, effective April 11, 2016. As interim Dean of the College for the past 14 months, Dr. Cairns has provided outstanding leadership stability and played a critical role in the transition of the College's clinical practice group under the University's Academic Affiliation Agreement with Banner Health. His leadership skills and passion for academic excellence have been recognized and embraced by faculty, trainees and staff across the College and by our colleagues within the University and from Banner Health.



Charles B. Cairns, MD

Through his thoughtful engagement during the national search process, Dr. Cairns emerged as the candidate of choice to lead the College of Medicine – Tucson and to work with me during this critical next phase of the development of the University of Arizona Health Sciences, the College, and our Tucson-based academic medical centers, in partnership with Banner Health. I am excited by the opportunity to continue to work with Dr. Cairns and to support his efforts to further advance the College's stature in education, research, clinical care, diversity and community engagement.

Dean Cairns' background is stellar. Prior to joining the UA, Dr. Cairns was professor and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He served as the principal investigator of the National Collaborative for Bio-preparedness, funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Dr. Cairns currently serves as director of the U.S. Critical Illness and Injury Trials (USCIIT) Group, which is funded by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences to promote evidence-based clinical trials in the critically ill or injured. He has published more than 160 scientific articles in prestigious journals. He has received numerous awards and honors, including the Emergency Medicine Foundation (EMF) Established Investigator Award, the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) Outstanding Contribution in Research Award and the 2014 John Marx Leadership Award, the highest award of the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine.

I am grateful to search committee co-chairs, Dr. Andrew Kraft and Dr. Kenneth Ramos, and to all the members of the search committee who contributed their valuable time in support of this successful recruitment effort. The pool of candidates was truly exceptional, reflecting the College's outstanding reputation and the tremendous opportunities for programmatic distinction on the national level.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Cairns on his appointment and in supporting him in attaining our shared vision of success for the College!

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