Greetings from the UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences

It is my great pleasure to announce the appointment of Dr. Charles B. Cairns as the eighth dean of the College of Medicine – Tucson effective April 11, 2016. After serving 14-months as interim dean and participating in an exhaustive national search process, Dr. Cairns emerged as the candidate of choice to lead the College. His leadership skills and passion for academic excellence were recognized by faculty, trainees and staff across the College and by our colleagues within the University and from Banner Health. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Cairns on his appointment and in supporting him in attaining our shared vision of success for the College!

I am also pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Kenneth S. Ramos, as the interim dean of the College of Medicine – Phoenix effective April 18, 2016. Dr. Ramos brings a depth of experience across the tripartite mission areas of education, research and clinical service as recognized by his election to the National Academy of Medicine this past October. Dr. Ramos has a keen understanding of the history and ongoing development of the College of Medicine – Phoenix and UA Health Sciences programs on the Phoenix Biomedical Campus. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Ramos into this interim role.

In addition, please join me in welcoming Dr. Lawrence Mandarino as the new director of the UA Center for Disparities in Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism at UAHS. Dr. Mandarino is an internationally recognized translational researcher with focus on endocrine and metabolic disorders. He will lead UAHS’ efforts to accelerate interdisciplinary research toward the prevention, treatment and cure of diabetes and related conditions.
In this issue of UAHS News, you also will read about our latest accomplishments in research and recent honors and awards. Of particular note, UAHS emergency medicine researchers have joined a nationwide, multicenter collaborative study to develop a quicker, more accurate diagnostic test to better treat babies 2 months or younger with serious infections. The goal of the study is to validate a test that will determine if an infection is bacterial or non-bacterial, thereby sparing many newborns from unnecessary antibiotics, invasive procedures and hospitalizations.

Lastly, as many are aware, a major ongoing UAHS strategic undertaking is the enhanced and expanded program offerings to provide training for health professionals to become independent basic, clinical and translational researchers. Once again we are offering the UAHS Career Development Award program, designed to provide protected research training and mentorship opportunities for junior faculty members who wish to pursue academic careers in clinical and translational research. These career development awards and graduate training programs help UAHS develop and retain our most talented faculty members and strengthen our biomedical workforce by bringing advancements in health care directly from the laboratory to the bedside. UAHS faculty are asked to please encourage promising junior faculty members to apply for this program. Information is available here and applications are due June 15.

This is a very exciting time at UAHS and I am grateful for the level engagement of our faculty, students and staff who are working to and strengthen and shape the UAHS enterprise through innovation and collaboration and create one of the nation’s premier academic health centers.

Best,
Joe G.N. “Skip” Garcia, MD
UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences

UA Health Sciences Leaders Among Phoenix Magazine’s Top 25 ‘Maestros of Medicine’

Joe G.N. “Skip” Garcia, MD, and Bentley J. Bobrow, MD, were nominated by a panel of impartial experts in Arizona’s health care sector, including researchers, clinicians, executives and academics.
Dr. Cooley Appointed Associate Interprofessional Education Director

Janet Cooley, PharmD, director of experiential education for the UA College of Pharmacy and assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, has been appointed as the college’s associate interprofessional education director.

UA Nurse-Scientists Recognized for Contributions to Advancing Research, Practice and Education

Nearly 50 nurse-scientists and scholars from the UA College of Nursing, participated in the Western Institute of Nursing 49th Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference.

Dr. Mandarino to Head new UA Center for Disparities in Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism

Lawrence J. Mandarino, PhD, has been appointed to lead the new UA Center for Disparities in Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism at the UA Health Sciences.

Dr. Thomson Receives UA Distinguished Outreach Faculty Award

Cynthia Thomson, PhD, RDN, professor of health promotion sciences in the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public
Health, has received the UA Distinguished Outreach Faculty Award for 2016.

The 5th Vital Sign and America’s Painkiller Epidemic

The U.S. health-care system has become much more aggressive in treating pain over the last 15 years and just as with any medical intervention at times there are adverse side effects.

Researchers to Study Quicker, More Accurate Detection of Bacterial Infections in Infants with Fever

UA Department of Emergency Medicine researchers have joined a nationwide, multicenter collaborative study to develop a quicker, more accurate diagnostic test to better treat “febrile” infants – babies 2 months or younger – with serious infections.

Dr. Cairns Named Dean of UA College of Medicine – Tucson

Charles B. Cairns, MD, a nationally recognized leader in emergency medicine and critical care research has been appointed dean of the UA College of Medicine – Tucson.
Dr. Ramos appointed Interim Dean of UA College of Medicine – Phoenix

Kenneth S. Ramos, MD, PhD, PharmB, an internationally recognized expert in genomics and predictive biology, environmental and molecular medicine and toxicology has been appointed interim dean of the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix.

UPCOMING EVENTS

| MAY 4 | MINI-MEDICAL SCHOOL 3.0 |
| MAY 6 | JAMES E. DALEN DISTINGUISHED LECTURE FOR HEALTH POLICY |
| MAY 12 | 14TH ANNUAL SYDNEY E. SALMON MD, AWARD LECTURE |

UAHS IN THE NEWS

UA to Tackle Border Health Issues with New Center

*Nogales International*

Telemedicine Helps Sustain Rural Health Care

*Tri-Valley Dispatch*

Researchers find Moderate Vascular Risk in Southwest Native Population

*Science Newsline*
View a monthly listing of UA Health Sciences grant awards here.