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Happy 1st Birthday to Us!
It seems incredible that we already are recognizing the anniversary of the
University of Arizona Health Network’s purchase by Banner Health and the
establishment of a 30-year academic affiliation agreement between the
University of Arizona and Banner.

It is an understatement to say that the past year has seen a tremendous
amount of hard work to integrate a private health network anchored by an
academic medical center into Banner Health, a community health system. But
we are very happy to report that a solid foundation has been laid to ensure the
delivery of academic-based medical care across Arizona through a remarkable
30-year affiliation between Banner and the University of Arizona Colleges of
Medicine in Phoenix and Tucson.

This achievement has been made possible by more than 10,000 outstanding
health professionals who have come together into a single, statewide
academic division within Banner. This new division includes Banner –
University Medical Center Phoenix, Banner – University Medical Center
Tucson, Banner – University Medical Center South, as well as Banner –
University Medical Group. It is also the result of a partnership that is uncommon in the nation: a
decades-long, private-public collaboration designed to serve Arizona’s long-term health needs
through an academic enterprise that has served notice of a new era in academic medicine on a
national stage.

As we move forward in 2016 and the coming years, the most visible elements of our progress in
Phoenix and Tucson will be major construction projects at the Banner – University Medical
Centers. Aging infrastructure at both academic campuses will be replaced or updated by this
investment in the clinical operations. These projects are critical to support the teaching and
training of physicians as well as the research and cutting-edge medical care associated with
academic medical centers. Read More

Peter Fine       Ann Weaver Hart
President and CEO  President
Banner Health       The University of Arizona
Video: Why 2 Employers in 1 Medical Group?
Are you still wondering why some Tucson faculty are employed by UA and why some are employed by Banner? To answer that complex question and provide some historical background, COM-T Interim Dean Chuck Cairns, MD, and Kathy Bollinger, executive VP for Banner – University Medicine, addressed physician liaisons from each department on Feb. 23 in Tucson. Their hour-long presentation was videotaped and is viewable here or on the BUMG App site. If you still have questions, please contact Tucson BUMG Chief Clinical Affairs Officer Pradeep Kadambi at pkadambi@email.arizona.edu.

Going Up at Banner – UMC Phoenix
Construction is well underway at Banner – UMC Phoenix for a new Emergency Department to be topped by a 16-floor patient tower. The Emergency Department is scheduled to open in July 2017 and the 256-bed tower will open in late 2018. You can view construction progress at BUMCP via this webcam.

Banner Health is investing $967 million in construction projects at its academic medical centers at BUMCP and BUMCT. “Banner’s pledge to significantly enhance the academic campuses in Phoenix and Tucson is part of our commitment with the University of Arizona to ensure excellent care throughout the communities served by these institutions and to sustain outstanding training for physicians for decades to come,” said Banner Health President Peter Fine.

Welcome New BUMG Providers in Tucson
In March, Banner – University Medical Group welcomes two familiar faces back to Tucson: general surgeon (and former UA surgical resident) Kaitlyn Gilman, MD, as well as pediatric geneticist H. Eugene Hoyme, MD. Dr. Hoyme, who is board-certified in pediatrics, clinical genetics and clinical cytogenetics, was a UA College of Medicine faculty member in Tucson in the 1990s before taking posts at Stanford and at the Sanford School of Medicine at the University of South Dakota. Welcome back, Drs. Hoyme and Gilman!

Also joining the practice this month are the following advanced practice providers:
Stacie Connors, CRNA, Anesthesiology, BUMCT
Allison Crawford, NP, Pediatrics, BUMCT
Robyn Green, NP, Emergency Medicine, BUMCT
Rose Anna Harris, NP, Emergency Medicine, BUMCS
Amy Maubach, NP, Family Medicine, BUMCS

Update from the UA Colleges of Medicine
Today officials with the Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education and the UA Colleges of Medicine in Tucson and Phoenix signed an agreement to establish the Navajo Nation Future Physicians’ Scholarship Fund to help more Navajo students pursue careers as physicians.

Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez; UA Health Sciences Assistant Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion Francisco Moreno, MD; COM-T Interim Dean
Charles Cairns, MD; and UA COM-P Associate Dean of Admissions Tara Cunningham, EdD, were among those who participated in the signing ceremony.

“This agreement is historic for us,” President Begaye said. “We have never had a relationship with any medical school anywhere in the country. And for the University of Arizona to open its doors and its schools for this to happen is really phenomenal. We are excited about seeing seven students enter this program and then bringing them home when they are done with their medical education.”

Increasing the diversity of the physician workforce is a top priority for both UA medical schools. Key points of the Navajo Nation Future Physicians’ Scholarship Fund include:
- The fund will provide financial aid to cover students’ tuition, and academic support for up to seven Navajo scholars per year, to help them earn a medical degree from either college.
- Current UA medical students will be eligible for the awards, as will students who are accepted into the PMAP and PSP programs.
- Navajo medical students who receive support from the Navajo Nation Future Physicians’ Scholarship Fund, and earn their medical degrees, will be required to serve the Navajo people for a minimum of five years upon completing their post-MD medical residency programs.
- The UA Colleges of Medicine in Tucson and Phoenix will match the scholarship funds provided to students by the Navajo Department of Diné (Navajo) Education.
- The agreement goes into effect July 1 for six years, when it will be reviewed for renewal.

**BUMG Executive Directors: Who Does What?**
You may recall that the clinical areas for which BUMG executive directors are administratively responsible recently were re-distributed so that Phoenix and Tucson each have executive directors dedicated to meeting the needs of their distinctive markets.

Executive directors are responsible for bridging the operational needs between UA departments and the clinical practice. In Phoenix, executive directors report to Gayle Cassidy, BUMG VP for Operations - Phoenix. They are:

**Jori Davis**, 602-839-4522
Medicine services, neurosciences and medical imaging

**Heidi Ward**, 602-839-3165
Primary care, family medicine, psychiatry, emergency medicine, women’s health

In Tucson, executive directors report to Becky Zehngut, BUMG VP for Operations - Tucson. They are:

**Julie Ebersole**, 520-694-2160
Medicine services, cancer services, radiation oncology

**Heather Hartling**, 520-694-1264
Ob-Gyn, pediatrics, emergency, family & community medicine, psychiatry

**Quentin Jones**, 520-694-3909
Surgery services, neurology, medical imaging, anesthesiology, orthopaedics, ophthalmology, pathology, otolaryngology
Tucson: Lab Testing Transition
Please note that effective April 1, the following tests will be performed in the chemistry department in the BUMCT Lab rather than at the UACC / North and Orange Grove cancer centers:

Amylase
Lipase
Creatine Kinase (CK)
Urine creatinine (random and 24 hour)
Urine total protein (random and 24 hour)
Creatinine clearance (random and 24 hour)

Please call Catherine Spier, MD, director of HLA, Hematology, at 520-626-3100 with questions or concerns.

Mark Your Calendar
Phoenix
Biomedical Research Advancement Workshops
8 a.m.- 5 p.m. March 23-24
Health Sciences Education Building, Phoenix Biomedical Campus
Presented by COM-P and the Arizona Biomedical Research Commission
Information and to register: Gabriela Escobar, gescobar@email.arizona.edu

Tucson
Cindy Wool Memorial Lecture on Humanism in Medicine: *The Cup of Coffee Conversation: How We Improve Our Culture of Respect*
Speaker: Dan Shapiro, PhD, former UA clinical psychologist
Noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, March 30
DuVal Auditorium, BUMCT. Lunch provided. RSVP: andreal@medadmin.arizona.edu

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Email your questions and comments to BUMGquestions@bannerhealth.com, and they will be answered by the appropriate executive. Frequent questions will be shared in future communications.

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Banner Looking Forward With New Tucson Hospital, Clinic
Kathy Bollinger, executive VP for Banner – University Medicine

Man Survives Terrifying Rattlesnake Bite in the Valley, Doctors Warn of Snake Dangers
BUMCP medical toxicologist Frank LoVecchio, DO

Best Friend Turned Life Saver by Donating Kidney
Robert Harland, MD, BUMCT surgery director of solid organ transplantation