May 26 BUMCT Tower Groundbreaking Ceremony

Please plan to attend a ground-breaking ceremony at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 26 to celebrate the construction of the new nine-story tower at Banner – UMC Tucson. The $400 million tower will open in 2019.
Speakers include Banner – University Medicine Executive VP Kathy Bollinger, UA President Ann Weaver Hart, BUMCT CEO Tom Dickson, UAHS Associate VP for Clinical Research and Health Initiatives Akinlolu Ojo, MD, COM-T Dean Chuck Cairns, MD, and Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild. Light refreshments will be served.

Two Wins for Banner – UMC Phoenix

Congratulations to the faculty and staff of Banner – University Medical Center Phoenix, recently named to Becker’s Hospital Review’s 2016 “100 Great Hospitals in America” list.

“Hospitals included on the list are home to many medical and scientific breakthroughs, provide best-in-class patient care and are stalwarts of their communities, serving as research hubs or local anchors of wellness,” according to Becker’s.

Also this month, Donor Network of Arizona has confirmed that out of 58 participating Arizona hospitals and health-care facilities, Banner – University Medical Center Phoenix is this year’s winner in achieving the most organ donation registrants at 546 signed cards during April’s Healthcare for Hope campaign. Great job!

Tucson Welcomes 289 New Nurses Since January

Did you know that 289 RNs have been hired since January at our Tucson hospitals and clinics, including 101 new graduates? This total also includes 19 nurses who left our organization but have returned to work with us. Nurse retention is improving, too.

We currently have opening for 102 nurses. If you know a great RN who might be interested in joining us, our Recruitment Team would love to hear it! Please contact Senior Recruitment Manager Theresa McKay.
Jim Seager, Tucson’s New CFO

Jim Seager, CPA, the new chief financial officer for the hospitals and BUMG in Tucson, started work on Monday.

Jim comes to us from California, where he was fiscal officer/comptroller for the Riverside University Health System. Before that he worked for many years with Loma Linda University Medical Center and Children’s Hospital, ultimately as vice president of finance.

Geriatric Consult Clinic Opens at BUMCT

A Geriatric Consultation Clinic is now open in the Multispecialty Outpatient Clinic at BUMCT on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Services include consultations in the diagnosis and management of geriatric syndromes and conditions such as dementia, frailty, weight loss, depression, insomnia, multi-morbidity, polypharmacy and falls for complex patients 70 years of age or older.

“The goal is to provide patients with the highest value care possible in support of the patients’ primary care provider. Referring physicians will promptly receive a consultation letter and a phone call if necessary,” said internal medicine and geriatric specialist Paul Gee, MD.

BUMG physicians may refer patients using the Epic system under “Ambulatory Geriatrics.” All consult requests must include the patient’s name, date of birth, contact information and the reason for the referral.

New BUMG Providers in 2016, Phoenix
Our practice is growing! Here’s a list of new hires who have started or will be joining Banner – Medical Group in Phoenix this year. More to come.

**January**
Paul C. Geimer, DO, physiatry  
Adella DeHaro, NP, acute care  
Martha Gulati, MD, cardiology, non-invasive

**February**
Tiffany Graybill, DO, internal medicine, general  
Anushka Perera MD, physiatry  
Paul Robert Kowalski, MD, neurology  
Adnan Habib, MD, hospitalist

**March**
Rose Taylor, NP, acute care  
Jessica Wilson Arkin, NP, rheumatology

**April**
Jennifer Preston, MD, general surgeon

**May**
Scott Haferkamp, MD, internal medicine  
Michael Demeure, MD, surgery, endocrine  
Angel L Chu-Peterson, NP, NP hospitalist

**June**
Sabrina Pojar, DO, family medicine with OB  
Richard D. Sue, MD, critical care pulmonary medicine  
Javier Magrina, MD, ob-gyn, gynecological oncology  
Amanda Cattelino, general psychiatry  
Sean F. Wolfort, MD, plastic surgery

**July**
Thomas Ardiles, MD, critical care intensivist  
Aaron Min Kang, MD, toxicology  
Shehzad Hassan Ayub, DO, general psychiatry
Banner – University Medical Group and the UA Department of Pediatrics in Tucson recently welcomed two new Diamond Children’s pediatricians.

William L. Holm, MD, clinical assistant professor, has joined the Division of General Pediatrics. He will provide general pediatric care for children at Banner – University Medicine Multi-Specialty Services – Pediatrics and specialized endocrine care for children at Diamond Children’s Multi-Specialty Center. He is board certified in general pediatrics and pediatric endocrinology.

Dr. Holm received his medical degree from the UA College of Medicine – Tucson. He completed a residency in pediatrics from USC Medical Center, and then completed a fellowship in pediatric endocrinology from UCLA Medical Center. Before joining the UA and Banner, Dr. Holm worked as a pediatric endocrinologist at Dignity Health Medical Group, in Henderson, Nev.
Catherine S. Riley, MD, assistant professor, has joined the Division of Genetics and Behavioral Pediatrics.

As a pediatric developmental and behavioral pediatrician, Dr. Riley will provide care to children with autism, ADHD, language delay, learning challenges and other developmental/behavioral issues at Diamond Children’s Multi-Specialty Center and the Children’s Clinics for Rehabilitation. She is board certified in general pediatrics and developmental-behavioral pediatrics.

Dr. Riley received her MD from Mayo Medical School and completed a residency in pediatrics at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Va. She went on to complete a fellowship in developmental and behavioral pediatrics at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, where she worked as a developmental-behavioral pediatrician before coming to Tucson.

Banner, Phoenix VA Partner on Surgical Care for Veterans

Banner Health is partnering with Phoenix VA Health Care System on a unique public-private partnership that will help expedite outpatient surgical care to thousands of veterans in the Phoenix area.

Details of the partnership were announced at a news conference May 16 at Banner Health’s SurgiCenter across the street from Banner – University Medical Center Phoenix.

This unique public-private partnership will help expedite care to veterans requiring outpatient surgery by providing VA physicians an additional surgical facility in which to perform surgeries. Nearly 2,500 surgeries per year are expected to be performed at the SurgiCenter by VA physicians over the span of the five-year agreement.

More than two dozen physicians with the Phoenix VA Health Care System, including surgeons and anesthesiologists, will perform surgeries at the Banner outpatient surgery center. Clinical, technical and administrative staff employed by Banner Health will support the delivery of care.
Update from the UA College of Medicine – Tucson

Congratulations to Carol Gregorio, PhD, who was appointed vice dean for innovation and development in the UA College of Medicine – Tucson. In this role, she will enhance innovation and development through strategic partnering and team building, and will provide strategic vision, oversight, liaison activities and advocacy for COM-T research.

Dr. Gregorio will continue as head of the Department of Cellular and Molecular Medicine and as director of the UA Sarver Heart Center Molecular Cardiovascular Research Program.

Update from the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix

On April 27, the Arnold P. Gold Humanism Honor Society inducted 10 COM-P students and two faculty members who are exemplars of compassionate care. The society is dedicated to supporting and recognizing humanism and professionalism in medicine.
Often, students are evaluated solely on their test scores and course grades, but the Gold Humanism Honor Society emphasizes the importance of compassionate care and traits such as empathy, respect, altruism and integrity. Those honored were faculty members Marci Moffitt, MD, and Katie Brite, MD, and students Julia Bedard, Weihua Chen, Kenneth Johnson, Sarah Kellerhals, Jeffrey Kim, Alexander Kovacs, Ashkon Mahmoudi, Kelsi Manley, Sarah Monks and Jaime Perkins.

**Tucson: Medical Devices & Patient Safety Issues, June 6**

Risk Management has invited a speaker from MedSun’s Medical Product Safety Network to discuss patient safety issues related to medical devices from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 6 in Kiewit Auditorium in the University of Arizona Cancer Center.

Learn how to improve patient safety by recognizing and reporting problems with medical devices, especially problems involving human error.

The trend toward more sophisticated and complicated technology is shaping the delivery of health care, both in the hospital and the home. Health-care providers using new and traditional device technology for patient care are in a unique position to recognize and report actual and potential adverse events, and to identify the impact of human factors.

**Save the Date: 27th Annual Trauma Conference, Aug. 4 & 5**
Happy National Trauma Awareness Month to our Level 1 Trauma Teams at Banner -- UMC Tucson and Phoenix!

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**In the News**

**Quick Arm Test Accurately Identifies Markers of Frailty in Older Adults Facing Surgery**
Bellal Joseph, MD, BUMCT trauma surgeon

**Douglas Mom Prepared for the Fight of Her Life**
Pavani Chalasani, MD, oncologist at the University of Arizona Cancer Center / North

**Moving Up: Dr. Gordon Carr**
Gordon Carr, MD, new chief medical officer at BUMCT

**Preventing Asthma in Children: UA Researchers are One Step Closer**
Pediatric pulmonologists Fernando Martinez, MD, and Wayne Morgan, MD

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