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In the News

FAQs from the Physician Compensation Committee

The Banner – University Medical Group Compensation Committee has prepared a “Frequently Asked Questions” document to address common concerns that have cropped up at compensation plan information sessions. Please refer to the Compensation Update email you received earlier today, or view the FAQs on the BUMD mobile site.

If you have other questions or need further clarification, please email them to BUMGquestions@bannerhealth.com. Thank you for your commitment to BUMG and our University of Arizona partnership!

‘Best of Banner’ Awards for Phoenix BUMG Clinics

Congratulations to BUMG’s Liver Disease Center Clinic and the Endocrinology Clinic, both located inside Banner – UMC Phoenix, for winning Banner’s Best Awards at Banner Health’s recent Leadership Matters conference. The clinics were recognized for big boosts in their patient satisfaction scores in the categories of “likelihood to recommend” and “courtesy and respect of staff.”

BUMCT Tower Groundbreaking Ceremony, May 26

Please plan to attend a public celebration at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 26, to kick off construction of the new nine-story tower at Banner – UMC Tucson. The $400 million tower is slated to open in 2019.

Banner – University Medicine Executive VP Kathy Bollinger and UA President Ann Weaver Hart will be among dignitaries leading the celebration. All are invited to come watch us grow!

Meanwhile, keep abreast of progress on the hospital tower construction at the new BUMCT Expansion website.

TUCSON: Town Halls, Hospital Week Lunches

Banner – University Division leaders will provide updates on construction, finances and operations this month at hour-long Town Halls at both Tucson hospitals. Please try to attend in person or view online. The schedule is:
Scott Hofferber has been named chief operating officer for Banner – University Medical Group. In this critical role, his task will be to operationalize one highly reliable and coordinated clinical delivery model for the practice plan in both Tucson and Phoenix. He will begin June 6.

Hofferber joins Banner most recently from University of Missouri – Colombia where he was the executive director of University Physicians, overseeing clinical operations of a physician practice plan with 530 physicians and 120 non-physician providers, and was associate dean for clinical practice. He has nearly 25 years of executive leadership experience in academic medicine and multi-specialty medical groups, including having served as COO of the University of California San Diego Medical Group as well as administrator for the Department of Medicine at Emory University.

"I am particularly excited to have Scott join our leadership team, not only for his proven expertise in managing the operational complexities of a large faculty practice in a rapidly changing health-care environment, but also for his leadership approach as a strong collaborator who recognizes that a key to our long-term success as Banner – University Medicine Division is our collective ability to use ‘we’ instead of ‘I’ as we re-invent academic medicine in the state of Arizona," said Executive Vice President Kathy Bollinger.

Jeff Buehrle has been serving as both the BUMD chief financial officer and BUMG COO. With Hofferber's pending arrival, Buehrle has shifted his full attention to the division's financial performance.

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New BUMG Providers in 2016, Tucson

Our practice is growing! Here's a list of new hires who have started or will be joining us in Tucson this year. More to come.

**Anesthesiology**
Stacie Connors, CRNA, March
Vasudha Goel, MD, April
Gabriel Kleinman, MD, July*
Minjo Cho, MD, July*

**Emergency Medicine**
Rose Anna Harris, NP, March
Robyn Green, NP, March
Guadalupe Ortega, NP, April
Nicolas Stea, MD, July*
Suzanna Hutchinson, MD, September*

**Family and Community Medicine**
Amanda DeMeritt, NP, January
Carla Transue, NP, January
Amy Maubach, NP, March
Amil Algotar, MD, PhD, July*

**Medical Imaging**
Gloria Guzman, MD, July*

**Medicine**
Kathryn Sisterman, NP, cardiology, January
Jason DuPont, MD, dermatology, January
Sabina Mian, MD, rheumatology, January
Daruka Mahadevan, MD, hematology/oncology, January
Kristie Fry, NP, cardiology, February
Duane Whitaker, MD, dermatology, February
Kane Gronback, NP, hepatology/GI, April
Corrine Self, MD, geriatrics, April
Tammy Ojo, MD, pulmonary/cystic fibrosis, April
Cynthia Miley, MD, occupational medicine, May*
Aaron Scott, MD, hematology/oncology, July*
Aaron Fernandes, MD, hospitalist, July*
Bhupinder Natt, MD, intensivist, July*
Carlos Tafich, MD, internal medicine, July*
Serena Scott, MD, internal medicine, July*
Mathew Hutchinson, MD, cardiology, July*
Nehal Jaswal, MD, hospitalist, July*

**Neurology**
Sejal Jain, MD, pediatrics, March
Muhammad Khan, MD, neurophysiology, March

**Orthopaedic Surgery**
Christina Boulton, MD, May*

**Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery**
Steven Wang, MD, June*

**Pediatrics**
Timothy Johanson, MD, general pediatrics, January
Ian Thomas, MD, general pediatrics, January
Rajesh Dudani, MD, neonatology, January
Lauren Nicholls, MD, hematology/oncology, January
Allison Crawford, NP, child development, March
H. Eugene Hoyme, MD, geneticist, April
Catherine Riley, MD, child development, April
William Holm, MD, pediatric generalist at Pantano clinic, May
Shalinkumar Patel, MD, neonatology, June*
Christopher Justinich, MD, gastroenterology, July*
Emily Keyser, MD, general pediatrics, September*

**Psychiatry**
Peter Klinger, MD, January
Katharine Woods, DO, February
Eric Mossi, MD, July*

**Surgery**
Kaitlyn Gilman, MD, cardiothoracic, February
Jorge Molina, PA, pediatric perfusionist, April
Mary-Jane Barth, MD, pediatric cardiac surgery, April
Benjamin Lee, MD, urology, June*
Jennifer Creighton, NP, trauma, June*

* signed contract with future start date

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**Deadline to Nominate a ‘Best Doctor’ is May 16**

BUMG is proud that dozens of its faculty physicians were named to the prestigious Best Doctors in America list in 2015-2016. Now the nomination period is open for these physicians to nominate other specialists to the 2017-2018 list. Best Doctors asks that physicians only recommend others to whom they would personally refer.
Please consider nominating a BUMG colleague. A nomination is not a vote but is the essential first step for a physician to be considered for selection. All current Best Doctors and nominees will be subject to the voting/evaluation process which begins later this year.

Current Best Doctors should have received a nomination form in the mail. Up to 10 physicians may be nominated. The deadline for nominations to be submitted is May 16.

**HR Days Underway for Residents in Tucson**

More than 500 UA medical residents in Tucson will transition to Banner Health employment on July 1. This week Banner Health has been hosting HR Days at BUMCT and BUMCS to assist residents with the paperwork to ensure a smooth transition. This week’s final HR Days session will be **Friday, May 6, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., in DuVal Auditorium.** More HR Days are planned for June 2 and June 3.

**BUMCT: Transcatheter Pulmonary Replacement Valve**

The BUMCT Cardiac Cath Lab is again offering Melody Transcatheter Pulmonary Valve Therapy to congenital heart patients as an alternative to open-heart surgery. Pediatric cardiologist **Michael Seckeler, MD,** assistant professor of pediatrics, placed Melody valves in three adult and pediatric patients in April. The Melody valve treats narrowed and pulmonary conduits previously placed between the right heart pumping chambers and the lungs. The valve, made from wire frame and a bovine vein, allows for the narrowing to be opened and leakage to be fixed without the need for open-heart surgery. BUMCT is the only hospital performing this procedure in Southern Arizona.

**Thank a Nurse this National Nurses Week**

Please take a moment to thank your nurse colleagues Friday, the start of National Nurses Week. All three of our academic centers will be hosting observances.

In Tucson, more than a dozen BUMCT and BUMCS nurses are being honored at a Saturday gala as members of the prestigious 2016 “Fabulous 50” nursing professionals in Southern Arizona. Congratulations to **Brandi Duarte, RN; Toni Garza, RN; Robert Harmsen, RN; Elizabeth High, RN; Joan Hurley, RN; Kris Korte, RN; Joanie Machamer, RN; Kristen Pedersen, RN; Martha Reimer, RN; Vanessa Gonzales, RN; Amy Sayre, RN; Caylin Stroup, RN; and Cathy Townsend, RN.**

**News from The UA Colleges of Medicine**

**Graduation Ceremonies Next Week at Both Colleges**

**COM – Phoenix**

Sixty-six graduates will receive their Doctor of Medicine degrees during the ceremony that begins at 3 p.m. May 9, at Symphony Hall in downtown Phoenix. A third of our graduates are pursuing primary care fields, the most critical shortage facing Arizona, and 24 will be in residency programs in Phoenix or Tucson.
Jeffrey M. Trent, PhD, president and research director for the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) in Phoenix, will be the commencement speaker for the college’s sixth graduation. COM-P opened in 2007 to address the critical shortage of physicians in Arizona and has graduated 273 physicians. Total enrollment beginning in July of 2016 will be 332 students.

COM – Tucson

Members of the UA College of Medicine – Tucson Class of 2016 will receive their Doctor of Medicine degrees at 7 p.m. May 12, in Centennial Hall, 1020 E. University Blvd., on the UA campus.

The COM-T Class of 2016 includes 98 graduates: 54 women and 44 men. Four graduates will receive dual MD-MPH degrees (the five-year MD-MPH Program is offered jointly by the College and the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health). Nearly 34 percent of the graduates will pursue residencies in Arizona, and nearly 40 percent will go into primary care.

The convocation keynote speaker will be Mark Siegler, MD, the Lindy Bergman Distinguished Service Professor of Medicine and Surgery at the University of Chicago, founding director of the University of Chicago’s MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, and founding executive director of the Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence. COM-T Dean Charles Cairns, MD, will lead the graduating students in reciting the Hippocratic Oath.

If you would like to attend convocation, please note that guests must have a ticket. Tickets are free and can be picked up at the COM-T Student Affairs Office, Room 2107, and will be available at the Centennial Hall Box Office prior to the event.

In the News

10 Ways to Reduce Your Risk of Hospital Infections
Sean Elliott, MD, BUMCT director of infection prevention

Headaches: Know Your Enemy
Neurologist John LaWall, MD

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Bone Marrow Drive at BUMCT
Ravi Krishnadasan, MD, hematologist-oncologist

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