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BUMG Town Halls

Dec. 12 in Phoenix, Dec. 13 in Tucson

All members of Banner – University Medical Group are invited to attend a special year-end Town Hall next week in Phoenix or Tucson. BUMG leaders will discuss results of the recent VOICE workplace engagement survey, performance improvement efforts, the compensation plan, the Cerner transition and other important topics. Please plan to attend.

Banner – UMC Phoenix
4-5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, the Amphitheater

Banner – UMC Tucson
4-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, DuVal Auditorium
UA, Banner Innovation Symposium

4-6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, Kiewit Auditorium

BUMG faculty and staff are invited to attend this free symposium to learn about several health-care delivery projects that aim to provide better health, improved care and lower costs to our patients.

The symposium will be held in Kiewit Auditorium in the UA Cancer Center adjacent to Banner – UMC Tucson. Light refreshments provided. Please RSVP to Glinda@medadmin.arizona.edu or call 520-626-1530.

Physician Champions for Cerner Transition

As you know, our Tucson hospitals and clinics will convert to Cerner EHR in June 2017 to align with the rest of Banner Health. To make this major transition as seamless as possible for BUMG providers, the following physicians have volunteered to serve as Cerner transition champions over the next several months. They are your go-to resource for questions and concerns about the new EHR:

- **Anesthesiology**: Dr. Patrick Boyle
- **Behavioral Health**: Dr. Ole Thienhaus
- **Cardiology**: Drs. Kwan Lee and Nancy Switzer
- **Cardiac Surgery**: Drs. MaryJane Barth and Scott Lick
- **Critical Care**: Drs. Christian Bime and Terence O’Keeffe
- **Dermatology**: Dr. James Sligh
- **Emergency Med**: Dr. Lisa Chan
- **Gastroenterology**: Drs. Bianca Afonso and Steve Goldschmid
- **Hospital Med**: Dr. Tejo Vemulapalli
- **Infectious Disease**: Dr. Sean Elliott
- **Medical Imaging**: Dr. Bobby Kalb
- **Nephrology**: Dr. Sireesha Koppula
- **Neurosciences**: Drs. Chelsea Kidwell and Michael Lemole
- **NICU**: Dr. Alan Bedrick
- **Oncology**: Drs. Emad Elquza and Manny Katsanis
- **Ophthalmology**: Dr. Joe Miller
- **Orthopaedics**: Dr. Jordan Smith
- **Otolaryngology**: Drs. Steve Goldstein and Steve Wang
- **Pathology**: Drs. A. Bhattachararyya and Maria Proytcheva
- **Pediatrics**: Dr. Chan Lowe
- **Primary Care**: Drs. Mindy Fain and Ravi Grivois-Shah
- **Pulmonary**: Drs. Steve Knope and Sai Parthasarathy
- **Surgery**: Dr. Carlos Galvani
- **Urology**: Drs. Joel Funk and Ben Lee
- **Women’s Health**: Dr. Heather Reed
BUMG extends a sincere thank you to these volunteers who will help ready our organization for this critical transition in just over seven months.

**Tucson Cancer Program Earns Accreditation**

**Plus Commendation from ACS Commission on Cancer**

The cancer program at Banner – University Medical Center Tucson, operating in partnership with the University of Arizona Cancer Center, has been granted three-year accreditation with commendation by the Commission on Cancer (CoC), a quality program of the American College of Surgeons.

It is the only cancer program in Southern Arizona with this elite accreditation, and one of only seven statewide.

“It has been approximately 20 years since there was a CoC-accredited program here,” wrote the commission surveyor following an on-site inspection in the fall. “The leadership of Banner and the University have committed to seeking and succeeding as a CoC-accredited NCIP. They do not accept half-way measures in anything they do. The enthusiasm that emanates from them is infectious.”

To qualify for voluntary CoC accreditation, a cancer program must meet 34 quality standards, be evaluated every three years through a survey process and maintain levels of excellence in patient-centered care from prevention, early diagnosis, cancer staging, optimal treatment, rehabilitation, life-long follow-up for recurrent disease and end-of-life care.

“We are excited to be recognized by the Commission on Cancer. We are the only cancer program in the State of Arizona to be a NCI Comprehensive Cancer Center and COC accredited,” said **Emad Elquza, MD**, BUMCT executive medical director of clinical oncology services as well as associate director of clinical services at the UA Cancer Center.

CoC-accredited cancer centers take a multidisciplinary approach to treating cancer as a complex group of diseases that requires consultation among surgeons, medical and radiation oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, pathologists, and other cancer specialists.

“Our program values patient-driven care and believes in the power of collective thinking to give our patients the best chance to beat their illness,” he said.
Update from the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix

Dr. Ken Knox Named Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs

Kenneth S. Knox, MD, a long-time clinician, educator and researcher at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson and BUMCT, is the new associate dean of faculty affairs at the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix. He also will serve as director of research at the Banner Lung Institute.

Dr. Knox is a pulmonary disease specialist known for his research and clinical expertise in sarcoidosis, fungal diagnostics and immunologic lung disease. His work includes developing treatments for HIV, AIDS and valley fever.

“During my career, I have always taken a strong interest in issues that affect our faculty, whether it be mentoring junior faculty, advocating for colleagues or facilitating professional development,” Dr. Knox said. “A faculty affairs leadership role is both the next logical step in my career and a professionally rewarding opportunity.”

A professor of medicine, Dr. Knox joined the UA College of Medicine – Tucson in 2008 and is the Murray and Clara Walker Memorial Endowed Chair in Emphysema. As division chief of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, Dr. Knox was responsible for dramatic growth in the division. His accomplishments include increasing the number of clinical and basic science faculty from five to 30 and fellowship training from six to 20, rekindling the sleep program, establishing a section of allergy and revamping the teaching model in the intensive care unit. He also served as vice chair for education in the Department of Medicine.

“Dr. Knox is the perfect candidate for this position,” said Kenneth S. Ramos, MD, PhD, interim dean of the College of Medicine – Phoenix. “He has taken extraordinary steps in his leadership and research on the Tucson campus to help the College excel in health care and education. Dr. Knox will help the Phoenix campus continue to flourish and help us become recognized as a leader in academic medicine across the nation.”

Update from the UA College of Medicine – Tucson

Dr. Gmitro Delivers 2016 Founders Day Lecture
Arthur F. Gmitro, PhD, the 2016 Founders Day lecturer at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson, says it was a stroke of good luck that he has had great collaborators and students to work with throughout his career, which spans decades and disciplines at the UA.

Dr. Gmitro is a professor of Medical Imaging and Optical Sciences; professor and head of the Department of Biomedical Engineering; and the Fenton Maynard Chair in Cancer Imaging at the UA Cancer Center. He earned his PhD in Optical Sciences from the UA in 1982. He then became an assistant professor of diagnostic radiology at Yale University before returning to the UA in 1987 as an associate professor of radiology and director of the research program in MRI.

"This has always been an institution where I'm only limited by my own mind and creativity, not by institutional barriers," he said during his Nov. 17 presentation, Optics, MRI and Good Luck. “I'm very excited about the future and trying to build bridges across the institution.”

Watch the 2016 Founders Day Lecture.

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The Practice of Advanced Critical Care

Simulation-Based Conference at COM-P, Feb.17-18, 2017

Sharpen your emergency life-saving skills at a multispecialty educational conference for bedside intensivists in February at the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix Center for Simulation and Innovation.

Topics include advanced techniques in echocardiography, difficult airway management, rescue therapies for severe ARDS and advanced cardiac life support. This conference features small-group simulations based on real patient cases with expert debriefing and hands-on workshops. **Gregory A. Schmidt, MD,** professor of medicine and director of critical care programs at the University of Iowa, will be among the faculty presenters. He is an internationally renowned speaker and expert in the fields of mechanical ventilation, ECMO, fluid resuscitation and critical care ultrasonography. Conference co-chairs are **Robert A. Raschke, MD** and **Ken Knox, MD.**

Space is limited to 60 registrants; 14.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits; more info and to register, [here](#).
Peds Prepared-Care Certification for BUMCS ED

Congratulations to the Emergency Department at Banner – University Medical Center South, which has been certified as a “Prepared Care” facility by the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The hospital earned the voluntary certification through the academy’s Pediatric-Prepared Emergency Care Program, a partnership of hospitals, physicians, nurses, emergency personnel and the Emergency Medical Services for Children program at the Arizona Department of Health Services.

Certification recognizes hospitals that meet specific criteria for personnel training, equipment and facilities to care for ill or injured children. This certification is a first for BUMCS. Kudos to Medical Director Matt Berkman, MD, and to ED Senior Nurse Manager Angie Wright, RN, who championed the certification effort at BUMCS.

Physician Profiles for BannerHealth.com

Videographers from Banner Health were in Tucson last week to tape short video profiles of 17 faculty clinicians, including psychiatry Professor Francisco Moreno, MD, left. The videos will be edited and posted to physicians’ profiles on the Banner Health website. You can also view completed videos on the Banner Health YouTube Channel.

The corporate video team expects to make regular trips to Tucson in 2017 to collect more videos profiles of BUMG physicians and AAPs. If you have an interest in participating, please contact Elyse.Palm@bannerhealth.com.

Bon Santé Ball

Hurry! Tickets Still Available to Academic Medicine Gala Saturday
Join your colleagues this Saturday night at The Phoenician resort in Scottsdale when the Banner Health Foundation hosts the Bon Santé Ball, a fundraiser for the academic division of Banner Health. Tickets are $500. Call 602-747-4654.

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**In the News**

**60 Minutes Profiles Banner’s Alzheimer’s Research**

Research efforts by the Banner Alzheimer’s Institute were featured on the CBS show *60 Minutes* on Nov. 28. The story focused on an experimental treatment to prevent Alzheimer’s in an extended family in Columbia at high risk of early onset of the disease. The segment featured institute Executive Director *Eric Reiman, MD*, and Director *Pierre Tariot, MD*. View the story [here](#).