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Monthly BUMG Faculty Town Hall in Tucson
Next Meeting: 4-5:30 p.m. Feb. 23, College of Medicine Classroom 2117

BUMG leaders will host a monthly town hall in Tucson on the fourth Thursday of each month to update Tucson providers on issues affecting the practice plan. The first such meeting was held Jan. 26 and covered 2016 finances and other hot topics. Here’s a videotaped recording of that meeting. Password: BUMGFACULTYTOWNHALL2017.

Jason Bezozo, Banner Health’s vice president for Government Relations, will be a guest speaker at the next Town Hall on Feb. 23 in COM-T Classroom 2117.

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‘Game-Changing Medicine’ Videos at UA Athletics
Here's our latest video airing at UA Wildcat basketball games this spring touting the game-changing medicine we practice at Banner – UMC. This one highlights a life-saving liver transplant performed at BUMCT by surgeon Robert Harland, MD, on UA freshman Angel Gutierrez. Banner Health is a lead sponsor of UA Athletics.

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**UA Faculty Senate Voting Rights Extended to Banner-Employed Faculty**

Recently the [UA Faculty Senate](#) extended voting rights to non-tenure track faculty who have served more than .50FTE for three of the last four years. In the past, UA voting rights were granted only to tenure track faculty.

When this bylaw change was initially adopted, it included only University-employed faculty. With the help of Marlys Witte, MD, and the other COM-T Faculty Senators, the UA Faculty Senate approved the extension of voting privileges to Banner-employed faculty who meet the same criteria (i.e. more than .50FTE three of last four years). All eligible faculty will receive an invitation to participate.

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**2 New Department Heads at COM-Phoenix**
Dr. McLoone Heads Psychiatry, Dr. Johnson Leads Surgery Dept.

James B. McLoone, MD, has been named Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix. He has a long history of service to the College of Medicine, Banner – University Medical Center Phoenix and the community. Dr. McLoone is a native Phoenician and a proud third-generation Arizona physician.

After completing his undergraduate studies at the UA, he attended medical school at George Washington University in Washington, DC, where he was selected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. Upon completing his residency training at the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute where he served as chief resident, Dr. McLoone returned to Phoenix to practice medicine.

Dr. McLoone was director of the psychiatry residency program at Banner’s Phoenix Clinical Campus from 1981 to 2015. He has been Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Banner – UMC Phoenix since 1992 and served as Chair of the Graduate Medical Education Committee at Banner from 1992 -2015.

Steven B. Johnson, MD, has been named the inaugural Department Chair of Surgery at the college. Board certified in Surgery and Surgical Critical Care, Dr. Johnson specializes in the treatment of critically ill surgical patients, severe acute pancreatitis, abdominal sepsis, trauma and general surgical conditions at Banner – UMC Phoenix. Dr. Johnson’s research has focused on sepsis and surgical infections, resulting in numerous papers and successful outside funding.

“We are pleased that Dr. Johnson will be joining the leadership team at the College of Medicine – Phoenix,” said Interim Dean Kenneth S. Ramos, MD, PhD. “He has a passion for educating medical students and is an outstanding leader in medical education. Dr. Johnson has been instrumental in helping to craft the vision for advancement of our College’s clinical enterprise and solidifying our partnership with Banner Health. He is an outstanding scholar who will work tirelessly to grow academic medicine in Phoenix and beyond. The college is extremely fortunate to have a surgeon of his caliber as a member of the team.”

As department chair, Dr. Johnson will be responsible for establishing the strategic vision and realization for the first academic Department of Surgery in Phoenix. His goal will be to attract top-tier clinicians and researchers that will enhance the quality of surgical care in Arizona through innovation, education and excellence in patient care.

Dr. Riall Named Acting Chair of Dept. of Surgery, Tucson
Taylor S. Riall, MD, PhD, has been appointed the Acting Chair of the UA Department of Surgery to lead the department while Leigh Neumayer, MD, serves as the Interim Senior Vice President for Health Sciences. Dr. Riall was recruited to the University of Arizona in October, 2015 as professor and chief of the Division of General Surgery and Surgical Oncology and leader of Clinical Discipline/Surgical Oncology for the Arizona Cancer Center. She will remain in those roles during the interim period.

Dr. Riall graduated from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1996 and completed her general surgery residency and pancreaticobiliary training at Johns Hopkins in 2005. She received her PhD in Health Services Research at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston in 2007. She has extensive expertise in comparative effectiveness and health services research. She is using her expertise to position the Division of General Surgery/Surgical Oncology as a model of evidence-based, personalized healthcare delivery. At Banner – UMC Tucson, Dr. Riall has led several quality improvement initiatives focused on improving patient care and outcomes.

### Audiology Services Ramping Up at BUMCT

Audiology Service at Banner – UMC Tucson reminds clinicians that they are available for your patient’s audiologic, cochlear implant and vestibular needs. They provide comprehensive audiologic and vestibular evaluations including:
- Audiometry, speech testing, otoacoustic emissions (OAEs) and tympanometry for diagnosis of hearing loss
- Otototoxicity monitoring
- Bone-anchored and middle ear implants
- Cochlear implant evaluations and programming for patients no longer receiving sufficient benefit from hearing aids
- Videonystagmography (VNG) and vestibular evoked myogenic potentials (VEMP) for patients with vertigo, dizziness and balance issues.
- Electroneuronography (ENoG) for facial nerve function evaluation

Banner Audiology will soon be providing natural sleep auditory brainstem response (ABR) evaluations. ABR can be used:
- As a diagnostic tool to identify infants and small children with a hearing loss
- To estimate hearing levels in difficult-to-test patients, for example, autistic or developmentally delayed patients
- As a prognostic indicator for patients with head trauma.

Audiology Services is located on the hospital’s sixth floor and is open weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Doc Talks: The Future of Medicine
Free Public Lecture Highlight Physician Leaders

Banner – University Medicine and the UA Colleges of Medicine will host a public lectures series in Phoenix and Tucson in February featuring outstanding faculty physician-scientists discussing the future of medicine and personalized health care.

In Phoenix, these free, educational and engaging lectures will take place at Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia, 4949 E Lincoln Drive. In Tucson the presentations will be held at the Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa, 3800 E. Sunrise Drive. Refreshments and appetizers will be served. Topics and speakers:

Preserving Memories: What it Will Take to End Alzheimer’s
5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 9 in Phoenix

Eric Reiman, MD, executive director of the Banner Alzheimer’s Institute, University of Arizona professor of psychiatry and director of the Arizona Alzheimer’s Consortium, will discuss the latest research and lifestyle interventions surrounding this feared disease. Dr. Reiman’s research was the topic of a 60 Minutes TV segment in November. This lecture was sold out Tuesday night in Tucson.

Precision Medicine: Turning Sick Care into Health Care
5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 14 in Tucson and Feb. 16, Phoenix

Charles Cairns, MD, dean of the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson and Kenneth Ramos, MD, PhD, interim dean of the UA Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix and UA associate vice president for precision health sciences, will discuss new personalized approaches to old challenges in medicine, including new diagnostic and treatment advances in cancer, lung, cardiac and infectious disease.

Gut Microbes: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly
5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 21 in Tucson and Feb. 23 in Phoenix

Fayez Ghishan, MD, professor and chair of the UA Department of Pediatrics in Tucson and director of the UA Steele Children’s Research Center, will discuss gut microbiota in health and disease. Dr. Ghishan is an internationally recognized pediatric gastroenterologist whose research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health for more than 30 years.

Take a Deep Breath: Is a Cure for Asthma on the Horizon?
5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 28 in Tucson

Monica Kraft, MD, professor and chair of the UA Department of Medicine in Tucson and associate director of the UA Health Sciences Asthma and Airway Disease Research Center, will discuss personalized approaches to asthma treatment. Dr. Kraft, who joined the UA from Duke University on 2014, has authored more than 150 publications on adult asthma and the role of infection of asthma.

Seating at these free lectures is limited. Call 1-800-230-2273 to register.
Meet Your BUMG Colleagues: Arpana Jain, MD

Arpana Jain, MD, joined BUMG and the UA Department of Surgery in the Division of Trauma, Critical Care, Burns and Emergency Surgery in November, strengthening our expanding Burn Program at Banner – UMC Tucson.

Dr. Jain received medical degree from Maulana Azad Medical College in New Delhi, where she graduated with honors. Dr. Jain completed her surgical internship at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, followed by a general surgery residency at the University of Kentucky. She then completed surgical critical care and acute care surgery fellowships at UA and specialized fellowship training in burn surgery with emphasis on Pediatric Burn surgery at University of California, Davis and the Shriners Hospital for Children in Sacramento. She has a special focus on reconstruction surgery for burn scars and pediatric burn care.

This week – National Burn Awareness Week – you’ll find Dr. Jain sharing burn safety tips with Tucson preschoolers in classroom presentations with BUMCT Injury Prevention Coordinator Susan Kinkade, RN, and the Drexel Heights Fire Department.

UA College of Medicine – Phoenix Update

Feb. 23 Grand Opening of Biomedical Sciences Partnership Bldg.
All BUMG providers are cordially invited to a reception 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23 marking the college’s 10-year anniversary and the grand opening of the Biomedical Sciences Partnership Building on the Phoenix Biomedical Campus at 475 N. Fifth Street.

Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton and UA President Ann Weaver Hart will make brief remarks at 5:30 p.m. Please stop by for an evening of music, refreshments and a self-guided tour of this new, incredible research facility. Registration is encouraged. Please call Sheila Maddox at 602-827-2007.

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**UA College of Medicine – Tucson Update**

**CPAE Center of Excellence Presentation at Arizona Statehouse**

Pediatric immunologist Michael Daines, MD, Kathy Bollinger, executive vice president of Banner – University Medicine, and Charles Cairns, MD, dean, UA College of Medicine – Tucson, provided an update to legislators about the Children’s Postinfectious Autoimmune Encephalopathy (CPAE) Center of Excellence at the UA Steele Children’s Research Center on Jan. 26.

The CPAE Center opened in August and is attracting patients across the country. It is the first center of its kind in the United States. The Arizona Legislature, the Arizona Department of Health Services and the PACE Foundation played pivotal roles in getting the center established through the UA-Banner partnership.

A guest editorial by Kathy Bollinger and UA President Ann Weaver Hart about the center is expected to run this week in the Arizona Republic.

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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](#).
Recognizing Kind, Compassionate Care

Solidarity Week, Feb. 13-17

The medical student chapters of the Gold Humanism Honor Society at the UA Colleges of Medicine in Phoenix and Tucson will stage a variety of events next week to recognize kind, compassionate patient care.

In Tucson, these events will culminate at noon Friday, Feb. 17 with a Solidarity Day observance in the UAHS Plaza with featured speakers Drs. Randy Friese, Andreas Theodorou and Charles Cairns and hospital CEO Tom Dickson. All BUMG providers invited.

For the past several years, a circle of solidarity has been part of the Solidarity Day observance in Tucson.