Update from the Academic Management Council

Town Hall in Tucson, 5-6 p.m. March 8, Banner – UMC Tucson

Banner – University Medical Group members are encouraged to attend a first-ever Town Hall hosted by the Academic Management Council (AMC), which oversees the activities and operations of the statewide Banner – University Medicine Division. Stop by BUMCT’s DuVal Auditorium from 5-6 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, to ask questions and get the latest information on the AMC’s goals for 2017 and opportunities for faculty engagement.

If you would like to submit a question to the AMC before the Town Hall, feel free to email it to Melissa.Colchado@bannerhealth.com.

Meanwhile, here are highlights of the February meeting of the Academic Management Council, which is composed of seven members appointed by UA President Ann Weaver Hart and Banner Health President Peter Fine.

Precision Medicine Initiative
Learn More at Panel Discussion for Faculty and Staff, March 9

A panel discussion with PMI leaders and the deans of both UA Colleges of Medicine is planned for 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, March 9, and all BUMG members are encouraged to attend to learn more about this historic research initiative launching this spring.

Panelists will be COM Deans Charles Cairns, MD, and Ken Ramos, MD, PhD; principal investigators Beth Calhoun, PhD, and Usha Menon, RN, PhD, and Clinical Research Manager Jorge Navarette, MD. This is a chance to get your questions answered and to share your views on the program’s implementation.

In Tucson, the panel discussion will be held in Room 5403 at Banner – University Medical Center Tucson, and live streamed to the WIS Prenatal Conference Room at Banner – UMC Phoenix. This discussion also will be available via livestream (password: PMI2017).

Light food and drinks will be served in both Tucson and Phoenix, so please RSVP by March 7 to precisionmedicine@email.arizona.edu if you plan to attend.

And in case you hadn’t heard, the NIH recently re-branded PMI to the more consumer-friendly “All of Us Research Program.”

Countdown to Cerner Conversion

Tucson Hospitals, Clinics Transitioning June 1 to New EHR

The conversion from Epic to Cerner in our Tucson hospitals and clinics is now only three months away. In that time, more than 6,000 physicians and staff will undergo Cerner training. Please sign up by March 17 for training. Here are instructions on how to sign up for training if you have not already done so.

Meanwhile, here are some coding tips from your friendly HIMS BUMG Documentation and Coding Team:
Did you know that something as simple as family history not being documented for the initial hospital care encounter the E/M service goes from 99223 to 99221 which is a difference of 1.94 wRVUs and a difference of $101.71 per the MPFS?

Did you know that when the term “non-contributory” is used in a statement for documenting family history that no credit is given for family history?

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Welcome, New Colleagues

Banner – University Medical Group is pleased to welcome UA Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences Salwa Aziz, MD, MPH, in Tucson.

She received her Master’s in Public Health and medical degree from the University of Utah. She completed her residency at the University of Pittsburg Medical Center and fellowships at the University of Utah (ophthalmologic pathology) and UCLA Medical Center (glaucoma).

Other providers who recently joined the practice plan are Edward Carter, MD, Pediatrics/Pediatric Pulmonary; Brent Heywood, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery, Kelly Lomax, CRNA, Carla Sue Rosenblum, CRNA, and Will Schorgi, CRNA, of Anesthesiology; and Valerie Ann Seabaugh, MD, of Medicine/ICU Critical Care.

Doc Talks

Hundreds Attend UA/Banner Public Lecture Series Statewide

“Doc Talks,” the public lecture series sponsored by Banner – University Medicine and the Colleges of Medicine in Tucson and Phoenix, concluded Tuesday with a full house at La Paloma resort for Dr. Monica Kraft’s presentation on UA asthma research. More than 800 people in Tucson and 400 people in Phoenix attended the February evening lectures. Special thanks to our outstanding faculty presenters for showcasing the strengths of academic medicine statewide: Monica Kraft, MD, Eric Reiman, MD, Fayez Ghishan, MD, Ken Ramos, MD, and Charles Cairns, MD.
Physicians, fellows and nurse practitioners from across Arizona participated in an intensive two-day training that simulated patients in crisis at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix Center for Simulation and Innovation.

Robert Raschke, MD, who organized the conference, said the goal was to improve patient safety. “Most medical conferences focus on diseases. This conference focused on patients in life-threatening situations,” said Dr. Raschke, clinical professor of Medicine and Biomedical Informatics at the college.

The conference focused on clinical situations of highest concern to bedside intensivists, including emergency evaluation of a patient in shock with an unclear cause, an obstetrical code arrest and a person in respiratory distress.

“These are the things that give us nightmares, but now we can get prepared to do the right thing by using simulation,” Dr. Raschke said. “It could make the difference between life and death for a patient.”

In addition to scenario training in the simulation center, the 78 attendees learned ultrasonography using UA College of Medicine – Phoenix students as patients, and an emergency procedure to obtain an airway when other routine methods have not worked, in the college’s gross anatomy lab.

The conference was funded by Banner Health Risk Management to lower the incidents of loss and risk. Dr. Raschke, who is also the medical director of simulation at Banner – University Medical Center Phoenix, hopes that these trainings will help physicians be in a position to immediately save a person’s life who has an obstructive airway or a cardiac arrest.

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Promoting Patient-Centered Cancer Care for Latinos, Underserved

A new UA initiative, funded by the Merck Foundation, will expand access to high-quality cancer care for Latinos and other underserved populations in Southern Arizona. The collaborative effort brings together the UA College of Medicine – Tucson’s Department of Family and Community Medicine, the UA Department of Psychology, UA Cancer Center and many community partners to address the needs of underserved communities in the state.

The grant will support programs aimed at improving timely access to cancer care through improved collaboration between primary care physicians and cancer specialists, better engagement with
patients and increased oncology communication training for UA medical students and other trainees in the health sciences. Funding also will enhance access to culturally appropriate, evidence-based psychosocial care for underserved cancer patients and their families.

Read more.

In the News: Top Docs

More than 90 Banner – University Medical Group physicians recently were named to Castle Connolly’s annual Top Doctors in Tucson list. They will be recognized in the July issue of Tucson Lifestyle magazine. Congratulations to the following faculty physicians:

Geoffrey L. Ahern, MD, PhD, Neurology
Frederick R. Ahmann, MD, Medical Oncology
Joseph S. Alpert, MD, Cardiovascular Disease
Emmanuel Apostol, MD, Pediatric Nephrology
Veronica A. Arteaga, MD, Diagnostic Radiology
Brent J. Barber, MD, Pediatric Cardiology
Mary-Jane, Barth, MD, Thoracic & Cardiac Surgery
Beth A. Bernstein, MD, Psychiatry
Cristine E. Berry, MD, Pulmonary Disease
Achyut K. Bhattacharyya, MD, Pathology
Mindy Black, MD, Otolaryngology
Heather R. Cassell, MD, Allergy & Immunology
Setsuko K. Chambers, MD, Gynecologic Oncology
Elizabeth Connick, MD, Infectious Disease
Bruce M. Coull, MD, Neurology
John T. Cunningham, MD, Gastroenterology
Michael O. Daines, MD, Allergy & Immunology
Cori L. Daines, MD, Pediatric Pulmonology
James M. Darragh, MD, Internal Medicine
Gregory L. DeSilva, MD, Hand Surgery
Daniel J. Dickman, MD, Family Medicine
Sean P. Elliott, MD, Pediatric Infectious Disease
William Erly, MD, Neuroradiology
Audrey Baker Erman, MD, Otolaryngology
Kimberly A. Fitzpatrick, MD, Diagnostic Radiology
Mark J. Friedman, MD, Cardiovascular Disease
Joel T. Funk, MD, Urology
Paul Gee, MD, Geriatric Medicine
Anca D. Georgescu, MD, Infectious Disease
Kimberly Gerhart, MD, Pediatrics
Dorothy L. Gilbertson-Dahdal, MD, Diagnostic Radiology
Stephen Andrew Goldstein, MD, Otolaryngology
Matthew B. Gretzer, MD, Urology
Lynn Gries, MD, Surgery
Marlon A. Guerrero, MD, Surgery
Kenneth D. Hatch, MD, Gynecologic Oncology
Charles Hennemeyer, MD, Vascular and Interventional Radiology
Hassan H. Hassan, MD, Pediatric Gastroenterology
William L. Holm, MD, Pediatric Endocrinology
Holli Horak, MD, Neurology
John D. Hughes, MD, Vascular Surgery
Mathew D. Hutchinson, MD, Cardiac Electrophysiology
Julia H. Indik, MD, PhD, Cardiac Electrophysiology
Abraham Jacob, MD, Otolaryngology
Raj Janardhanan, MD, Cardiovascular Disease
Pradeep V. Kadambi, MD, Nephrology
Karl B. Kern, MD, Interventional Cardiology
Rihan Khan, MD, Neuroradiology
Samuel S. Kim, MD, Thoracic & Cardiac Surgery
Scott E. Klewer, MD, Pediatric Cardiology
Stephen A. Klotz, MD, Infectious Disease
James Knepler Jr, MD, Pulmonary Disease
Wayne S. Kubot, MD, Neuroradiology
Narong Kulvatunyou, MD, Surgery
Phillip Kuo, MD, PhD, Diagnostic Radiology
David M. Labin, MD, Neurology
Daniela Lax, MD, Pediatric Cardiology
Kwan Lee, MD, Interventional Cardiology
G. Michael Lemole Jr, MD, Neurological Surgery
Karen B. Lesser, MD, Maternal & Fetal Medicine
Scott D. Lick, MD, Thoracic & Cardiac Surgery
Kapildeo Lotun, MD, Cardiovascular Disease
William Marshall Jr, MD, Pediatrics
James H. McClenathan, MD, Surgery
Joseph M. Miller, MD, Ophthalmology
Amy Mitchell, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Wayne J. Morgan, MD, Pediatric Pulmonology
Victoria E. Murrain, DO, Family Medicine
Leigh A. Neumayer, MD, Surgery
Valentine N. Nfonsam, MD, Colon & Rectal Surgery
Peter Ott, MD, Cardiac Electrophysiology
Sairam Parthasarathy, MD, Pulmonary Disease
Kathryn L. Reed, MD, Maternal & Fetal Medicine
Taylor S. Riall, MD, PhD, Surgery
Judith E. Riley, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Franz Rischard, DO, Pulmonary Disease
John T. Ruth, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery
Ziad M. Shehab, MD, Pediatric Infectious Disease
James E. Sligh Jr, MD, PhD, Dermatology
Shyam Shridharani, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery
Balassarre Stea, MD, PhD, Radiation Oncology
Bruce E. Stewart, MD, Otolaryngology
Miha Taljanovic, MD, PhD, Diagnostic Radiology
Andrew L. Tang, MD, Surgery
Janet B. Teodori, MD, Child Neurology
Christian O. Twiss, MD, Urology
Gary A. Vercruysse, MD, Surgery
Richard A. Wahl, MD, Adolescent Medicine
Steven J. Wang, MD, Otolaryngology
Martin E. Weinand, MD, Neurological Surgery
Mark D. Wheeler, MD, Pediatric Endocrinology
Andrew M. Yeager, MD, Hematology