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Town Halls in Tucson This Week

All BUMG providers are cordially invited to attend any of several town halls hosted by Banner leaders in Tucson for physicians and staff:

Banner – UMC South TODAY!
12-1 p.m. Sept. 19
La Galeria

Banner – UMC Tucson
12-1 p.m. Sept. 20
DuVal Auditorium
Live streamed at: https://streaming.biocom.arizona.edu/event/?id=26876

UA Cancer Center / North
12-1 p.m., Sept. 21
Rooms 1290-91

575 E. River Road
12-1 p.m. Sept. 23
Patagonia Room
Dec. 5 is Flu Shot Deadline

Banner Health’s No Flu For You policy requires all employees, physicians, volunteers and students to receive a flu shot or have an approved medical or religious exemption by Dec. 5, 2016. Flu shot clinics are scheduled throughout the fall, including:

**Banner – UMC Phoenix**
Sept. 21, 2-9 p.m. (closed 5-5:30 p.m. for dinner), Educational Services A
Sept. 30, 6:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (closed 11:30 a.m.-noon for lunch), WIS Prenatal Classroom

**Tucson**
Sept. 15, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Banner – UMC South, Room 3030
Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Banner – UMC Tucson, DuVal Auditorium
Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Banner – UMC Tucson, DuVal Auditorium

Next Cerner Demo in Tucson: Sept. 20

To align with the rest of the Banner Health, Banner’s Tucson hospitals and clinics will convert to Cerner EHR in June 2017. To begin to familiarize Tucson staff and providers with Cerner, several 20-minutes demonstrations will be offered at the following dates and times:

**Sept. 20 (ambulatory)**
Banner – UMC Tucson, Dining Room E
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 3 - 6 p.m.

**Sept. 30 (especially for providers)**
Banner – UMC Tucson, Dining Room F
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 3 - 6 p.m.

**Oct. 12 (acute)**
Banner – UMC South, La Galeria
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 4 - 7 p.m.

**Oct. 21 (ambulatory)**
Banner – UMC South, La Galeria
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 3 – 6 p.m.

**Oct. 26 (providers)**
Banner – UMC South, La Galeria
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 3 – 6 p.m.

Sessions include a high-level overview of Cerner and the patient care workflow followed by Q&A. Stop by any time.

Diamond Children’s
Joins Sanford Children’s Genomic Medicine Consortium

Six leading children’s hospitals, including Banner Children’s at Diamond Children’s Medical Center, have signed an agreement to form the Sanford Children’s Genomic Medicine Consortium. The consortium is committed to the betterment of the health of all children through the integration of genomic medicine into pediatric care.

“This groundbreaking collaboration among premier children’s hospitals and leaders in genomic and pediatric care will help set the standard for sharing resources and collaborating in research and education in personalized medicine for children,” said Gene Hoyme, MD, (left) the new consortium’s medical director and a clinical professor in the Division of Genetics and Developmental Pediatrics in the UA Department of Pediatrics.

In addition to Diamond Children’s, other members of the consortium are Sanford Children’s; Children’s Hospital, Los Angeles; Rady Children’s Hospital – San Diego; Children’s Hospital Colorado; and Children’s Hospital and Clinics of Minnesota. Joining Dr. Hoyme on the consortium board are BUMCTS CEO Tom Dickson and Ken Ramos, MD, interim COM-P dean and director of the Center for Applied Genetics and Genomic Medicine at the UA Health Sciences.

Making History in Arizona

‘A Transformative Approach to Academic Medicine’

Soon after the partnership between the University of Arizona and Banner Health was announced, Modern Healthcare noted in a headline that it signaled the “future of academic medical centers.” Interest in this model has continued to grow throughout the nation, and leaders from the UA and Banner are often asked to share their experiences and more information about its implementation. As one response to that national interest, COM-T Dean Charles Cairns, Banner Health EVP Kathy Bollinger and Joe G.H. “Skip” Garcia, MD, senior SVP UA Health Sciences, published a commentary in the August issue of the Journal of the Association of American Medical Colleges.

A Transformative Approach to Academic Medicine: The Partnership Between the University of Arizona and Banner Health is must-read material for BUMG providers interested in the background, structure, challenges and opportunities of Banner – University Medicine and its groundbreaking model of academic medicine.
Update from UA College of Medicine – Phoenix

Dr. Gulati Attends White House Event on Cardiovascular Disease

Martha Gulati, MD — division chief, Cardiology, University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix and physician executive director at Banner – University Medicine Cardiovascular Institute — was invited to participate in the White House “Making Health Care Better” meeting on cardiovascular disease Sept. 9 in Washington, D.C.

The same day, Dr. Gulati met with Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Robert M. Califf, MD, and FDA staff to discuss policy and science developments related to women’s cardiovascular health.

“Dr. Gulati’s expertise as a physician-scientist is most deserving of the national stage as she showcases her unbridled passion focused on women’s heart health,” said Interim Dean Kenneth S. Ramos, MD, PhD, University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix.

Update from UA College of Medicine – Tucson

Highlights from Dean Cairns’ 2016 State of the College Address

It’s been a record year at the College. Among its successes, COM-T:

- Had a record number of applications for the Class of 2020
- Has a record number of students – 135 – in the Class of 2020 due to a record yield rate among those accepted
- 35 percent of students in the Class of 2020 are underrepresented minorities in medicine
- Had a record match rate on Match Day (97 percent)
- Had a record number of faculty promotions
- And had a record year in research and innovation, including the $43-million Precision Medicine Initiative grant, which is not only the largest NIH grant in the history of the College, it’s the largest grant in the history of the University of Arizona Health Sciences.
With a changing medical landscape that includes new healthcare policies, an aging population, physician shortages and insufficient training opportunities for residents, the College is positioning itself to be a national leader in academic medicine, dedicated to improving the lives of the people of Arizona through the education of students, the training of residents and the innovative efforts of faculty and staff.

Archived video: 2016 State of the College Address
In addition to the highly visible, multi-storied hospital towers now under construction at Banner UMC – Phoenix and Banner – UMC Tucson, Banner Health is building a new outpatient facility at Campbell Avenue and Allen Road in Tucson, adjacent to the UA Cancer Center.

The three-story Banner Health Center, projected to open in December 2017, will house many adult outpatient clinics now located inside BUMCT, in addition to radiation oncology, medical imaging, lab services and a retail pharmacy. There will be free covered parking adjacent to the new building in a parking garage also under construction.

Banner Health is investing approximately $100 million in the new facility. It’s part of $1 billion in capital improvements underway at Banner’s academic medical centers in Tucson and Phoenix. Watch the construction progress live on this webcam.
2016 Better Together Fundraising Campaign

Please Consider a Jan. 8th Memorial Foundation Donation

Banner Health’s Better Together annual employee fund drive is now underway. This year, you may designate your donation to the January 8th Memorial Foundation, a project dear to the heart of many Tucsonans and especially to BUMCT physicians and staff who responded so gallantly to the Jan. 8, 2011 tragedy. This short video features several providers, including neurosurgeon Michael Lemole, MD, and trauma surgeon Andrew Tang, MD, talking about their response to the mass shooting, how the community responded, and why you may wish to contribute to the January 8th Memorial Foundation through this year's Better Together campaign.

BUMG in the News

**HPV-Caused Throat Cancer on the Rise**
Steven Wang, MD, interim chair, UA Dept. of Otolaryngology

**New Strains of Spice Hit Tucson**
Mazda Shirazi, MD, toxicologist and emergency medicine specialist

**Doctors Advise Against Getting Flu Nasal Spray this Year**
Mayar Al Mohajer, MD, UA Division of Infectious Diseases

**New Hospital School Program Helps Sick Kids Feel Normal**

**New National Guidelines for Valley Fever Treatment**
John Galgiani, MD, UA Valley Fever Center of Excellence

**New Pediatric Center in Tucson Targets Autoimmune Disorders**