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**Getting Medical Advice is Often Just a Tap Away**

If you have health concerns and want guidance right away without going to the ER or making a doctor’s appointment, there’s an app for that. New apps like HealthTap connect people with board-certified doctors via teleconferences and online question forums. Users can pay a monthly fee for unlimited video calls to doctors on the site. HealthTap can't do everything an actual doctor’s visit can accomplish, but it does offer people who may live far from a health provider, or who can't afford a typical office visit, the option to consult with a professional.

Jonathan Leander Po, MD, an infectious disease physician at the University of Arizona and a doctor for HealthTap, says that questions about Ebola are coming up more frequently.  [Read more](#)

 Arizona Daily Wildcat

**PMAP Adds More Diversity to Medical Program**

A recently introduced yearlong medical program to give economically and educationally disadvantaged students a chance to attend medical school aims to bring more diversity to the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson. Francisco Moreno, MD, deputy dean of diversity and inclusion at the college, said Pre-Medical Admissions Pathway seeks those who are registered members of affiliated American Indian tribes, but disadvantaged people from border areas are eligible to apply as well.  [Read more](#)
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Pima County Doctors Join Statewide Team for Infectious Diseases

Two doctors from Pima County will join other medical experts, first responders and health professionals on a team to develop a statewide plan for infectious diseases.

Francisco Garcia, MD, director of the Pima County Health Department and a UA faculty member, and Sean Elliott, MD, with University of Arizona Medical Center and the UA Department of Pediatrics, were appointed to Gov. Jan Brewer’s newly formed Council on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response.

Dr. Elliott said local hospitals have been preparing for cases of Ebola and Enterovirus on an individual basis, but now they can work together for a universal response with the help of a statewide plan. Read more

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UA Cancer Center’s Dr. Daniel Persky Wins Research Award

Daniel O. Persky, MD, a lymphoma specialist at the University of Arizona Cancer Center, is among 12 physicians from across the country to receive the 2014 Cancer Clinical Investigator Team Leadership Award from the National Cancer Institute.

The highly competitive award recognizes exceptional cancer investigators for their contributions to the advancement of clinical research through collaborative team science.

The award is a $100,000, two-year supplement to the UACC’s Cancer Center Support Grant. Dr. Persky is the first UACC member to be honored with this recognition. Read more

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"Life: Magnified" Online: A Web Companion to the 2014 Exhibit at Washington Dulles International Airport
“Life: Magnified” is an exhibit of scientific images showing cells and other scenes of life magnified by as much as 50,000 times. The exhibit is on display at Washington Dulles International Airport’s Gateway Gallery through November.

Included in the collection is “Three Muscle Fibers” by Christopher Pappas, PhD, Cellular & Molecular Medicine, and Carol Gregorio, PhD, director of the Molecular Cardiovascular Research Program at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson and co-director of the Sarver Heart Center, University of Arizona.

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