The Phoenix Biomedical Campus in downtown Phoenix had a $1.3 billion economic impact in 2013, according to a Tripp-Umbach study.

As part of that study, the consulting firm also looked at the economic impact of the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix, and found that the medical school had a $961.6 million economic impact. But what's to come is even greater, with the Phoenix Biomedical Campus projected to have an economic impact of $3.1 billion in 2025, while UA's Phoenix medical school is expected to create a $2.5 billion economic impact at that time. Read more

KVOA-TV (NBC Tucson)

**UAMC Opens New Burn Wound Treatment Room**

The University of Arizona Medical Center has a new $80,000 burn wound treatment room equipped with the latest in medical equipment. "With hydro-therapy, we can control the water temperature and the pressure with the contraption," said UAMC registered nurse, Mario Lluria. "It's a gentler way of taking off dead tissue and keeping the patients clean from infection."

Peter Rhee, MD, chief, Division of Trauma, Critical Care, Burn and Emergency Surgery,
said in the past many of the serious burn patients were flown to a burn center in Phoenix. Read more

KGUN-TV (ABC Tucson)

Second Annual Liver Life Walk

At the Liver Research Institute at the University of Arizona, doctors are working toward better treatment for Hepatitis-C, a disease transmitted through infected blood.

"It's a very sneaky disease," said Thomas Boyer, MD, director of the UA Liver Research Institute and also a member of the American Liver Foundation Medical Advisory Committee. "The problem is people get infected and they actually don't know they're infected," Dr. Boyer said. "This has been a long and painful process that's taken 30 years to evolve from no treatment to very effective treatments." Read more

Quality Health

Two New Natural Depression Treatments

If you've suffered from depression, you know that it's a serious and often debilitating illness. Two recent studies on depression treatment methods suggest that increased inflammation in the brain increases the risk of depression, and researchers propose that if inflammation could be decreased—by exercise and/or fish oil supplements—then the onset of depression could perhaps be delayed or prevented. "But fish oil alone may not be enough to stave off depressive symptoms, though it's an excellent addition to other depression treatments," says Amelia Villagomez, MD, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson. Read more

Yuma Sun

Researchers Arrive to Assess Risk of Dengue Disease
The presence of a mosquito that can spread dengue has brought a team of researchers to Yuma County in an effort to prevent the disease from becoming a problem in the spring, when temperatures warm up.

The researchers, representing the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Arizona Department of Health Services and the University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, arrived Dec. 15 to assess the risk dengue poses to the area.

Part of the focus of their visit, said Diana Gomez, the county health services director, is to determine how well the public is informed about dengue and what residents are doing on their own to curb mosquitoes that can spread it.