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University of Arizona Receives Funding for Public Health Training

The University of Arizona has been awarded a four-year, $3.6 million grant to establish public health training centers. The money comes from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration. The UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health will work with organizations and colleges in Nevada, California, Hawaii and the U.S.-affiliated Pacific islands to open training centers there.

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KGUN-TV (ABC Tucson)

UA Program Helps Native Americans with Access to Health Care

David Alberts, MD, a Regents Professor of Medicine at the University of Arizona, has been the principal investigator for the Native American Cancer Prevention program at the Arizona Cancer Center. "Unfortunately, when Native Americans get diagnosed with cancer, they tend to have a more advantaged stage of the disease, less curable stage of the disease," said Alberts. In 2002, the Native American Cancer Prevention Program started as a partnership between the UA and Northern Arizona University, with the goal of helping Native Americans get better access to screenings and treatment. Read more
Chicago Tribune

In Arizona, Swings in Medicaid Access Show Program’s Impact

During the last recession, Arizona cut coverage for tens of thousands of people. This year, the state expanded Medicaid again, although the decision faces a legal challenge.

Among the Medicaid services the state cut four years ago was podiatry, an important benefit for diabetics, many of whom lose feeling in their feet and become more prone to infections as the disease wastes nerves and arteries.

At the University of Arizona Medical Center in Tucson, David Armstrong, DPM, MD, PhD, director of the Southern Arizona Limb Salvage Alliance (SALSA), still sees the impact.

Nearly every day, Armstrong and Joseph L. Milis, Sr., MD, co-director of SALSA, don surgical scrubs and step into an operating room to amputate limbs or cut away diseased bones and flesh of patients with diabetes who put off seeing a doctor. Read more

Addiction Professional

Sierra Tucson Residency Opportunity Exposes Psychiatry Students to Integrated, Holistic Care

A renewed rotation partnership between the University of Arizona Department of Psychiatry and the nationally known Arizona addiction treatment facility Sierra Tucson will allow psychiatric residency students to work with Sierra Tucson patients and staff for up to two months at a time.

According to Aimee Kaempf, MD, assistant professor of psychiatry and director of the Psychiatry Residency Training program at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson, UA psychiatry residents have been rotating at Sierra Tucson on and off for more than 10 years. In the past, two-month rotations at Sierra Tucson were a requirement for senior UA residents. Read more

Consumer Affairs

Are You Drinking Mold with Your Coffee?
A 2011 study from NSF International (they do independent studies for consumer health) found that about half of coffee makers had yeast and mold growing in their reservoirs. About one in ten were home to coliform bacteria. On average, home coffee reservoirs also had higher germ counts than both bathroom door handles and toilet seats. Kelly Reynolds, MSPH, PhD, an environmental biologist and associate professor at the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, agrees with the study. Read more