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UAMC Reactivates Heart Transplant Program

The University of Arizona Medical Center has reactivated its Heart Transplant Program after a temporary suspension. The program was suspended in December after one of the doctors left the team. UAMC has rebuilt its team and is back up and running after getting approval from the United Network of Organ Sharing. The Heart Transplant Program began operations in 1979 at UAMC. Doctors have performed about 900 heart transplant procedures. Randy Shepherd is currently a heart transplant candidate. "I was status two for four years, which is low priority, I have been status one for the last year," said Shepherd. Read more

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Bioscience Campus’s Impact in 10 Years?

University of Arizona President Ann Weaver Hart talks about the newest Phoenix bioscience campus addition -- "Within the next 10 years, this campus will be a bustling academic health center. Several new research buildings will have been built. The class size for new physicians, nurses, pharmacists and public health workers will have grown tremendously in an effort to help our state meet its needs for health care providers. The UA Cancer Center will have more than 60,000 patient visits each year. The economic
impact of this campus will be more than $2 billion annually (the equivalent of more than four Super Bowls each year).”

Fox News

Surgeons to Attempt First-Ever Suspended Animation Trials on Humans

According to a report in New Scientist, researchers at the UPMC Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh, Penn., are set to perform the first-ever human clinical trials utilizing suspended animation later this month. Surgeons involved in the research will perform lifesaving surgery on 10 critically wounded patients, who will have been drastically cooled down to the point where their bodily functions have almost ceased.

"If a patient comes to us two hours after dying, you can't bring them back to life. But if they're dying and you suspend them, you have a chance to bring them back after their structural problems have been fixed," says surgeon Peter Rhee, MD, of the University of Arizona in Tucson, who helped develop the technique.

Arizona Daily Star

Moving Up: Yuan to Conduct Research at Arizona Health Sciences Center

Jason X.-J. Yuan, MD, PhD, a leader in pulmonary vascular disease research, was appointed associate vice president for translational health sciences at the Arizona Health Sciences Center at the University of Arizona. Dr. Yuan also joins the faculty of the UA College of Medicine – Tucson as professor of medicine with a joint appointment as professor of physiology.

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PCSD Taking the Lead in Helping People with Mental Illnesses
The Pima County Sheriff's Department has its own mental health support team that works to prevent tragedies, such as the one that occurred in Santa Barbara over the weekend.

PCSD is now taking the Mental Health Support Team, known as "MHST," a step further.

The specially trained MHST team picks up the individual making the threat and takes them to the University of Arizona Medical Center South Campus, which specializes in mental illness. Read more