My Dear Colleagues,

For this newsletter issue, I’ve asked BUMG Chief Operating Officer Jeff Buehrle to fill you in on some important behavioral health developments affecting our practice.

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CEO, Banner – University Medical Group

A New Day for Behavioral Health in Pima County

As you may know, Banner Health and Cenpatico have joined forces to provide behavioral health services in Pima County. As of Oct. 1, this partnership now runs the RBHA (Regional Behavioral Health Authority, pronounced “reba”) for the county.

I am very excited about this opportunity for Banner Health, BUMG, UA and Cenpatico to come together to meet the behavioral health needs of Pima County. Our continuum of services includes:

- Outpatient clinics at BUMCS and at BUMCT
- The Whole Health Clinic (formerly the Integrated Care Clinic) on Wilmot
- The Early Psychosis Intervention Center (EPICENTER), also at Wilmot
- The Crisis Response Center (CRC) at BUMCS
- A Level 1 sub-acute facility on the second floor of the CRC
- Inpatient units at BUMCS

This collection of services provides two very important deliverables. First, a clinical continuum unmatched in any city or location, operated by one provider. This is important because we can provide these services as our patients’ needs change and require different levels of care. In the
past we relied on other providers to help with the various levels of care, and they were not always cooperative.

The second deliverable is a place where faculty can teach in all of the environments of care, and attract residents and fellows to learn the full continuum of clinical care. I believe this story board, if I may use that term, will allow Tucson, Banner Health and the UA to attract top talent. We are in need of psychiatrists and other behavioral clinicians in both Tucson and Phoenix, and our long-term plan is to grow.

We need to demonstrate how these services lead to better outcomes, reduced recidivism, decreased utilization across the continuum and better medication management for our patients’ physical and behavioral health needs. When we’ve done that, we will be in a good position to help Cenpatico respond to the Maricopa County RBHA bid in future years.

Jeff Buehrle
COO, Banner – University Medical Group

Physician Employment Agreements
Many thanks to the 30+ physicians who already have signed and returned their Physician Employment Agreements as they transition to BUMG employment on Jan. 1.

If you have not received your contract, please contact your Department Administrator and he or she will make sure it is sent to your preferred email address.

(Also, please forgive those daily Docusign reminders. These are not new agreements but reminders used for all contracts throughout Banner Health. We’re working on a different reminder schedule. Thank you for your patience.)

Address contract questions to BUMG Chief Clinical Affairs Officers Pradeep Kadambi, MD, in Tucson and Bob Evani, MD, in Phoenix.

He’s BUMG Physician No. 1
Congratulations to Assistant Professor of Medicine Bijin Thajudeen, MD, the first UA physician to sign and return his BUMG Physician Employment Agreement! He is the first official member of our practice plan. In addition, Bijin has just been named a Key Clinical Educator in the UA Department of Medicine. His clinical efforts will decrease to accommodate a protected “academic half-day” funded by his department to mentor residents, teach and serve a key role in the residency program. BUMG recognizes that our practice plan can only succeed by preserving and supporting the tripartite mission of academic medicine – clinical care, education and research.
New Employee Orientation & HR Days in Tucson

UA physicians transitioning to BUMG employment in January will need to attend one of several New Employee Orientation (NEO) sessions beginning in November. The three-hour sessions are held at La Galeria, near the cafeteria at Banner – University Medical Center South. Upcoming NEO sessions will be held:

Nov. 9 & 23, 2015
Dec. 7 & 21, 2015
Jan. 4 & 18, 2016

Those transitioning to Banner employment must attend an NEO session within 30 days of their Banner start date. Please note that any UA physician interested in learning more about Banner employment is welcome to attend one of these sessions.

In addition to New Employee Orientation, Banner Health will be hosting special physician “HR Days” in November where you will receive your new badge and lab coat and complete important paperwork. Please plan to spend about an hour at one of the following HR Days:

11 a.m.-7 p.m. Nov. 9 at BUMCT
7 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 10 at BUMCS

No Flu for You!

Free flu shot clinics are scheduled throughout the fall, including:

Phoenix
• Oct. 10, 6:30-11:30 a.m. Educational Services C
• Oct. 13, 6:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Educational Services C
• Oct. 16, 6:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Educational Services C
• Oct. 19, 2-9 p.m. Educational Services B
• Oct. 21, 6:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Educational Services B

Tucson
• Oct. 15, 1-3 p.m., 1st floor Break Room, Wilmot Clinic
• Oct. 29, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Room 2104B, UA Cancer Center / North Campus
• Oct. 30, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., DuVal Auditorium, BUMCT

Banner Health believes flu vaccination is the right thing to do to protect our patients, colleagues, families and ourselves. All physicians, staff, volunteers and students are required to receive a flu vaccine or submit an approved medical or religious exemption by Dec. 1, 2015.
Dean’s Corner, Tucson

Chuck Cairns, MD, interim dean of the UA College of Medicine – Tucson

Five COM-T faculty members and programs were among the winners of “Influential Health and Medical Leaders Awards” announced last week by Tucson Local Media.

- **Advancement in Achievement in Biopharmaceuticals Award:** Toxicologist and pediatrician Leslie Boyer, MD, founding director of the VIPER (Venom Immunochemistry, Pharmacology and Emergency Response) Institute and associate professor of pathology at COM-T.
- **Achievement in Medical Research Award:** Fernando Martinez, MD, Regents Professor, Swift-McNear Professor of Pediatrics at COM-T and inaugural director of the Asthma and Airways Disease Research Center.
- **Achievement in Wellness Programs Award:** The Heart Series - A program of the Foundation for Cardiovascular Health created by Charles Katzenberg, MD, UA Sarver Heart Center, and Edna Silva, RN, cardiac rehabilitation nurse and Tai Chi master.
- **Outstanding Health Care Executive Award:** Francisco Garcia, MD, MPH, director and chief medical officer for the Pima County Health Department, UA distinguished outreach professor of public health at the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health and a COM-T alumnus.
- **Achievement in Medical Devices Award:** SynCardia Systems, a privately held manufacturer of the first FDA-approved Total Artificial Heart. SynCardia is a UA spin-off company.

Additionally, several COM-T faculty and programs were honored as finalists:

- **Lifetime Achievement in Health Care finalist:** David Alberts, MD, director emeritus of the UA Cancer Center, Regents Professor of Medicine, Pharmacology, Nutritional Science and Public Health.
- **Achievement in Medical Devices finalist:** Ventana Medical Systems, a member of the Roche Group, a world leader in tissue-based diagnostic solutions and a UA spinoff company.
- **Outstanding Health Organization finalist:** Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine, founded in 1994 by Andrew Weil, MD, at COM-T.

This is an impressive list of people, programs and companies that I’m proud to have associated with the college. Congratulations to all!

Dean’s Corner, Phoenix
Stuart Flynn, MD, dean of the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix

Last week at a formal ceremony, the Arizona BioIndustry Association named Joan Rankin Shapiro, PhD, associate dean for research and professor of Basic Medical Sciences at the UA COM-P, the 2015 Michael A. Cusanovich Arizona Bioscience Educator of the Year.

Our medical school has been unbelievably fortunate to have Joan not only join our college at its most formative stage, but to build the foundation for research on which the school will grow. She is a leader, a scientist, a wonderful role model for all to emulate, a collaborator extraordinaire and an icon in our community. Her legacy will live in perpetuity for generations to follow, as she has set the standard for how we should all work toward common goals selflessly, not selfishly.

COM-P is one of only two medical schools in the country that requires each graduating medical student to complete a four-year research scholarly project and thesis. It’s a catalyst for these physicians to be lifelong learners and embrace discovery throughout their careers. Dr. Shapiro has been a leader in shepherding the students through this complex maze of work. Click here to watch honoree video. Congratulations, Joan!

Physician Executive Director Named to Phoenix Eye Institute

Pravin Dugal, MD, has been named the physician executive director of the future Banner – University Medicine Phoenix Eye Institute. The institute will integrate a network of ophthalmologists who believe that an environment of teaching and scholarship can accelerate the delivery of value-based care and improve the health of a population.

Dr. Dugal currently serves as managing partner of Retinal Consultants of Arizona and is a founding member of the Spectra Eye Institute. He serves on the board of directors of the Arizona Ophthalmology Society and American Society of Retina Specialists.

The Banner – University Medicine Institutes are part of Banner Health’s academic division, but have a much broader reach across the care continuum. The institutes bring together signature clinical programs anchored at BUMCP that will serve as destination centers for the delivery of high-value, differentiated clinical care in an environment of scholarship, teaching and quality improvement. Other institutes focus on neurosciences, transplant medicine, advanced lung disease, endocrinology and more.
BUMCT & BUMSC Medical Staff Officers for 2016-2017

Trauma surgeon Dr. Terence O'Keeffe will become chief of staff at Banner – University Medical Center Tucson and obstetrician-gynecologist Ilana Addis, MD, will be chief of staff at Banner – University Center South in January, 2016. They will succeed current chief of staff Michael Lemole, MD, at BUMCT and Kwan Lee, MD, at BUMCS.

Other newly elected medical staff officers at BUMCT are pulmonologist Phillip Factor, DO, chief of staff-elect, and neurosurgeon Martin Weinand, MD, secretary-treasurer. Critical care intensivist Gordon Carr, MD, and hematologist/oncologist Emad Elquza, MD, will serve as Medical Executive Committee members at large.

At BUMCS, Lisa Stoneking, MD, of Emergency Medicine will be chief of staff-elect and Bethany Bruzzzi, DO, of Family and Community Medicine, will be secretary-treasurer. Internal medicine specialist Bujji Ainapurapu, MD, and Victoria Murrain, DO, of Family and Community Medicine, will serve as Medical Executive Committee members at large.

State of the UA Health Sciences

In his annual State of the University of Arizona Health Sciences presentation last week, UA Senior VP for Health Sciences Joe G.N. “Skip” Garcia, MD, shared the year’s accomplishments – including the university’s “transformative” partnership with Banner Health – and outlined future goals. (At least one long-term goal directly involves BUMG: in 10 years he hopes to see BUMCT and BUMCP named U.S. News Honor Roll Hospitals.)

Dr. Garcia also announced that a search for a permanent dean for COM-T is underway, with a search committee led by Drs. Kenneth Ramos and Andrew Kraft. Interim COM-T Dean Chuck Cairns, MD, is a candidate for the permanent dean position.

Click here for video and presentation slides.

Welcome, New Faculty

Please extend a warm Wildcat welcome to new faculty who joined us in September in Tucson:

Christine Farinelli, MD, Ob-Gyn
Erica Heitmann, MD, Ob-Gyn
Jeff Maltzman, MD, Ophthalmology
Vicki Loyer-Carlson, PhD, Psychiatry
Mark Your Calendars

Phoenix

Happiness – A Primer for Health-Care Workers
Grand Rounds, BUMCT Department of Psychiatry
Noon - 1 p.m. Oct. 16, Medical Education Amphitheater
Speaker: Dennis Friedman, DO, BUMCT

Business Intelligence in Health Care
Grand Rounds presented by UA Department of Clinical Informatics
8-9 a.m. Oct. 21, Health Sciences Education Building, Room B402
Featured speaker: Vinay Vaidya, MD, VP and chief medical information officer, Phoenix Children's

Tucson

From Shaman to Surgeon: Military Doctors & Early Medicine in the Southwest, 1776-1916
11 a.m. Oct. 10 opening reception, Presidio San Agustin del Tucson Museum, 196 N. Court Ave.
Exhibit supported by UA COM-T and BUMCT

Approaches to Care of Gender Non-Conforming Children, Transgender Youth and Young Adults
Symposium for professionals sponsored by Banner – University Medicine & L.A. Gender Center
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Nov. 7 and 8, DuVal Auditorium, BUMCT

In the News

• BUMCP Breaks Ground on $160 Million Emergency Room

• MedAire Call Center Reduces Emergency Plane Landings
  Monesh Bhow, MD, BUMCP Emergency Medicine

• Dementia Care of Future May be at Home
  Mindy Fain, MD, chief of Geriatrics, General Internal Medicine & Palliative Medicine

• Alzheimer’s Cure Remains Elusive, but Medication May Help
  Geoffrey L. Ahern, MD, PhD, professor of Neurology