Greetings from the UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences:

As we settle into the new academic year, I want to take this opportunity to greet our returning faculty and to welcome the new faculty members who are joining UA Health Sciences. Among many outstanding additions, we are pleased to welcome Drs. Usha Menon and Michael Grandner who join UA Health Sciences in key leadership roles. Dr. Menon, a widely recognized expert in health behavior change to reduce health disparities in cancer prevention, is the new associate dean for research and global advances at the UA College of Nursing. Dr. Grandner, an internationally recognized sleep researcher, joins us as the new director of the Sleep and Health Research Program at the UA Department of Psychiatry. We are excited to welcome these accomplished leaders to the University community.

In addition, I would like to congratulate Dr. Fernando D. Martinez for being named inaugural director of the Asthma and Airway Disease Research Center. Dr. Martinez will lead the UA Health Sciences’ expanded translational research efforts and program innovation in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of asthma and airway disease.

This edition also includes the results of a study that shows people with low incomes or living in rural areas who have type 2 diabetes are significantly more likely to suffer the amputation of a lower extremity, as well as another study that has UA Health Sciences public health researchers collaborating with the UA College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to examine irrigation water quality to keep U.S. food crops from becoming contaminated.
Finally, please plan to attend the upcoming "State of the UA Health Sciences" presentation, Tuesday, Sept. 29, 3:30 p.m., in DuVal Auditorium (streamed live to the Phoenix Campus, Lecture Hall C105). I look forward to providing an update on the UA Health Sciences' goals and the ongoing implementation of our strategic plan for the continued advancement of the UA’s health research, education and clinical programs.

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UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences

Dr. Martinez to Lead Transformative Research Center

Fernando D. Martinez, MD, UA Regent's Professor and Swift – McNear endowed chair of pediatrics, has been tapped to lead the UA Health Sciences’ expanded translational research efforts and program innovation in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of asthma and airway disease.

Dr. Menon Joins UA College of Nursing

Usha Menon, PhD, RN, FAAN, a recognized expert in health behavior change to reduce health disparities in cancer prevention, has joined the UA College of Nursing as associate dean for research and global advances.

Poison Center Works with Community Collaborative Against Overdoses

The Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center is a partner in the Pima County Medicine Abuse Prevention Initiative Collaborative, which was formed about a year ago.

People with low incomes or living in rural areas who have type 2 diabetes are significantly more likely to suffer the amputation of a lower extremity, largely due to limited access to preventive health care, according to research by the Southern Arizona Limb...
Salvage Alliance at the UA Department of Surgery.

**Former NFL player, UA Faculty to Raise Awareness of Traumatic Brain Injury**

Brian Jennings suffered many concussions during his 13-year tenure with the NFL’s San Francisco 49ers and has partnered with Jonathan Lifshitz, PhD, of the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix and Barrow Neurological Institute at Phoenix Children’s Hospital to educate and spread awareness of the long-term effects associated with concussions and other traumatic brain injuries.

**UA Public Health Researchers Work to Keep U.S. Food Crops Safe**

Working to keep U.S. food crops safe, a team of researchers from the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health and College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has received funding to study irrigation water quality.

**Celebrating Women in Medicine Month at UA Health Sciences**

Among the many exceptional and inspiring women in the UA Health Sciences community is second-year medical student Mary Smith, who explores what it takes to balance family life with five kids and her studies in our latest blog post, “Confessions of a Med School Mom.”

**Sleep and Health Researcher Joins Department of Psychiatry**

The Department of Psychiatry at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson welcomes Michael Grandner, PhD, MTR, assistant professor of psychiatry and director of its new Sleep and Health Research Program.

**Dr. Garcia Keynote Speaker at UA Hispanic Alumni Club**

Joe G.N. “Skip” Garcia, MD, UA senior vice president for health sciences, was the keynote speaker at the recent UA Hispanic Alumni Club Celebration of Excellence.
UA Health Sciences August Research Grant Awards

View a monthly listing of UA Health Sciences grant awards [here].

Dr. Rosales Appointed to Binational Border Health Network

Cecilia Rosales, MD, MS, assistant dean of the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health – Phoenix, was appointed to the Academic Technical Council of the Binational Border Health Network.