Becker's Hospital Review
UAMC Among ‘100 Great Hospitals in America’

University of Arizona Medical Center was included in Becker’s Hospital Review’s 2014 list of "100 Great Hospitals in America." Each of the institutions has a rich history, strong credentials and a growing focus on how to best care for patients in an era of reform. These organizations have played home to some of the greatest medical advancements in U.S. health-care history, and they are also the bastions of their respective communities — serving the roles of academic hubs or local mainstays, according to the publication.

Link: http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/100-great-hospitals-2014/full-list.html

NBC News
Suspended Animation? Docs Try Stopping Clock to Save Lives

The discovery that animals — and maybe humans — could be put into a state of suspended animation is causing scientists to redefine what "dead" means, said Peter Rhee, MD, a professor of surgery and chief of trauma, critical care, burns and emergency surgery at the University of Arizona. When in this state, a patient would neither be dead nor alive, he explained. Dr. Rhee has been working on suspended animation for nearly 20 years. His experiments have shown that animals could be brought back from a suspended state undamaged, "even though they were by all clinical measures dead."

"When you stop the machinery of life, that's not when death starts," Dr. Rhee said. "If you were dead for a day I would not be able to bring you back. But we're talking about 5 to 15 minutes. If you're cooled straight down, you have a chance."


Digital Journal
BestMastersDegrees.com Names 25 Most Impressive University Medical School Libraries

Bestmastersdegrees.com has published a list of the "25 Most Impressive University Medical School Libraries," including facilities in North America, Europe, and Asia. The website's editors selected the libraries to present a curated listing of selected university medical school libraries based on number of holdings, variety of useful resources, and unique or striking architecture and design.

Arizona Health Sciences Library at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix campus ranked No. 8.

Link: http://www.digitaljournal.com/pr/1827467
Arizona Public Media (PBS)

Children's Bike Club Promises Health, Community Benefits

Studies suggest the average child has 25 percent less free play time today than in 1981, and only spends about half as much time outdoors. Adults are also spending less time in nature. And children and adults are spending more time — an average of eight hours a day — in front of screens. Scientists say that disconnect between people and the outdoors comes with a cost, because seeing and being in nature benefits both physical and mental health.

Martha Moore-Monroy, REACH Program director for the Center of Excellence in Women's Health at the University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, began a new bicycle club and set about studying why children spent so much time indoors and to teach them a new way of experiencing the world.


Arizona Republic (Phoenix)

Some Specialty Care More Expensive Under ACA

Fewer health insurers sell plans on the marketplace that cover services at Mayo Clinic, the University of Arizona Cancer Center, the Cancer Treatment Centers of America or Phoenix Children's Hospital, which handles the most critical pediatric cases. "The problem comes if (consumers) don't understand what they are purchasing or the insurance companies aren't transparent about what their network looks like," said James Stover, CEO of the University of Arizona Health Plans. "They can get stuck with a plan that doesn't work for them."


Tucson News Now (CBS) Tucson

UA Telemedicine Program helping breast cancer survivors

The Susan G. Komen Southern Arizona chapter has been central in funding a telemedicine program at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson, known as Vida!

Ana Maria Lopez, MD, leads the program, which is one element among a vast amount of medical services that the Arizona Telemedicine Program offers for physicians, patients and medical centers throughout Arizona.

Vida! is just one among several telemedicine programs at the UA. The Arizona Telemedicine Program, launched in 1996 under the encouragement and support of the Arizona Legislature, since has become one of the leading telemedicine programs in the nation.

Link: http://www.tucsonnewsnow.com/story/25106267/ua-telemedicine-program-helps-breast-cancer-survivors