



Fast Facts

The University of Arizona College of Medicine

MISSION: *To promote health and improve the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease for the people of Arizona and beyond, through education, research and patient care.*

Established: 1967
Campuses: 2
Departments: 20
Centers of Excellence: 10
New Medical Students each year: 163
Residents and Fellows: 500+
Research Funding: \$130 million (FY10)
Research Concentrations:

- Biomedical Imaging
- Cancer
- Diabetes
- Heart Disease
- Neurological Disorders



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- In 1963, the bill to appropriate \$160,000 to hire a dean and begin planning a medical college passed each house of the state Legislature by only one vote. That fall, then-UA President Richard Harvill appointed Merlin K. DuVal, MD, founding dean of the College.
- Upon his arrival in Tucson in January 1964, Dr. DuVal began efforts to raise money and design the original facility, called the Arizona Medical Center. The Center was to include the College of Medicine, which admitted its first class of 32 students Sept. 11, 1967. The College had 21 faculty members.
- The Basic Sciences Building was completed in 1967 at a cost of \$7 million. The University of Arizona Teaching Hospital (now The University of Arizona Medical Center – University Campus) opened its doors in September 1971.
- In August 2007 the College of Medicine expanded its offerings in Phoenix to a full, four-year program and welcomed its first class of 24 medical students.
- Total annual research funding for the UA College of Medicine has grown from \$345,000 in 1967 to \$130 million in 2010.
- The UA College of Medicine has six basic science departments and 14 clinical science departments. The College also houses 10 Centers of Excellence – The University of Arizona Arthritis Center, the Arizona Center on Aging, the Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine, the Arizona Emergency Medicine Research Center, the Arizona Hispanic Center of Excellence, the Arizona Respiratory Center, the UA Steele Children's Research Center, The University of Arizona Cancer Center, the UA Sarver Heart Center and the Valley Fever Center for Excellence. The VIPER Institute (Venom Immunochemistry, Pharmacology and Emergency Response) also is under the College of Medicine umbrella.
- The College of Medicine has 665 medical students studying at the Tucson and Phoenix campuses, including 30 dual-degree candidates; 99 percent of these medical students graduate. The College also has 120 graduate students and 1,763 undergraduates (pre-physiology and physiology majors in the Department of Physiology). The College has 757 salaried faculty members. Total faculty, including full-time, part-time and volunteer, numbers more than 1,900.

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