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`University of Arizona Health Sciences' is the New Name for the Arizona Health Sciences Center; Clearly Identifies Health Enterprise as Integral Part of UA

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The Arizona Health Sciences Center has a new name: the "University of Arizona Health Sciences" – a move to clearly identify Arizona’s academic health center as an integral part of the University of Arizona, one of the nation’s premier research universities.

“Our goal is to strongly identify our academic health center as a key part of the University of Arizona, which not only benefits the UA and its health sciences enterprise, but also our affiliated centers and units,” said Joe G.N. "Skip" Garcia, MD, UA senior vice president for health sciences.

“Communicating our strong connection to the University of Arizona leverages the emotional ties and pride associated with the University. And we know that many individuals, especially those in other states, often were unaware the Arizona Health Sciences Center was part of the University of Arizona. Our new name – the University of Arizona Health Sciences – is much more descriptive and definitive, and simply makes good sense.”

The re-naming effort brings the overall UA Health Sciences' name in line with the five UA health colleges. The University of Arizona Health Sciences, the statewide leader in biomedical research and health-professions training, includes: the UA College of Medicine – Tucson; the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix; the UA College of Pharmacy; the UA College of Nursing; and the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health. With main-campus locations in Tucson and the growing Phoenix Biomedical Campus in downtown Phoenix, the UA Health Sciences reaches across the state of Arizona, the greater Southwest and beyond to provide cutting-edge health education, research, patient care and community outreach services. A major economic engine, the UA Health Sciences employs almost 5,000 people, has nearly 1,000 faculty members and garners more than $126 million in research grants and contracts annually.

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