



2009 Fast Facts

The University of Arizona College of Medicine

Established: 1967

Campuses: 2

Departments: 20

Centers of Excellence: 9

**New Medical Students
each year:** 158

Residents and Fellows: 500

Research Funding:
\$115 million (FY08)

Research Concentrations:

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

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.



Steve Goldschmid, MD
Interim Dean

- 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 University Medical Center) opened its doors in September 1971.
- In August 2007 the expansion of the College of Medicine in Phoenix, The University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix in partnership with Arizona State University, welcomed its first class of 24 first-year medical students to a full, four-year program.
- Total annual research funding for the UA College of Medicine has grown from \$345,000 in 1967 to \$115 million in 2008.
- The College of Medicine has six basic science departments and 14 clinical science departments. The College also houses nine Centers of Excellence – the Arizona Arthritis Center, the Arizona Center on Aging (in conjunction with the UA College of Nursing), the Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine, the Arizona Emergency Medicine Research Center, the Arizona Hispanic Center of Excellence, the Arizona Respiratory Center, the Steele Children's Research Center, the UA Sarver Heart Center and the Valley Fever Center for Excellence.
- The College of Medicine has 542 medical students studying at the Tucson and Phoenix campuses, including 35 dual-degree candidates; 99 percent of these medical students graduate. The College also has 149 graduate students and 1,400 undergraduates (pre-physiology and physiology majors in the Department of Physiology). The College has 600+ full-time faculty members. Total faculty, including full-time, part-time and volunteer, numbers more than 1,600.
- Steve Goldschmid, MD, was named interim dean in July 2008.

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