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**UPH Hospital Emergency Medicine
Residency Program Begins next July**

TUCSON, Ariz. (Oct. 21, 2009) –A new emergency medicine residency program at University Physicians Hospital has been approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and is slated to begin in July 2010. The emergency medicine program will add 18 new resident-physicians to the hospital’s residency program. Kristi J.H. Grall, MD, assistant professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine, will serve as program director.

“These young doctors-in-training have a unique opportunity with the emergency medicine program,” said Harvey Meislin, MD, chairman of the University of Arizona Department of Emergency Medicine. “They will provide first-line care for diverse populations of rural, inner-city, indigent and multi-cultural people under the direct supervision of a nationally recognized faculty.”

The University of Arizona College of Medicine and UPH Hospital Graduate Medical Education Consortium now offer four residency programs at University Physicians Hospital. These include internal medicine, psychiatry, ophthalmology and neurology. Emergency medicine and family medicine programs will begin in July 2010. The programs focus on rural and underserved areas of Arizona and supplement current residency programs at the UA College of Medicine. In all, approximately 100 new resident-physicians will work at UPH Hospital.

The general surgery program is awaiting accreditation. All programs are based at University Physicians Hospital with rotations throughout the state, including the Southern Arizona Veteran Affairs Health Care System and Indian Health Service.

University Physicians Hospital is operated by University Physicians Healthcare, a non-profit corporation created in 1985 as the medical practice of the physicians of The UA College of Medicine. Together, UPH, the University of Arizona, UPH Hospital and University Medical Center combine to care for patients, educate medical students, train young physicians and conduct clinical research. With more than 350 physicians and 1,500 staff members, UPH is Arizona’s largest physicians group.

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