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New Physician-Residents Selected for Programs at UPH Hospital

TUCSON, Ariz. (March 30, 2009) – University Physicians Hospital will add 19 additional residents in July. The new residents were announced Thursday, March 19, 2009. Many of the new hires were recruited through the National Residency Matching Program, which matches graduating medical school students with residency positions across the country.

The University of Arizona and UPH Hospital Graduate Medical Education Consortium will now offer four residency programs at University Physicians Hospital. These include internal medicine and psychiatry as well as two new programs, ophthalmology and neurology. The programs focus on rural and underserved areas of Arizona and supplement current residency programs at The UA College of Medicine. In all 32 new and current residents will be working at UPH Hospital.

“These programs are crucial in attracting and training doctors in our community with the hope that they will remain in the state,” said Dr. Steve Goldschmid, interim dean of The University of Arizona College of Medicine. “This is an essential investment to alleviate the current physician shortage in Southern Arizona and the crippling effect it may have on healthcare in the decades ahead.”

A total of eight residency programs are being created at UPH Hospital. Radiology is expected to start in July 2010. Emergency medicine, family medicine and general surgery are awaiting accreditation. All programs are based at University Physicians Hospital with rotations throughout the state including the Southern Arizona Veteran Affairs Healthcare System and Indian Health Services.

“We are proud to be leaders in this innovative training program for new doctors which provides patients greater access to medical care and has a positive economic impact for Southern Arizona,” said Larry Aldrich, president and CEO of University Physicians Healthcare.

University Physicians Hospital is operated by University Physicians Healthcare. UPH is 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 over 350 physicians and 1,500 staff, UPH is Arizona's largest physicians group.

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