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Three Cardiologists Join Faculty



Arka Chatterjee, MD



Talal Moukabary, MD



Madhan Sundaram, MD

Three cardiologists recently joined the University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center. **Arka Chatterjee, MD**, **Talal Moukabary, MD**, and **Madhan Sundaram, MD**, are now faculty of the UArizona College of Medicine – Tucson, Department of Medicine, Division of Cardiology, and are seeing patients at Banner – University Medical Center Tucson.

"With the addition of Drs. Chatterjee, Moukabary and Sundaram we continue the rapid growth in cardiovascular medicine at the University of Arizona and Banner – University Medical Center Tucson, and enhance our ability to provide highly personalized and expert care in the most advanced cardiology procedures to our patients," said **Nancy K. Sweitzer, MD, PhD**, director of the UArizona Sarver Heart Center, professor of medicine and chief of cardiology.

"These three physicians not only bring experience in electrophysiology, coronary and peripheral interventions, and minimally invasive valve replacement, but they will expand the research offerings of the Sarver Heart Center in important areas of cardiology. This will allow us to bring the latest advances in heart disease treatment to the people of Southern Arizona," said Dr. Sweitzer.

A Summer Retirement During a Pandemic

While **Frank Marcus**, **MD**, professor emeritus, may have technically retired from the University of Arizona, he was not retired from cardiology research and patient consultations until recently. After 51 years at the UA College of Medicine - Division of Cardiology, he retired in July at age 92.

"Our plan had been to recognize Dr. Marcus' remarkable career in a way that honors one of his greatest passions - continuing medical education. However, the coronavirus pandemic altered our plans," said Dr. Nancy Sweitzer. "Hopefully, we can schedule a professional cardiology conference in Dr. Marcus' honor during 2021."



Dr. Talal Moukabary, one of the newest faculty members (see first article) who worked with Dr. Marcus while completing his cardiovascular fellowship training here, wrote a wonderful tribute in 2015: "Perseverance Key to UA Cardiologist's Long Medical Research Career."

Not wanting to let the summer pass without recognizing Dr. Marcus, may this article serve as a placeholder for a future program.

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In the News

A Sarver Heart Center team led by **Khadijah Breathett, MD, MS**, looked into gender and racial bias and found **doctors are more judgmental on women's appearances and social support networks**, particularly African American women.

Marvin Slepian, MD, was one of three University of Arizona experts who **wrote in an essay** that one of America's founding documents provides a framework for finding common ground to fight COVID-19.

Wanda F Moore, chair of the Sarver Heart Center **Minority Outreach Program**, **wrote in a blog** that for researchers to encourage minority populations to participate in clinical trials, they must be ethically sound, with education and respect for the privacy rights of all participants.

Dr. Nancy Sweitzer says, cardiology is the "best job." She covers research, scholarship, deliberative career development for young faculty and fellows during a **Women As One podcast**.

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