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## Advancing Our Mission Despite the Pandemic



Thanks to generous support from visionary donors and extremely dedicated faculty and staff, 2020 was a very successful year for the University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center. Despite profound disruptions related to the pandemic, Sarver Heart Center pivoted to new ways of working. The results included patient care delivered safely, new faculty who brought new expertise, clinical trials and collaborations, and a new endowment to advance the mission of the Center. Read more in [Dr. Nancy Sweitzer's Director's Message](#).

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## Dr. Lee Joins Cardiology Faculty

**Hong Seok Lee, MD, MPH**, joined the Division of Cardiology as clinical assistant professor of medicine at the UArizona College of Medicine - Tucson. Dr. Lee, board certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular medicine, has clinical interests in advanced imaging modalities, structural heart disease with interventional transesophageal echocardiogram (TEE), preventive

cardiology, cardio-oncology, heart disease in women, mobile device cardiology, obesity medicine, and congenital heart disease.

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## New Endowment Established from Decades of Gift Planning



*Robert Arida (right), a long-time patient and friend of Dr. Gordon Ewy (left), established a legacy gift toward the endowment. Also pictured: Priscilla Ewy, and Victor and Patricia Arida.*

Three previously established planned gifts were received during 2020 and combined to establish the **Sarver Heart Center Endowment for Innovation and Advancement**. The estate gifts were made by Robert Arida, Louis Weaks, and Louis and Mary Allen.

"Planned giving has an enormous impact on our ability to advance our missions of research, education and clinical care," said Dr. Nancy Sweitzer. There are numerous options for planned giving. To learn more or to establish a planned gift, please contact **Brian Panique**, senior director of development. Email: [panique@arizona.edu](mailto:panique@arizona.edu) | Phone: 520-626-4518

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### COVID-19 Vaccination Information

We all want to get back to normal safely to enjoy life with our family and friends. Health care providers affiliated with Sarver Heart Center encourage you to take the COVID-19 vaccination when your **prioritization group** has the opportunity. The vaccinations are being administered by each county health department as they

receive vaccine supplies for the prioritized groups.

Arizona Department of Health Services is tracking prioritization phases for each county [here](#). When vaccinations for your group begin in your county, please visit the [Patient Portal page](#) to create a user account. You can use your account to make appointments for yourself and family members. The AZDHS portal will take you through the registration process and locate the closest vaccination site based on your zip code.

For help navigating the portal registration, please [watch this video](#).

Please understand that while the University of Arizona and Banner facilities are serving as vaccination sites, only people who have registered for a reservation are eligible to obtain a vaccination.

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## Are You Interested in Participating in Clinical Research?

New faculty and new heart health challenges are keeping the Sarver Heart Center Clinical Research Team busy screening and enrolling patients for clinical trials underway. Please complete a [Clinical Research Registry Information Form](#) to learn about clinical research studies for which you may be eligible.

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## Support Sarver Heart Center



Sarver Heart Center leadership has identified faculty and research priorities to accelerate its growth and influence locally and nationally. "These exciting opportunities need community support to advance our mission in education, research and clinical care. Along with these opportunities, we have identified additional facility needs that will be paramount to sustaining and advancing the services we provide to the community," said Dr. Nancy Sweitzer.

To learn more about these opportunities, please contact [Brian Panique](#), senior director of development who joined the UArizona College of Medicine - Tucson last summer.

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