Early Career Scientists Receive Investigator Awards

Sarver Heart Center awarded 10 Investigator Awards totaling $165,000 for the 2019-2020 grant cycle. These competitive research projects focus on advancing knowledge in the areas of surgical interventions, the role of provider bias, heart muscle development and interventions at the cellular level, mechanical circulatory support, congenital heart disease and pulmonary hypertension. "We are grateful for our generous donors who ensure the ongoing success of the Sarver Heart Center Investigator Award Program," said Nancy K. Sweitzer, MD, PhD, director of the UA Sarver Heart Center and chief of cardiology.

Happy New Year! Stay Resolved and Healthy
We hope you made a heart healthy resolution for 2020. Here's one way to stay resolved for your heart's sake. To commemorate Heart Month 2020, Sarver Heart Center joins the National Institutes of Health's focus on #OurHearts are Healthier Together education initiative.

If you need a group to help you start, the Heart Series, led by Dr. Charles Katzenberg, retired Sarver Heart Center faculty member, and Edna Silva, RN, is enrolling people for the Heart Series session that begins Feb. 4. For more prevention information ...

Community Lectures Scheduled for Green Valley

Sarver Heart Center has three more community lectures scheduled in Green Valley February-April, 2020. Topics will cover strokes, heart rhythm disorders and cardiac amyloidosis. We hope you can join us Feb. 20, when Mohammed El-Ghanem, MD, presents "Stopping Stroke in its Tracks: Stroke symptoms and modern treatments to minimize brain attack damage."

Thanks to Aaron Wolfson, MD, MS, for launching the lecture series on Jan. 16 with, "Understanding Heart Failure: When to ask for an advanced heart disease referral?" For an appointment with Dr. Wolfson, please call Dalila Martinez at 520-694-6303.
Help Beat Heart Disease!

Philip Davia and Erika Yee share a number of life-saving messages, including chest-compression-only CPR and how to participate in clinical research.

Have you ever wondered what you can do, personally, to beat heart disease? Consider becoming part of the UA Sarver Heart Center Biorepository. Our clinical research team will warmly welcome you to participate whether or not you have heart disease or a known risk factor. Enrollment means completing a questionnaire, signing an informed consent form that allows researchers to view your electronic medical record and donating about three tablespoons of blood. These blood samples will help scientists better understand heart disease to improve care and treatment now and in the future. Click on the Cardiology Research Registry link to get started.
Support Sarver Heart Center's Mission

Pictured from left: Jerry Cannella, Bob Rockov, John Fung, Becky O'Hara and Brent Berge.

We are grateful to Desert Toyota of Tucson for their 18 years of supporting Sarver Heart Center. We hope you'll join them by donating to support Sarver Heart Center's life-saving innovations, research and patient care. Please contact John B. Fung, 520-621-1946, for more information. We invite you to be part of our mission!