THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE – PHOENIX

COMMENCEMENT
MAY 7, 2018
Commencement Program

The audience is requested to stand during the Academic Procession and the singing of the National Anthem.

Processional

National Anthem College of Medicine – Phoenix Student Choir

Dean's Welcome Guy L. Reed, MD, MS

President's Welcome Robert C. Robbins, MD

Regent's Welcome Ram Krishna, MD

Award of Appreciation Kathy Bollinger

Award of Appreciation Leigh A. Neumayer, MD, MS

Stuart D. Flynn, MD Master Educator Award Guy L. Reed, MD, MS

Student Address Tiana Marie Blank

Commencement Address Susan M. Pepin, MD, MPH

Introduction of Class Susan Kaib, MD

Hooding Ceremony Presentation of Candidates Susan Kaib, MD

Conferral of Degrees Robert C. Robbins, MD

Reading of Class Oath Class of 2018

Moment of Reflection Cheryl O'Malley, MD

Closing Remarks Guy L. Reed, MD, MS

Alma Mater College of Medicine – Phoenix Student Choir

Recessional

Please remain in your seat after the ceremony until the academic recession has left Symphony Hall.
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Surrounded by high-rise office buildings, sports complexes and the state’s seat of government, the University of Arizona (UA) College of Medicine – Phoenix has become one of the most watched and celebrated developments in downtown Phoenix.

This year’s graduating class consists of 80 students, the eighth group of physicians to study four years on the Phoenix campus. The College admitted its inaugural class of first-year medical students in August 2007 and is celebrating its 11th anniversary this year.

As early as 1983, medical students at the UA College of Medicine completed required clerkships in internal medicine, pediatrics, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, and family medicine, as well as clinical electives in the Phoenix area. In 1992, a Phoenix program was officially established, allowing third- and fourth-year UA medical students to complete rotations at affiliated hospitals in Phoenix.

Since opening its doors as a four-year academic medical center – the first allopathic medical school in Phoenix – the College has graduated 352 physicians and today, that will become 432. Each physician embodies the College’s core values of collaboration, community, diversity, excellence, innovation, integrity and servant leadership.

In 2015, the College became the institutional sponsor of more than 25 Graduate Medical Education programs with more than 300 residents and fellows. The programs are based at Banner – University Medical Center Phoenix and include family medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, cardiology, neurology, psychiatry and medical toxicology, among many others.

In 2017, the College was awarded full accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. Throughout students’ four years in medical school, they are exposed to a variety of clinical programs that not only advance their careers as future physicians, but also improve the health and education of the Phoenix community and across Arizona.

More than 1,858 faculty members prepare students to be competitive in residency programs and to practice cutting-edge medicine in this ever-changing health care environment. Students have the opportunity to train at nine clinical sites as an extension of the College’s affiliated partnerships with Banner Health, Abrazo Central Campus, Phoenix Children’s Hospital, Maricopa Integrated Health System, St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center, HonorHealth, Mayo Clinic, Hospice of the Valley and the Phoenix VA Health Care System.

Internationally recognized faculty at the College conduct research focused on improving the health and well-being of Arizona and beyond.

The College has a profound culture of servant leadership woven through all aspects of the students’ medical school journey. This culture will continue to be an integral and unique characteristic of the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix identity. The College’s outreach and influence has continually expanded. Those efforts translate into care for underserved populations and rural areas of the state.

The College has made efforts to give children of all ages an introduction to the wonders of medicine and to encourage the advantages of a healthy lifestyle through educational lectures and community programs.
HISTORY OF THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Commencement exercises at American universities and colleges traditionally are composed of three essential elements: the academic procession, the conferring of degrees, and the commencement address. This practice has been codified since 1895, when a national conference on academic costume and ceremony was proposed and a plan known initially as the “Intercollegiate System” was formally adopted. The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania incorporated this code in the Statutes of the University in November 1896. Now under the aegis of the American Council on Education, the “Academic Costume Code and Academic Ceremony Guide” was revised in 1932 and 1960.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The color of the velvet edging on the hood and gown indicates the degree. The hood is lined with the colors of the institution that confers the degree. The University of Arizona colors are red and blue. The designation for College of Medicine graduates is green.

GONFALONS

The gonfalon is a long flag or banner of medieval origin often suspended from a crossbar. Gonfalons are traditional components of the academic ceremonies that lend color and dignity to processions and stages. In academia, gonfalons represent colleges. They incorporate symbolic images and often utilize the faculty colors of the discipline. Unity among a school’s colleges, as members of the larger university, is demonstrated by the application of school colors on the banners. The gonfalons for the University of Arizona colleges are displayed around the platform during the ceremony.
As a member of the Class of 2018, I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability and judgment, this oath:

I vow to be an advocate for all, embracing the diversity of each individual I encounter. To serve and heal them physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

I render myself as a resource for the well-being of my community. To contribute to society by recognizing opportunities and making a difference.

I promise to respect and value the role of every person involved in curing and caring. To practice medicine with integrity, humility, honesty and compassion. To collaborate interprofessionally for the needs of patients, my greatest and most valuable teachers.

To my family and loved ones, I thank you for the unconditional love you give in trying moments; you are my source of continued strength and sustenance. Your devotion and moral support have brought me to this moment and will carry me into the future.

I vow to honor the responsibility bestowed upon me by my predecessors. I know that many have worked tirelessly to illuminate the path, and I am humbled to accept this mantle. By upholding my principles, ethics and beliefs, I will stand as a leader to further the field of medicine and pave the way for future generations.

I vow to maintain and exemplify tenacity for my calling. To embrace the profession of medicine and strive for innovation. To hold myself to the highest moral and professional standards. To approach my craft with altruism and a commitment to utilize my heart equally with my mind.

We, the Class of 2018, vow to be advocates of justice, promoters of truth, beacons of hope and sources of comfort for all.
HONORED GUESTS

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**Haig Kevork Aintablian**  
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Emergency Medicine  
Transcriptional Regulation of the Type I Interferon Response by a Nuclear Pore Protein

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Global Health | Certificate of Distinction  
Maricopa Medical Center, AZ  
Medicine-Preliminary  
Baylor College of Medicine – Houston, TX  
Radiation Oncology  
Non-Communicable Disease Rates in Urbanized versus Rural Populations in Developing Countries

**Andrew Robert Albert**  
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, PA  
Emergency Medicine  
Evaluation of Thin-Slice Axial Magnetic Resonance Imaging on the Diagnostic Accuracy of Meniscus Tears

**Stephanie Irene Amaya**  
University of Kansas School of Medicine – Kansas City, KS  
Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Predicting Postpartum Hemorrhage: A Retrospective Study

**Victor Hugo Arce Gutierrez**  
Service and Community Health | Certificate of Distinction  
University of Colorado School of Medicine – Denver, CO  
Internal Medicine  
Differences in Staging at Presentation for Urban versus Rural Colorectal Cancer Patients in Arizona: Quantifying Disparities in Access to Care

**Antoine Azar**  
Service and Community Health | Certificate of Distinction  
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, FL  
Radiology-Diagnostic  
Role of Lipoprotein Sub-fractions in Determination of Cardiovascular Risk and Metabolic and Renal Outcomes in a Multiethnic Population

**Edward Patrick Bergin III**  
University of Arizona College of Medicine at South Campus, AZ  
Internal Medicine  
Unusual Complication of Gastrografin: Gastric Precipitation

**Tiana Marie Blank**  
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, CA  
Pediatrics  
Comparative Mid-term Outcomes of Pediatric Hematogenous Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus and Methicillin-susceptible Staphylococcus aureus Osteomyelitis

**Michelle Lynn Blumenschine**  
Rural Health | Certificate of Distinction  
Pennsylvania Hospital – University of Pennsylvania, PA  
Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Prevalence of Differences in Salad Bar Implementation in Rural vs Urban Arizona School Bars

**Michelle Emiko Brennan**  
University of California Los Angeles Medical Center, CA  
Emergency Medicine  
Can CT Do It All? A Comparison of Abdominal/Pelvis CT and Pelvic Ultrasound to Diagnose Ovarian Torsion in the Emergency Department
Jonathan Scott Cagle  
Service and Community Health | Certificate of Distinction  
St. Louis University School of Medicine, MO  
Emergency Medicine  
After Receiving Language Concordant, Individual Health Education Interventions, Do Spanish Speaking, Diabetic Inpatients at a Safety Net Hospital Demonstrate Acquired Diabetes Self-management Competency as Measured by Pre-training and Post-training Evaluation of Key, Diabetes Self-management Knowledge?

Francisco J. Canales  
University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson, AZ  
Emergency Medicine  
Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome: Does Sex Matter?

Phoebe Tzu-Hsien Chang  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, TN  
Emergency Medicine  
Clinical Course of Rattlesnake Bite Victims Treated without Antivenom

Monica Chaung  
HonorHealth, AZ  
Family Medicine  
Role of Lung Clearance Index in the Early Detection of Pulmonary Changes in Children with Sickle Cell Disease

Daniel Aaron Crawford  
University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix, AZ  
Surgery-Preliminary  
Barnes Jewish Hospital, MO  
Interventional Radiology  
Outcomes for the Hybrid Approach to First Stage Treatment of Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

E Matthew DiLizia  
MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, DC  
Surgery-Preliminary  
MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, DC  
Urology  
The Effect of High-intensity Interval Exercise on Doxorubicin-induced TLR4 Inflammatory Signaling in Rat Myocardium

Britton Blaine Donato  
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, AZ  
Surgery-General  
Correction, Depression, Cardiac Compression and Haller Indices Fail to Correlate with Cardiopulmonary Impairment in Pectus Excavatum

Amber Nicole Edinoff  
Maricopa Medical Center, AZ  
Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Post-Cesarean Endometritis and Misoprostol: Is Fever a Marker of Infection or Side Effect of Misoprostol?

Tarek Ismail Eid  
Service and Community Health | Certificate of Distinction  
University of California Irvine Medical Center, CA  
Internal Medicine  
Why do Physicians Volunteer at Medical Schools and Free Clinics?

David Benjamin Enfield  
Emory University School Of Medicine, GA  
Transitional Year  
Emory University School Of Medicine, GA  
Ophthalmology  
Human Plant Exposures Reported to a Regional (Southwestern) Poison Control Center over Eight Years

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Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, AZ  
Internal Medicine  
Low Field-Of-View CT in the Evaluation of Acute Appendicitis in the Pediatric Population
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**Rotem Fishel Ben-Kenan**  
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Internal Medicine  
*Anatomic Patterns of Relapse and Progression Following Treatment with 131I-MIBG in Metastatic Neuroblastoma*

**Katie Michelle Galvin**  
*Service and Community Health | Certificate of Distinction*  
University of California Irvine Medical Center, CA  
Surgery-General  
*Development of a Non-invasive Biomarker of Eosinophilic Esophagitis*

**Alex M. Geiger**  
*Service and Community Health | Certificate of Distinction*  
Indiana University School Of Medicine, IN  
Internal Medicine/Pediatrics  
*Uncomfortable at Best and Dehumanizing at Worst: The Experience of Transgender Men Seeking Reproductive and Family Planning Care*

**Iulius Grecu**  
Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center, WA  
Psychiatry  
*Targeted Treatment on PTEN Mutated GBM Cell Lines Using Metformin and Chlorpromazine*

**Paul A. Heller**  
University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson, AZ  
Emergency Medicine  
*Emergency Department Volunteers: Defining the Position and Its Effect on the Patient Experience*

**Catherine Hermann**  
Pennsylvania Hospital – University of Pennsylvania, PA  
Obstetrics and Gynecology  
*Outcome of Cervical Cerclage in Twin Pregnancies for Treatment of Ultrasound Detected Short Cervix*

**Meghan Curry Hicks**  
Phoenix Children’s Hospital, AZ  
Pediatrics  
*Impact of a Smartphone-delivered Sedentary Behavior Intervention on Glucose Metabolism in Prediabetic Adults*

**Carmen Ann Hoffman**  
Duke University Medical Center, NC  
Emergency Medicine  
*Prospective Comparison of Methods for Assessment of Headache Directionality*

**Jabez Babu John**  
University of Arizona College of Medicine at South Campus, AZ  
Family Medicine  
*Self-Esteem in Primigravida Women*

**Keith Eric Johnson**  
Carolina Medical Center, NC  
Family Medicine  
*Comparing FAST Proficiency of Self vs Non-Self Models of Training*

**Ashley Elisabeth Jones**  
*Global Health | Certificate of Distinction*  
University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, NV  
Family Medicine  
*Determinants of LARC Usage in Women in Latin America and the Caribbean*

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Psychiatry  
*Using Hyperopia Measurements to Predict Need for Surgery in Children with Accommodative Esotropia*

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University of California Irvine Medical Center, CA  
Pediatrics  
*Assessing the Impact of Cultural Beliefs on the Use of Evidence-Based Treatment for Diarrhea in Developing Countries: A Systematic Review*
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*Service and Community Health | Certificate of Distinction*
University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix, AZ  
Medicine-Preliminary  
Tulane University School of Medicine, LA  
*Ophthalmology*
Comparison of Optic Disc Parameters Using Spectralis Radial and Cubic Pattern Scans

Andrew Jordan Kantzos  
*St. Luke’s – Bethlehem, PA*
Orthopaedic Surgery  
*Discussing the Challenges in Creating an Online Library of 3D Printable Assistive Living Devices*

James Gregory Kelleher  
*Match information not listed at student request*
Influence of USMLE Step Scores and Specialty Choice on Residency Interview Response Rate

Zachary William Killeen  
*Maricopa Medical Center, AZ*
Emergency Medicine  
*Predictors for Psychiatric Comorbidity in Patients with Hypothalamic Hamartoma and Epilepsy*

Daniel Hoon Min Kim  
*University of California Irvine Medical Center, CA*
Pediatrics  
*Assessing Symptomatic and Functional Improvement after Posterior Fossa Decompression in Chiari-I Malformation Patients*

Arianna Kousari  
*University of Colorado School of Medicine – Denver, CO*
Internal Medicine  
*Regulation of an Axonal Guidance Protein, Neuro Navigator 3, in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis*

Rachel Lea Kozinn  
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Anesthesiology  
*Adductor Canal Nerve Block to Improve Total Knee Arthroplasty Recovery*

Raafat John Kuk  
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Surgery-General  
*Lestaunitib (CEP-701) Potentiates the Anticonvulsant Effect of Phenobarbital Against Kainic Acid-induced Status Epilepticus*

Yael N. Kusne  
*Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, AZ*
Internal Medicine  
*A Retrospective Analysis of Intra-ocular Pressure Changes after Cataract Surgery with the use of Prednisolone Acetate 1% versus Difluprednate 0.05%*

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Obstetrics and Gynecology  
*A Systematic Review of the Risk of HIV Transmission with Concurrent Schistosomiasis Infection*

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Orthopaedic Surgery  
*The Mild Cognitive Impairment of Primary Progressive Aphasia: A Case Series*

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Anesthesiology  
*Influence of Age on the Rate of Estimated Retinal Ganglion Cell Counts in Healthy Eyes*
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Anesthesiology
Analyzing Unspecified Chest Pain Diagnoses and the Impact of Physician Staffing at the PVAHCS ED

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Family Medicine
Adaptation of the Combat and Operational Stress First Aid Model for Use in U.S. Medical Student Training

Nathan McDonald
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Emergency Medicine
Foreign Body Ingestion by Inmates at the Maricopa County Jail

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Medicine-Preliminary
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Radiology-Diagnostic
Mentorship of a Medical Student Scholarly Project and Matching into a Primary Care Residency

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University of Southern California, CA
Anesthesiology
Contributing Factors to Late Second Trimester Ultrasounds

Awad Rifaat Mohamed
University of California San Francisco, CA
Family Medicine
Differential Sphingosine-1-Phosphate Receptor 1 Expression in the Heart and Brain Following Transient Middle Cerebral Artery Occlusion in Mouse Model

Ralph M. Mohty
Master of Public Health
University of Kansas School of Medicine – Kansas City, KS
Internal Medicine
Rapidity of Coccidioidomycosis Diagnosis and its Effect on Healthcare Utilization

Cris Jacob Reyes Molina
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Internal Medicine
Self-Reported Depression, Anxiety, and Educational Experiences in Youth Ages 7-18

Kelsey O'Brien Morgosh
Service and Community Health | Certificate of Distinction
University of Montana, MT
Family Medicine
Barriers to Medication Adherence in Phoenix Homeless Populations

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CHRISTUS Health, TX
Emergency Medicine
The Effect of an Incentive System on an Out of School Exercise and Health Literacy Intervention

Ling Yi Obrand
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Internal Medicine
A Case-Based Workshop to Teach Cultural Competency in Medical School

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Surgery-General
Non-Physician Clinicians in the Operating Room: The Difficulties of Task Shifting in African Surgery
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### Connor Hugh Ohmart
Riverside Community Hospital, CA
Emergency Medicine
A Comparison of How Adolescent Patients and Their Parents Rate Communication by Pediatric Resident Physicians

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University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix, AZ
Medicine-Preliminary
Maricopa Medical Center, AZ
Radiology-Diagnostic
Rapid PCR TB Testing Results in 66% Reduction in Total Isolation Days in Smear Positive Patients

### Amy Catherine Picone
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Family Medicine
Empiric Vancomycin Dosing in Pediatric Patients with Congenital Heart Disease and the Impact of Cardiopulmonary Bypass on Trough Concentrations

### Taylor Leigh Pitt
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University of Colorado School of Medicine – Denver, CO
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Exertional Syncope: A 10 year Retrospective Review

### Irvin Justin Quezon
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Surgery-Preliminary
Baylor College of Medicine – Houston, TX
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Calculating Ventilatory Threshold in Patients After Stroke

### Mitchell Jacob Rohrback
University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School, TX
Orthopaedic Surgery
Predicting Diameter of ACL Quadrupled Hamstring Autograft in a Pediatric Population

### Caitlin Rebecca Royse
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Pediatrics
Clinical Characteristics of Patients at Phoenix Children’s Hospital with Indeterminate Sweat Chloride Concentrations

### Arielle Eliz Rubin
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center – Dallas, TX
Psychiatry
“El Viaje al Otro Lado:” Relationship between Depression Onset in Latinas and Immigration Experience Coming to the United States

### Narry Savage
Phoenix Children’s Hospital, AZ
Pediatrics
Novel Approach to Determine the Effect of Sub-Optimal Semen Analysis Parameters on Obtaining Euploid Blastocysts after Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection

### Neet Shah
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Psychiatry
Visual Field Analysis for Functional Visual Loss

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Obstetrics and Gynecology
Beyond Disease-Oriented Care for the Uninsured: Increasing Access to Prevention
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Emergency Medicine
Analysis of the Clinical Prediction Strategy For Septic Arthritis of the Hip and Knee In Pediatric Patients

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Psychiatry
Lending a Helpful Paw: The Effects of Canine Assisted Therapy on Acute Stress and Anxiety in Medical Students prior to High Stakes Exams

Nura Sarah Sobhanian
Global Health | Certificate of Distinction
University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix, AZ
Obstetrics and Gynecology
The Effects of Calcium Supplementation on the Incidence of Preeclampsia on Pregnant Women in Developing Countries

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Service and Community Health | Certificate of Distinction
University of Nebraska Medical Center, NE
Orthopaedic Surgery
Musculoskeletal Biopsies: It Is Training, Not Site of Service, That Matters

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Phoenix Children’s Hospital, AZ
Pediatrics
Developments on Post-Traumatic Brain Injury-Induced Hypothalamic Pituitary Dysfunction: A Pediatric Case

Sophie Biyu Sun
Service and Community Health | Certificate of Distinction
Loma Linda University, CA
Internal Medicine-Pediatrics
Geographic Correlation between Nonmedical Exemption Rates in Arizona Kindergarten Classes and Rates of Community Pertussis Infection

Alicia Moana Taase
Global Health | Certificate of Distinction
University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix, AZ
Surgery-General
A Global Perspective on Autism Spectrum Disorder

Alyssa Thomas
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Carolinas Medical Center, NC
Emergency Medicine
The Evaluation of Pre-incisional and Post-closure Local Anesthetic vs. Normal Saline on Postoperative Pain in Pediatric Appendectomies

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Global Health | Certificate of Distinction
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Emergency Medicine
Misoprostol for the Prevention of Postpartum Hemorrhage and Reduction of Maternal Mortality During Home Birth Deliveries in Developing Countries

Jennifer Mitchell Veaco
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Family Medicine
Prospective Detection of Chemoradiation Resistance in Patients with Locally Advanced Esophageal Adenocarcinoma

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Emergency Medicine
Evaluation of TEMS Support Efficacy in Four Representative Tactical Units

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Radiology-Diagnostic
Comparing Quality of Life in Global Vitiligo Populations
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All Hail, Arizona!
Words by E.C. Monroe, 1917, Music by Dorothy Monroe, 1920

All Hail, Arizona! Thy colors red and blue
Stand as a symbol of our love for you.
All Hail, Arizona! To thee we’ll e’er be true
We’ll watch o’er and keep you,
All Hail! All Hail!

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