

# Dr Nimit Agarwal Recognized for Exceptional Commitment to Geriatrics

*Dr Nimit Agarwal] at Banner University Medical Center-Phoenix and UA College of Medicine Phoenix] joins newest class of AGS Fellows—an elite group of healthcare professionals committed to leading caring for older adults.*

**Congratulations to** Nimit Agarwal, MD, FACP, AGSF, Associate Professor with UA COM-P, for his recent induction into the newest class of American Geriatrics Society (AGS) Fellows. AGS Fellows like Dr. Agarwal represent a distinguished cohort of geriatrics experts recognized for a deep commitment to advancing high-quality, person-centered care for all older adults.

Each year, a small contingent of highly qualified AGS members earn fellowship status following a rigorous application process, which includes assessing everything from continuing education and public service to geriatrics scholarship and healthcare leadership. This year’s fellows hail from all four corners of the country and reflect the increasingly interprofessional nature of geriatrics as a field attracting influential physicians like Dr Agarwal.

Dr. Agarwal, recognized as a leading geriatrician who has revolutionized healthcare for older adults through the Geriatric Emergency Department at BUMC – P, the first of its kind in Arizona. The specialty department serves more than 15,000 older adults annually at Banner University Medical Center-Phoenix, Dr. Agarwal shares that *“Our Division is here to provide safe and Age Friendly Care, a new model of healthcare delivery for older adults”*

Dr Agarwal is Director of the Division of Geriatric Medicine and Program Director for the Geriatrics Fellowship Program and has been critical to the upward trajectory of Banner-UA Phoenix Geriatrics Division. In 2019 Dr Agarwal helped Banner University Medical Center-Phoenix become the first Age Friendly Health System in Phoenix, AZ, part of a national movement, an initiative from Institute for Healthcare Improvement. In his 10-years across geriatrics, Dr Agarwal has helped to implement and expand several core programs serving older adults and training for students, residents and fellows---from the systemwide Early Mobility Initiative being implemented across Banner Health to platforms for ensuring that geriatrics remains front-and-center in training protocols implemented across Banner Health’s network. His passion for providing care for our elder community as earned him a Phoenix Top Doctor of Geriatrics for the past 2 years.

With these incredible accomplishments, one may wonder what’s next; to which Dr. Agarwal replies “The next step for us at Banner Health and University of Arizona is to position ourselves as a national leader in providing world-class Age-Friendly care to our seniors.”

Thank you, to Dr. Nimit Agarwal for all he is doing to advance healthcare in our community and to our very valued older population.

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