Renowned College of Medicine Faculty to Speak During Founders Week

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If you'd like to learn about how a University of Arizona professor emeritus of cardiology became involved with the FBI, how data science will revolutionize your health care, or how asthma research and treatment are evolving, you might consider attending this year's College of Medicine - Tucson Founders Week lecture series.

Founders Week [1] is an annual event commemorating the founding of the UA College of Medicine, which was dedicated Nov. 17, 1967.

The series will get kicked off Nov. 13 with Dr. William Dalton discussing the importance of developing and using health information systems to create an "ecosystem of shared value through collective impact."

Dalton was the founding director of the Bone Marrow Transplant Program, which was established at UA Health Sciences in 1988. He also served as deputy director of the Arizona Cancer Center. From 2001-02, Dalton served as dean of the College of Medicine.

On Nov. 15, Dr. Fernando Martinez - Regents' Professor of Pediatrics and director of the Asthma and Airway Disease Research Center [2] - will discuss the latest on asthma research and how treatment is changing.

His major research interests include the natural history of childhood asthma, and the role of genetic, physiological, immunological and environmental factors as determinants of the risk for asthma in early life.

Martinez, who joined the UA in 1987, was named director of the Arizona Respiratory Sciences Center in 1997. In 2015, it was renamed the Asthma and Airway Disease Research Center and Martinez became its inaugural director.

The series concludes Nov. 17, when Dr. Gordon A. Ewy will share memories of the early days of the college and University Medical Center, and reflect on some of the decisions that the college's founding faculty had to make. Ewy will also discuss his first patients, cardiovascular surgery and his experience with the FBI.

Ewy, professor emeritus of cardiology and director emeritus of the UA Sarver Heart Center [3], was a founding member of the college's cardiology section and served as chief of cardiology from 1991-2010. He started the Sarver Heart Center's Resuscitation Research Group, which pioneered chest-compression-only resuscitation, a technique that has been shown to be more effective for out-of-hospital primary cardiac arrest.

The American Heart Association named Ewy a "CPR Giant" in recognition for his early
research on defibrillators and defibrillation.

All of the lectures are free and open to the public and will be held at noon, preceded by a buffet lunch at 11:30 am at the DuVal Auditorium, Banner ? University Medical Center Tucson. To attend one or more of the lectures, please RSVP here [4] before Nov. 9.

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