Knox Named Phoenix Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs

Dr. Kenneth S. Knox

The University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix has announced the appointment of nationally recognized physician-scientist Kenneth S. Knox, MD, as the associate dean of faculty affairs. Dr. Knox who has been at the University of Arizona-Tucson since 2008, will oversee the Faculty Affairs Office whose charge is to promote an engaged, diverse community of faculty and scholars that sustain a culture of engagement, professionalism and inclusion. He also will serve as director of research at the Banner Lung Institute.

Dr. Knox is a pulmonologist known for his research in sarcoidosis, fungal diagnostics and immunologic lung disease. His work includes developing treatments for HIV, AIDS and valley fever. The division chief of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine in Tucson, Knox was responsible for dramatic growth. His accomplishments include increasing the number of clinical and basic science faculty from five to 30 and fellowship trainings from six to 20, rekindling the sleep program, establishing a section of allergy and revamping the teaching model in the intensive care unit. He also served as vice chair for education in the Department of Medicine.

Dr. Knox is co-principal investigator on the Arizona portion of a \$9.7 million National Institutes of Health-funded clinical trial to test the use of fluconazole as an early treatment for valley fever. Additional grants for more than \$6 million have been submitted for efforts to develop a valley fever vaccine. He has received continuous funding since 2001 for his research on the use of bronchoalveolar lavage for immunodiagnostics and lung immunity. He is NIH-funded to perform longitudinal translational studies correlating immunological findings and the lung microbiome with clinical disease in HIV as his lab seeks to understand the role of pulmonary inflammation in the development of HIV-related lung diseases.

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, Dr. Knox graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in microbiology from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He completed his medical degree and residency training in Internal Medicine at Ohio State University and a fellowship in Pulmonary/Critical Care/Sleep Medicine at Indiana University where he remained on faculty for eight years, serving as educational

director and director of the immunologic lung disease program before coming to Tucson. Dr. Knox is an associate editor of the SWJPCC and has edited the highly successful “Medical Image of the Week” section since its inception.

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