

Psychiatry Residency Program



Original ACGME accreditation date: 10/01/1970

Program Director Name (Year appointed)

Andrea Waxman, MD (2015)

ACGME Current Approved Complement

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Accreditation Status

Continued Accreditation

Length of Training

4 years

Accomplishments

- ▶ For the first time in our program's 50 year history we recruited an all University of Arizona intern class; four from the UArizona College of Medicine—Phoenix and one from the UArizona College of Medicine—Tucson (see photo above)
- ▶ After a national search, we welcomed Ayman Fanous, MD, as our new chair of psychiatry. We look forward to Dr. Fanous building on the strong foundation that former chair, James McLoone, MD, created during his 40-year career with Banner Health and the University of Arizona.
- ▶ Our department supported the creation of a Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowship under the leadership of Dr. Ganesh Gopalakrishna, MD, and Banner Alzheimer Institute faculty.
- ▶ We will welcome our first geriatric psychiatry fellow in July 2022.

Strengths

1. Our residency program promotes a supportive environment that emphasizes wellness and team work which allows for strong relationships both among and between residents, faculty and staff.
2. Our longitudinal outpatient experience at the Banner—University Phoenix Behavioral Health Center begins early in PGY2 and provides strong clinical exposure to outpatient psychiatry for residents. Caseloads grow over three years and residents are able to develop strong pharmacological and psychotherapy skills.
3. Tele-psychiatry has been incorporated into the outpatient clinic and has improved access to mental health services for patients and enabled residents to gain significant skills in this area which will be beneficial for future practice after graduation.
4. The program has expanded chemical dependency experiences at the VA Phoenix Health Care, enabling residents to be better prepared to treat patients with substance use issues and ultimately join the effort to curb the opioid crisis our country is facing.