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**BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH  
AND EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION OF  
SOUTHERN ARIZONA**

***OUR MISSION***

*To facilitate safe biomedical  
and health service research and  
clinical staff education at the  
Southern Arizona VA  
Healthcare System (SAVAHCS)  
for the benefit of Veteran pa-  
tients.*

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## **BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA**

The Biomedical Research and Education Foundation of Southern Arizona (BREFSA) is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation founded in 1988, and is associated with the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System, Tucson AZ, a tertiary care hospital affiliated with the University of Arizona College of Medicine. The research activities of BREFSA investigators complements the care of the Veteran patient by enhancing the intellectual viability of their clinics while offering new cutting edge, state-of-the-art treatment alternatives.

In addition to the clinical trial research, BREFSA supports...

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

The BREFSA supports clinical research investigators associated with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Many of these investigators are recognized as leaders in their fields. All investigators have dual appointments at the University of Arizona's College of Medicine and divide their time among research, patient care, and educating the next generation of health care professionals. BREFSA investigators conduct basic science, clinical and outcome research.

### **SPONSORED PROGRAMS**

In furtherance of their commitment to promote research, the BREFSA's Board of Directors established a Small Grants Program in 1992. The primary goal of the program is to provide resources to encourage new VA-based faculty to embark on academic, research careers.

## **AREAS OF STUDY SUPPORT**

The clinical trials conducted by BREFSA investigators support studies in a number of therapeutic areas such as:

- Cardiac and Vascular Disorders
- Endocrinology
- Diabetes
- Gastroenterology
- Hematology
- Immunology
- Infectious Diseases
- Nephrology
- Oncology
- Podiatry
- Respiratory Disorders

## **FACILITY DESCRIPTION**

The Biomedical Research and Education Foundation of Southern Arizona offers comprehensive research services including:

- Experienced physician investigators with in-house resource support
- Consultation in all medical and surgical procedures
- Laboratory, Radiology and Nuclear Medicine support
- A computerize Patient Data Management System that tracks research subjects and facilities outcome studies
- Telecommunications via the internet

## **PATIENT BENEFITS**

The research efforts of the Biomedical Research and Education Foundation of Southern Arizona (BREFSA) investigators enhance the care of the Veteran patient by:

- Providing access to promising drugs long before the compounds are approved for the marketplace
- Improved patient care through frequent follow-up visits
- Providing a support system through one-to-one contact with research study coordinator
- Providing education on newest innovations, cutting edge technologies, and latest news breaking reports

For patients interested in participating in a clinical research study, we encourage them to speak with their primary care or specialist physician regarding this possibility.

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