UPH
UNIVERSITY PHYSICIANS HEALTHCARE

For Immediate Release

Contact: Sarah Frost
Office: (520) 874-3521
Mobile: (520) 425-7594
E-mail: sfrost@uph.org

New Chief of Staff at University Physicians Hospital

TUCSON, Ariz. (July 24, 2009) – John Kettelle, M.D., F.A.C.S., assistant professor of clinical surgery in the Department of Surgery at The University of Arizona College of Medicine, has been named University Physicians Hospital Chief of Staff. In this capacity, Dr. Kettelle will be responsible to the Hospital Board for overseeing physician credentialing, peer review and coordinating important other medical staff functions such as the patient care quality programs at the hospital. He will serve a one-year term in the position.

Kettelle will work closely with the UPH Hospital's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Richard Mandel and Chief Executive Officer (interim) Peter Bryan. "Dr. Kettelle's outstanding clinical reputation and relationship building skills are essential to accomplishing the goals of this position," said Mandel. "He grasps the complexities of our hospital and the academic environment, but he also understands the importance of collaboration across service lines."

"I am thrilled and excited," said Kettelle. "This new role is a tremendous opportunity and it comes at a time when UPH Hospital is involved in developing initiatives designed to improve patient care and better develop a more formalized medical staff structure."

Kettelle is a board-certified general surgeon. He graduated from the University of California Davis School of Medicine and completed his residency at San Joaquin General Hospital in California. Kettelle also fulfilled a one-year bariatric surgery fellowship at the Central California Institute for Minimally Invasive Surgery. Dr. Kettelle's affiliations include Fellow, American College of Surgeons and Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons.

UPH is a non-profit corporation created in 1985 as the medical practice of the physicians of the UA College of Medicine. Together, UPH, The University of Arizona, UPH Hospital and University Medical Center combine to care for patients, educate medical students, train young physicians and conduct clinical research. With over 350 physicians and 1,500 staff, UPH is Arizona's largest physicians group.

###