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Banner Alzheimer's Institute welcomes new physician and researcher

PHOENIX (April 15, 2015) – Garrett Riggs, PhD, MD, an experienced behavioral neurologist with more than 15 years of practice and research experience, is the newest provider in the Stead Family Memory Center at Phoenix-based Banner Alzheimer's Institute, an internationally-known Alzheimer's care and research center.

Dr. Riggs joined Banner Alzheimer's Institute on April 13. As a provider in the Stead Family Memory Center, Dr. Riggs will provide consultations and evaluations, including laboratory tests, brain imaging and other related tests, for patients with cognitive concerns as well as participate in clinical research trials.

"Dr. Riggs is an experienced clinician and a master teacher having won just about every teaching award imaginable," said Dr. Eric Reiman, CEO of Banner Research and Executive Director of Banner Alzheimer's Institute. "We are extremely honored to have Garrett join the team."

Dr. Riggs joins the Stead Family Memory Center from the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Orlando where he served as a staff neurologist in the Brain & Spine Tumor Program and the University of Central Florida College of Medicine where he was Associate Professor of Neurology and Medical Education. Dr. Riggs completed fellowships in Behavioral Neurology and Clinical Trials at the at University of Rochester in Rochester, New York, where a principal mentor was Dr. Pierre Tariot, who now is Director of the Banner Alzheimer's Institute. After fellowship, Dr. Riggs was hired as an Assistant Professor of Neurology in the Department of Neurology in Rochester.

Dr. Riggs has won more than 15 notable teaching awards including Most Influential First-Year Faculty Member, the Golden Apple Award and Excellence in Teaching Award at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine, Neurology Faculty Teaching Award, Harry L. Segal Prize for Excellence in Third Year Teaching, and the A. B. Baker Neurology Teaching Award, a national award presented by the American Academy of Neurology. In addition, he has served on a number of clinical and research

committees at the local and regional levels. He is also a consultant for the National Board of Medical Examiners. Dr. Riggs is affiliated with multiple professional societies including the American Academy of Neurology and the Society for Neuro-Oncology and has authored more than 20 publications in medical, scientific, and educational journals. He is a former Associate Editor of *Neurology*, the official journal of the American Academy of Neurology and the most widely cited clinical neurology journal in the world.

Part of nonprofit Phoenix-based Banner Health, Banner Alzheimer's Institute is dedicated to the goal of ending Alzheimer's disease without losing another generation. It is helping to launch a new era of Alzheimer's research—treatment and prevention at the pre-symptomatic stage—and to establish a new comprehensive model of care. Established in 2006 by Banner Health, one of the country's largest nonprofit health care systems, BAI has a three-fold focus: to conduct revolutionary studies in the detection, treatment and prevention of Alzheimer's; to set a national standard of patient and family care; and to forge scientific collaborations that bring together institutions and disciplines internationally. For more information, visit www.banneralz.org.

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