

Quick, simple drug test makes for faster hiring process

Universal Background Screening has begun using an oral test for employment-related drug testing.

"Employers are discovering that our oral drug testing program is more convenient for both their hiring managers and the applicant, since the sample is provided immediately," said **Nancy Hyttel**, vice president of operations for the Phoenix-based company.

She said the traditional urine drug screening slows the hiring process.

"As the economy continues to grow, employers rapidly need to add new staff," Hyttel said. "There is no time for delays."

The new test is as simple as placing a lollipop-sized device in the applicant's mouth while a small pad absorbs saliva. The device is then placed into a sealed vial, which is sent via overnight delivery to a labora-



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tory for testing.

The entire process, including paperwork, takes less than five minutes.

Universal Background Screening was founded 30 years ago by **Dick Todd** as an investigation firm for legal defense teams. Today, the company handles job background checks and drug testing.

For more: www.universalsbackground.com.

Training lab for caregivers

Cypress HomeCare Solutions has laun-

ched an in-house lab to train caregivers.

The new training lab gives caregivers a chance to develop and demonstrate their skills by performing practical tasks in a simulated caregiving environment.

The lab at 5225 N. Central Ave., Suite 212, Phoenix, provides an environment that allows caregivers to properly learn how to transfer patients safely from their beds, baths, wheelchairs and other settings as well as other skills, such as assessing blood pressure, pulse and temperature.

For more: www.cypresshomecare.com.

St. Joe's expands

St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center is launching the **Heart & Lung Institute**.

In support of the new center, St. Joseph's

is developing an academic medical center model, which will integrate with the independent medical staff to continue to offer patient care and to enhance roles in education, training and research.

The institute will include The Congenital Heart Center, led by Dr. **John Nigro**; the Center for Thoracic Disease, led by Dr. **Shawn Wright**; Center for Cardiovascular Health, led by Dr. **Jon McB. Hodgson**. It also will have a Center for Thoracic Transplantation and a Center for Cardiopulmonary Research. Directors have not yet been named for those two centers.

Dr. **David Cleveland**, a cardiovascular surgeon, will lead the team.

The hospital also hired Dr. **Ross Bremner**, a thoracic surgeon and assistant professor at the University of Southern California, to expand the hospital's surgical capabilities and to support thoracic transplantation.

For more: www.ichosestjoes.com.

TGen enters joint project

Former Surgeon General Dr. **David Satcher** was in town this week to sign an agreement with the **Translational Genomics Research Institute**.

Satcher, now president and director of **Morehouse School of Medicine**, will conduct research with TGen in bioinformatics, diabetes, neurogenomics, cancer and cardiovascular disease.

After the Nov. 21 signing ceremony, Satcher gave a lecture at Phoenix College.

For more: www.tgen.org.

Office going smoke-free

The **Desert Medical Plaza** medical office building in Mesa will be a smoke-free campus, effective Jan. 1.



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