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## House Health Committee Welcomes University Medical Community to Discuss Autoimmune Misdiagnoses in Children

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – The House Health Committee today welcomed leaders from Banner-University Medicine and University of Arizona to update lawmakers and the public on the Children's Postinfectious Autoimmune Encephalopathy (CPAE) Center of Excellence.

**"We are honored to work with CPAE to ensure their fantastic work continues to provide the research, diagnosis, and treatment options to educate practitioners on early identification signs of autoimmune disorders,"** said House Health Committee Chairwoman Heather Carter (R-15).

A first-of-its-kind center, the CPAE, in partnership with UA-Banner Health, was established with support from the Arizona Legislature, Arizona Department of Health and Human Services (ADHS), and the PACE Foundation with a primary goal to "treat and conduct research into a family of acute-onset neuropsychiatric disorders that historically have been misdiagnosed or undiagnosed in children."

Speakers today included UA-Banner pediatric immunologist Michael Daines MD, Banner Executive VP-University Medicine Kathy Bollinger, UA College of Medicine -Tucson Dean Charles Cairns MD, and PACE Foundation founder Paul Ryan.

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