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## TECH BRIEFS

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### Breault, Scatter Works collaborate

Breault Research Organization announced a collaborative working agreement that will provide customers with measurements and expertise from The Scatter Works.

Measurements will be made in clean room conditions on a Complete Angle Scatter Instrument Scatterometer. This instrument employs visible light lasers under polarization control as a probe to measure surface quality, optical performance, smoothness, appearance, defects, and contamination on a wide variety of materials.

"Our new relationship with The Scatter Works provides our Breault work teams and clients with essential and ongoing access to scatter data. This is an added benefit for our customers and much more efficient for all," said Kathleen Perkins, chief executive officer of Breault.

### Emergency Medicine Research

#### offers toxic terrorism course

The first three offerings of a new course to train medical personnel in bioterrorism response developed by the Arizona Emergency Medicine Research Center (AEMRC) at the University of Arizona in Tucson have been funded by the state.

The five-hour course, Advanced Hazmat Life Support for Toxic Terrorism: Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Incidents, instructs medical personnel how to care for patients exposed to hazardous materials and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear incidents.

The state sponsored three courses in Tucson, Phoenix and Flagstaff during July. Twenty-one physicians and 92 other health care professionals attended. The state funding allowed most of the participants to attend at no cost to their organizations.

### Peripheral nerve surgery

#### performed at UMC

Diabetic neuropathy, a progressive nerve disorder, has been considered irreversible with no surgical treatment available in Arizona until now.

A. Lee Dellon, a clinical professor of plastic surgery in the University of Arizona Department of Surgery who pioneered a new approach to treating diabetic neuropathy, now is performing and teaching the procedure at University Medical Center.

An estimated 50 percent of individuals with diabetes eventually will develop nerve damage, Dellon said. Nerve damage occurs in people who have had diabetes because their blood sugar level is higher than normal.

In April, the UA Department of Surgery held its first Advanced Lower Extremity


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Peripheral Nerve Workshop. The workshop included surgeons from Alabama, Mississippi and New York. The next workshop is planned for the fall.

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