



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER™  
at El Paso

# Viewbox

## New Faculty

**Ralitsa Akins, M.D.**, has been appointed assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics.

**Hugo E. Isuani, M.D.**, has joined the faculty of the Department of Radiology as an assistant professor.

**Robert Postma, M.D.**, has been appointed clinical assistant professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine.

**Vani Shukla, M.D.**, has joined the faculty of the Department of Internal Medicine as an assistant professor.

We welcome them!

## Orthopaedic Resident Honors

**Michael Todd, M.D.**, a resident in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation received the Dehne Research Award during the Ninth Annual Research Day for William Beaumont Army Medical Center (WBAMC)/Texas Tech University HSC El Paso Orthopaedic Surgery Program. His research project was entitled "*Comparison of Educational Techniques for a Task of Intermediate Surgical Complexity: Arthroscopic Knot Tying.*"

**Najum Fasihi, M.D.**, received an award for best Case Presentation. His presentation was entitled "*Technique For Removal of an Incarcerated Catheter: A Preventable Complication.*"

Visiting professor **M. Mark Hoffer, M.D.**, the Lowman Professor of Pediatric Orthopaedics from the University of Southern California, **Miguel Pirela-Cruz, M.D.**, Chairman of the Texas Tech University HSC El Paso Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, and **Winston Warme, M.D.**, WBAMC Orthopaedic Program Director, presented the awards.

## Resident Graduation is June 16

Graduation for 57 Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso resident physicians is Friday, June 16, at 6:30 p.m., at the Ysleta Cultural Arts Center, 9600 Sims.

Thirty-five are completing programs in primary care such as family medicine, internal medicine, OB/GYN and pediatrics. Twenty-three graduates will stay in Texas, 10 graduates will stay in El Paso and two will become TTUHSC El Paso faculty.

Four graduates will practice in New Mexico and two will fulfill military obligations. Twelve graduates will continue in fellowships.

## Faculty Development Graduation

The Faculty Development Course Graduation V, will be held Thursday, June 8, from 4 to 5 p.m., in the Misenhimer Auditorium.

This 25-week course focuses on orientation of faculty to academic

## June 5 - 9

**8 Founding Dean Candidate  
Town Hall Meeting**  
Noon, Aud. A, HSC Bldg.  
Lunch Provided

## Thanks for the Gift of Life!

Thank you to all the blood donor 'heros' who came out and gave blood recently.

"We are extremely grateful and our sincerest thanks to everyone who made the blood drive a success," said Dottie Samaniego of Volunteer Services.

Thirty-five units of blood were collected. The next Blood Drive is scheduled for October 20.

**SERVICEplus Training  
Service Within - Session I**

Thursday, June 29

1:30 - 5 p.m.

Faculty Lounge

**Service Within - Session II**

Thursday, July 6

1 - 5 p.m.

Faculty Lounge

Employees must attend both sessions to receive credit.

Anyone who has not attended SERVICEplus training, including new employees, should plan to attend this session.

Supervisors should contact the SERVICEplus office at 545-6840, with the names of staff that will attend. Employees must be registered to attend class.

medicine, introduction to adult learning, principles of effective teaching, training on Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) patients, clinical research, and fundamentals of technical and career development. Classes were held every Thursday afternoon.

**Graduates are:**

**Cenan Antowan, M.D.**, Pediatrics; **Fabian de la Rosa, PA**, Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation; **Luis Eraso, M.D.**, Internal Medicine; **Heidi Lyn, M.D.**, OB/GYN; **Maha Salloum, M.D.**, Pediatrics; **Javier Corral, M.D.**, Internal Medicine; **Jesus Diaz, MRA**, Radiology; **Fares Kokash, M.D.**, Pediatrics; **Farzad Malekzadeh, M.D.**, Anesthesia; **Jaqueline Roberts, FNP-BC**, Emergency Medicine; and **Joanna Wojciechowska, M.D.**, Pediatrics.

Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony.

**Texas Summer Food Program Ready to Serve Children**

AUSTIN – School’s out for the summer, and that means thousands of Texas children will be looking for places they can meet their friends, have fun and eat healthy snacks and meals. Texas’ Summer Food Service Program is ready to meet the demand.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission’s Summer Food Program is offered statewide by local sponsors who operate sites where children up to 19 years old can get free meals. The service is open to all children, regardless of income. Those who are older than 19 and enrolled in school programs for people with disabilities can also receive free meals.

Once again this summer, many of the free meal sites are being sponsored by school districts, local government agencies, churches and other private nonprofit groups.

More than 2,000 Summer Food meal sites across Texas are expected to be in operation in places such as recreation centers, schools, parks, churches, day camps and community centers. Many of the sites will offer recreational activities for children as well as free meals.

The most up-to-date information on Summer Food meal sites and hours of operation is available statewide by calling 2-1-1. For more details on the Summer Food Program, visit [www.summerfood.org](http://www.summerfood.org).

**New Hires**

Sandra Alderete	UBCC
Lisa Brown	Vivarium
Diana Diaz	Pediatrics
Miguel Figueroa	Bldg. Maintenance
Christina Flores	Pediatrics
Griselda Ibarra	Internal Medicine
Hilda Lechuga	Internal Medicine
Yvonne Marquez	Orthopaedic Surgery
Annette Martinez	MPIP
Anabel Montelongo	MPIP
Rogelio Olivares, Jr.	Bldg. Maintenance
Luis M. Rodriguez	Bldg. Maintenance
Georgina Vaughn	Pediatrics