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Resident Info Ready Before Thomason Introduction

For the first time in the history of the residency programs at Texas Tech University HSC at El Paso, all information on the new 66 incoming residents such as immunization, TB Skin Test, CPR/ACLS, Community Orientation, and chest x-rays was provided to Thomason Hospital prior to the residents beginning their rotations.

Donna Holguin, MSN, director of TTUHSC El Paso QI/Health and Safety, says they were able to provide a three-page spread sheet to the Medical Staff Office with only four exceptions.

“I would like to congratulate Maria Ramirez in my office for all of her diligent work in preparing and completing the data base work and data entry to make this data display possible; the staff from Thomason Occupational Health for working with us to get titers and immunizations done, and all of the Department Residency Coordinators and the GME Staff for communicating and assisting to organize and display all of this data,” said Holguin.

TTUHSC SOM Receives Nearly \$2 Million Grant from Reynolds Foundation

As both the number and percentage of Americans over 65 continues to grow, the nation’s need for physicians trained to care for the elderly is growing as well.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine has responded to these changing demographics with a successful grant award of nearly \$2 million from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation. The TTUHSC School of Medicine is one of ten medical schools receiving this prestigious training grant from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation this year.

Forty-eight academic health centers applied for grants. Other schools to be awarded grants include Brown University, Florida State University, Harvard University, University of Arizona, University of California - San Francisco, University of Kansas, University of Utah, Vanderbilt University and Yeshiva University.

“The Reynolds Foundation grant places TTUHSC at the cutting edge of training in geriatrics,” says Steven Berk, M.D., regional dean, School of Medicine at Amarillo and one of the co-investigators. Lynn Bickley, M.D., is the principal investigator and Stephanie Leeper, M.D. is the other co-investigator. Berk will assume the role of dean of the School of Medicine in Lubbock in July.

The grant builds on a track record of success including the Garrison Institute on Aging, a fellowship program in geriatrics which has just received a five-year accreditation, the establishment of the Amarillo Alzheimer’s Academy in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association and Endowed Chairs in Geriatrics established both in Amarillo and Lubbock.

Caring for people who are in their 80’s and 90’s is different in many ways

July 10-14

14 Bake Sale
Lobby of HSC,
7:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Benefitting the AHA

Welcome New Medical Students!

Breastfeeding Stories Wanted!

Stories about Texas Tech HSC employee moms who breastfed their babies are being sought.

In particular women should talk about the challenges faced in feeding the baby after coming back to work post birth. Women who would like to share their story may submit their writing or be interviewed.

Contact Libby Berkeley,
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Ines Anchondo,
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SERVICEplus Training

Registration is underway for July sessions of SERVICEplus training. “Service Within” is a course for employees who have “front-line” contact with customers.

Service Within - Session I

Thursday, July 20,
1:30 - 5 p.m.

Faculty Lounge, HSC Bldg.

Service Within - Session II

Thursday, July 27,
1 - 5 p.m.

Faculty Lounge, HSC Bldg.

Employees must attend both sessions to receive credit. Supervisors should call 545-6840 with the names of staff that will attend. Employees must be registered to attend.

The Making of Glory Road

Hall of Fame Basketball Coach Don Haskins will appear July 15, at the Plaza Theater to share his stories on the making of Glory Road, nominated for an ESPY Award.

Haskins will tell El Pasoans and basketball fans what's fact about the movie and what's fiction. The program will last for approx. 90 minutes with scenes of Glory Road and Haskins commentary about those selected scenes in the movie. There will also be a question & answer opportunity for the audience with written questions near the conclusion of the show. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Show will begin at 8 p.m. and conclude at approx. 9:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from Ticket master locations all over El Paso including the UTEP Ticket center for \$10, \$25, \$35. online www.ticketmaster.com

The Plaza Seats 2100 so tickets are limited.

The program is being presented through the El Paso Community Foundation. Along with support from Blockbuster Video which will have DVD's of the movie Glory Road on sale at the show.

from medical care for younger and middle-aged people. Physicians must be prepared to identify and manage the unique and complex needs of the elderly. Training in geriatrics is critical for all physicians, Berk added.

The TTUHSC School of Medicine plans a five-part program by first implementing a required Geriatrics Track in its four-year undergraduate curriculum. Second, it will offer a series of optional programs such as student groups, lunchtime roundtables, a geriatrics mentor program and summer research programs, to stimulate medical student interest in geriatrics.

Third, it will create an integrated geriatrics track for residents in internal medicine, family medicine and neuropsychiatry. Fourth, the project will offer geriatric training to medical and surgical specialty residents, fellows and faculty, beginning with the departments of surgery and orthopedics.

Lastly, it will establish a Geriatrics Faculty Development Program to provide new formats for faculty and practicing physicians to improve their practice and teaching of geriatrics.

"The Reynolds Foundation grant will provide greatly needed new training experiences in geriatrics, which will not only benefit our medical students, residents and faculty but also our patients," Bickley said.

The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation is a national philanthropic organization founded in 1954 by the late media entrepreneur for whom it is named. Headquartered in Las Vegas, it is one of the 50 largest private foundations in the United States.

Summer Enrollment

Summer enrollment for employees who want to update their benefit options starts July 24 through August 18.

Benefit and Vendor representatives will be available Friday, July 21 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the basement of the HSC staff lounge area.

Employees Retirement System of Texas website is www.ers.state.tx.us

Thumbs Up!

The Department of Emergency Medicine would like to congratulate Gloria Soto, Unit Coordinator, Research Division on passing the Society of Clinical Research Associates Examination. "With this certification, she is now designated a Certified Clinical Research Professional (CCRP)," said Administrator Pat Jones.

"As a CCRP, she has achieved an internationally accepted standard of knowledge, education and experience, and will enjoy recognition as a professional in medical research," Jones added.