



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER™  
at El Paso

# Viewbox

## Pedi Residents Win Awards from Texas Pediatric Society

The Department of Pediatrics is proud to announce that two pediatric residents received awards in the Texas Pediatric Society electronic poster competition. The winning posters are available in the Resident Section on the Texas Pediatric Society website ([http://www.txpeds.org/Residents\\_Section/2006\\_winners.php](http://www.txpeds.org/Residents_Section/2006_winners.php)).

In the section for hypothesis-driven project, Oscar Ingaramo, M.D., a third-year resident, and Marie Leiner, Ph.D., research assistant professor, were recognized with an honorable mention for their research on the impact of the healthcare environment on the effectiveness of educational videotapes. Dr. Ingaramo is also one of the pediatric chief residents.

Bibiana Restrepo, M.D., is the only winner in the section for literature review and received honorable mention for her evidence-based guideline on screening magnetic resonance imaging in autism spectrum disorders. She also received the Department of Pediatrics' Resident of the Year Award in the category for first-year resident for the academic year 2005-2006. The winners will be recognized at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Texas Pediatric Society in Dallas in September.

"We are very proud of our winners and of all pediatric residents who completed research projects and submitted posters for this distinguished competition," said Ralitsa Akins, M.D., Ph.D., of the Department of Pediatrics.

## Special Event Hosted by Texas Tech

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso will host the annual meeting of the US/Mexico Border COE Consortium, August 14 and 15 at the Airport Hilton. Health care professionals and educators will be in attendance.

Attendees are from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, and Mexico border states.

For more information on this event, contact Joyce Palmer, conference coordinator, 545-6555.

## Thumbs Up

Alex Gardea, Assistant Director of Facilities, TTUHSC El Paso, would like to give a "thumbs up" and a thank you to Eric Gammon & Diego Hernandez from the Texas Tech Police Department and Jose Melchor from Health & Safety for their help and quick response in helping with a problem they encountered with the sewer line at the Medical Center.

"With their help, we were able to avoid a more serious problem," said Gardea.

## July 31-Aug. 4

### 4 TTUHSC El Paso Summer Cook Out

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
In the Breezeway of  
Tech and Thomason

### Summer Cookout

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso will have a summer cook-out Friday, August 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the breezeway of Texas Tech and Thomason Hospital.

Come on out and throw a "pitch burst" at several fearless volunteers. Mr. Elkins is up from noon to 12:30 p.m.

Five dollars will get you a hamburger, chips, drink and cookie as well as one free throw for the pitch burst.

Additional pitch burst tickets are available at 3 target balls for \$1.

Proceeds benefit the American Heart Association's Heart Walk.

### Summer Enrollment

Summer enrollment, for employees who want to update their benefit options, lasts until August 18.

Employees Retirement System of Texas website is [www.ers.state.tx.us](http://www.ers.state.tx.us).

Also, to access the El Paso HR web-page for more useful employee information or to download important HR forms, go to <http://www.ttuhscc.edu/HR/el Paso/>

## **New HIPAA Training**

### **Specialist**

Maria Estela Flores is the new HIPAA Training Specialist for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso. She may be contacted at 545-6431.

### **SERVICEplus Training**

Registration is currently under way for August sessions of Serviceplus training.

“Service Within,” a course for employees who have front-line contact with customers, is scheduled as follows:

#### **Service Within - Session I**

Thursday, August 17,

1:30 – 5 p.m.

Faculty Lounge

#### **Service Within - Session II**

Thursday, August 24,

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.

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

## **Electrical Fires Most Common in Healthcare**

Electrical fires are the most common fires in healthcare. To help prevent them, follow these guidelines:

- \* Make sure that only UL-rated electrical equipment is used.
- \* Make sure that electrical equipment and motors are kept clean and properly maintained.
- \* Report old or worn wiring and broken or damaged fittings on equipment to the appropriate person.
- \* Never overburden electrical outlets by creating an “octopus.”
- \* Do not use extension cords that exceed six feet. They should never be run under carpeting or be tacked to a wall.
- \* Immediately investigate any strange or unusual smell coming from a piece of electrical equipment. A strange odor is often the first warning of fire. Stop using that piece of equipment until it is checked out. (Source: Coastal Health Train, 2006)