



TEXAS TECH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

El Paso

Viewbox

Sierra Providence Health Network Presents \$480,000 Unrestricted Educational Gift To Texas Tech El Paso School of Medicine

Texas Tech El Paso School of Medicine received a gift of \$480,000 from Sierra Providence Health Network. The funds will be used to support Texas Tech's Residency Programs, according to Texas Tech Regional Dean Jose Manuel de la Rosa, M.D.

Sierra Providence Health Network consists of three hospitals located in El Paso: 351-bed Sierra Medical Center, 508-bed Providence Memorial Hospital, and 72-bed Rio Vista Physical Rehabilitation Hospital.

Sierra Medical Center and Providence Memorial Hospital are both acute care hospitals that offer a broad spectrum of medical and surgical services in the areas of cardiology, women's services, cancer care and emergency services. Rio Vista offers a variety of general and specialized rehab services including brain and spinal cord injury programs and cardiac rehabilitation.

Trauma Courses Taught in Chihuahua

The Health Education Training Centers Alliance of Texas –West Region, and Texas Tech Division of Emergency Medical Services provided a Basic Trauma Life Support Instructor course and provider course in Chihuahua, Chihuahua March 28-31.

The course is a first step in development of a core of emergency care instructors for BTLS and establishment of a BTLS International Chapter, the first in the State of Chihuahua.

HETCAT and the Division of Emergency Medical Services have a long history of binational emergency care personnel and binational infrastructure development. Their efforts were recognized by the National AHEC Organization with an Award of Excellence in 2004.

Participants in the program from EMS were Sam Gutierrez, Brian Wilson and Homero Guarderamma, and Jim Hastings, West Region Program Director for HETCAT and Associate Director of the Office of Border Health. The program was supported in cooperation with the Office of Border Health of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Strategies for Service Leadership

"Strategies for Service Leadership" is a 5-hour course designed for supervisors, managers, and administrators at Texas Tech to assist them in creating a service-oriented environment within their department. Next class is scheduled: Thursday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information or to register for training, call 545-6840.

Apr. 11 - 15

13 General Faculty Meeting
4 p.m., Aud. A
Host: El Paso

HIPAA Required IT Security Training Must be Completed by April 15

In order to comply with the HIPAA Security Rule, all TTUHSC workforce members must complete IT Security Awareness training by Friday, April 15, 2005.

The IT security awareness training will address issues such as choosing a good password, protecting electronic medical records and the best way to avoid infecting your computer with viruses.

Training is available online at www.ttuhsc.edu/it/training. Departments who are still working toward compliance may also schedule a special department-wide classroom training session by contacting jerry.rodriguez@ttuhsc.edu.

ERS Website

Check out the ERS website at www.ers.state.tx.us for information about ERS-related legislative activities. You'll find report summaries, committee schedules, links to committee reports, information about pending legislation and much more.

Thumbs Up

A big "thumbs up" goes to Guard Frank Trevizo and Officer Gus Martinez from Lt. Tony Quintela, Texas Tech HSC Police Dept.

On the afternoon of April 6, Trevizo and Martinez were on patrol in the east patient lot. Trevizo heard a baby crying and located two young children, ages 7 and 8, taking care of a two-month old baby.

Officer Martinez conducted an investigation and the parents were finally located. He then advised the parents that charges will be filed against them, even though the children were OK and unharmed.

The children were released back to their parents.

"Excellent patrol, investigative skills and training on the part of both Texas Tech officers. Job well done," said Lt. Quintela.

Health Tip

Magnesium and Colorectal Cancer

Magnesium may protect against colorectal cancer, according to a study of more than 61,000 Swedish women.

Those who consumed at least 255 milligrams of magnesium a day (from food and supplements) had about a 40 percent lower risk of colorectal cancer than those who consumed less than 209 mg a day. Magnesium had protected against colorectal cancer in earlier animal studies.

What to do: Eat more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and beans--all of which are rich in magnesium. Multivitamins rarely contain a day's worth--320 for women and 420 mg for men--because it wouldn't fit into a single tablet.

(Source: J. Amer. Med. Assoc. 293: 86, 2005)

