



TEXAS TECH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Texas Tech Accredited by ACGME

The Institutional Review Committee of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) issued a "Favorable Decision," last year regarding the December 2003 accreditation site visit of Texas Tech Health Sciences Center El Paso School of Medicine, and accepted a progress report from the institution December 2004. The next institutional accreditation site visit by the ACGME is scheduled for April 2007.

Accreditation is a reflection of the institution's substantial compliance with ACGME program requirements, and commitment to excellence in both medical education and patient care. The ACGME member organizations include the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, the Association of Medical Colleges, and the Council of Medical Specialty Societies.

Medical Society Honors Texas Tech Medical Students

The El Paso County Medical Society (EPCMS) presented the "Dr. Carlos Martinez Medical Student Award" to Raul Carlos Martinez, senior Texas Tech medical student at the society's annual installation dinner on January 26, 2005.

This award of distinction in the clinical sciences is presented to a medical student assigned to El Paso with the highest overall grade in the clinical sciences such as Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and Surgery.

EPCMS's Alliance also presented the "Shelle Thompson Medical Award" to Ashli Rhea Zerby, senior Texas Tech medical student, at the same event. This award is presented to the highest ranked medical student assigned to El Paso who also has been selected for induction into the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) National Medical Honor Society.

"These awards are a wonderful expression of recognition by the El Paso County Medical Society, the Medical Society Alliance, and the Martinez and Thompson families of academic excellence and accomplishment. The awards also signify their strong support and ties with Texas Tech El Paso," said Manuel Schydlower, M.D., Assistant Dean for Medical Education.

"We are grateful to them and treasure the strong bonds that exist between the El Paso County Medical Society and Texas Tech," he added.

Faculty Joins UBCC

Gary W. Schabacker, general surgeon, joins Texas Tech El Paso School of Medicine as faculty. He is a clinical associate professor with assignment to the University Breast Care Center (UBCC).

Jan. 31 - Feb. 4

- 1 Clinical Administrators Meeting with the CFO
8:30 a.m., Faculty Lounge

HIPAA Training

Feb 4, Rm 211

Feb 8, Rm 211

Sessions are 9-10 a.m.

RSVP to Belinda Sanchez, 545-6431.

Restripping, Cleaning of Garage Continues

Cleaning and restripping of the Thomason Parking Garage continues.

The process will take a few weeks and will cause minor inconveniences to employees. For more information, contact Thomason Guest Services, 521-7671.

New Staples

Catalog Available

The new 2005 Staples Office Supplies catalog is now available. Departments needing one should contact the Mail Room, 545-6539 to get the new catalog.

SERVICEplus Training

Registration is currently underway for February sessions of SERVICEplus training. "Service Within", a course for employees who have front-line contact with customers is scheduled for:

Session I

Thursday, Feb. 10

1:30 to 5 p.m., Faculty Lounge

Session II

Thursday, Feb. 17

1- 5 p.m., Faculty Lounge

Employees must attend both sessions. Anyone who has not attended SERVICEplus training, including new employees, should plan to attend this session. Supervisors should contact the SERVICEplus office, 545-6840, with the names of staff that will attend. Employees must be registered in order to attend class.

Donate Books for Pedi

Donations for children's books, both English and Spanish language, for all ages are needed for the Pediatrics' "Reach Out and Read Program."

There will be a designated drop box located in the Lobby of the Admin Building and at the Information Booth in the Clinic Building. For more information, please contact Volunteer Services, 545-6840. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Thumbs Up

Thumbs up to Sandra Alderete, of the University Breast Care Center. She passed her Boards for her RN license. We congratulate her!

Chandra Presents at Postgraduate Assembly

Phool Chandra, M.D., Department of Anesthesiology, presented at the NYSSA 58th Postgraduate Assembly in December in New York City.

Dr. Chandra presented a study entitled "Effect of Intravenous Propofol as Premedication." Co-authors of the study are Julio Gagot, M.D., and Arturo Norte, R.P.A.

SOM Seed Grant Program for FY06 - Applications Due February 28

The School of Medicine Seed Grant Program provides a modest amount of financial support so a principal investigator (PI) might conduct preliminary or pilot investigations that will assist in obtaining external funding. Pilot investigations in fields new to presently funded investigators and educational projects will be considered.

A pre-submission peer review of each grant submission is required. This reviewer may be any scientist selected by the PI. The reviewer must sign the route sheet indicating that the grant has been read and reviewed with the PI. The goal of this pre-submission peer review is to eliminate poor quality applications.

A faculty member may only submit one application to the SOM Seed Grant Program. A PI on one SOM Seed grant application may not serve as a Co-Investigator on any other SOM Seed grant application.

An original, plus nine copies of the application and only the requested appendices, should be submitted to the Office of Research and the Graduate School, TTUHSC-Lubbock, no later than 5 pm, Friday, February 28, 2005. The application forms are available in both Word and .pdf formats. The Faculty Research Committee prefers that people submit their application and attachments in .pdf format. Applications and attachments may be emailed to dawn.bender@ttuhsc.edu. The Route Sheet may be printed in either .doc or .pdf format, but must be submitted to the Office of Research as a paper copy with original signatures.

Awards will start on September 1, 2005 and expire on August 31, 2006. Award is for a one-year period. After one year, the project is eligible for a one year competitive renewal. The renewal requires a second grant submission that includes a positive progress report and is dependent on availability of funds. Eligibility: The PI must have a primary faculty appointment (and more than 50% employment) in the School of Medicine (including non-tenure track) and should not be considered in training.

Budget: The maximum amount awarded to any faculty member will be \$20,000.

Application Review: The review process is similar to that of the major external agencies. A primary and secondary reviewer will be appointed for the review of each application. The application forms can be accessed at <http://www.ttuhsc.edu/research/office/funding.aspx>

The Route Sheet can be found at

<http://www.ttuhsc.edu/research/office/funding.aspx>. Please call Dawn at the Research Office, (806) 743-2556, for questions about the application.