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2025 – 2026

Institutional Faculty Development Program (IFDP) XXIV

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Dayle Alonso, M.D.

Department of Psychiatry

Dr. Alonso is an assistant professor and assistant clerkship director of psychiatry. She joined the institution in August 2025, after completing her residency at Texas Tech Health El Paso. Her professional interests include neuroscience, with a particular focus on geriatric psychiatry and ECT.

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Rohit Balasundaram, Ph.D., M.P.H., B.D.S.

Hunt School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Balasundaram is an assistant professor of public health and dental public health at the Hunt School of Dental Medicine. He joined the faculty at Texas Tech Health El Paso in 2025.

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Siv E. Chung Chhay, D.D.S., MAGD

Hunt School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Chhay is an associate professor of general dentistry at the Hunt School of Dental Medicine. She joined the faculty at Texas Tech Health El Paso in September 2024. Her interests include lecturing at national conferences, and she has submitted several abstracts each year. She enjoys meeting new colleagues to exchange knowledge and ideas.

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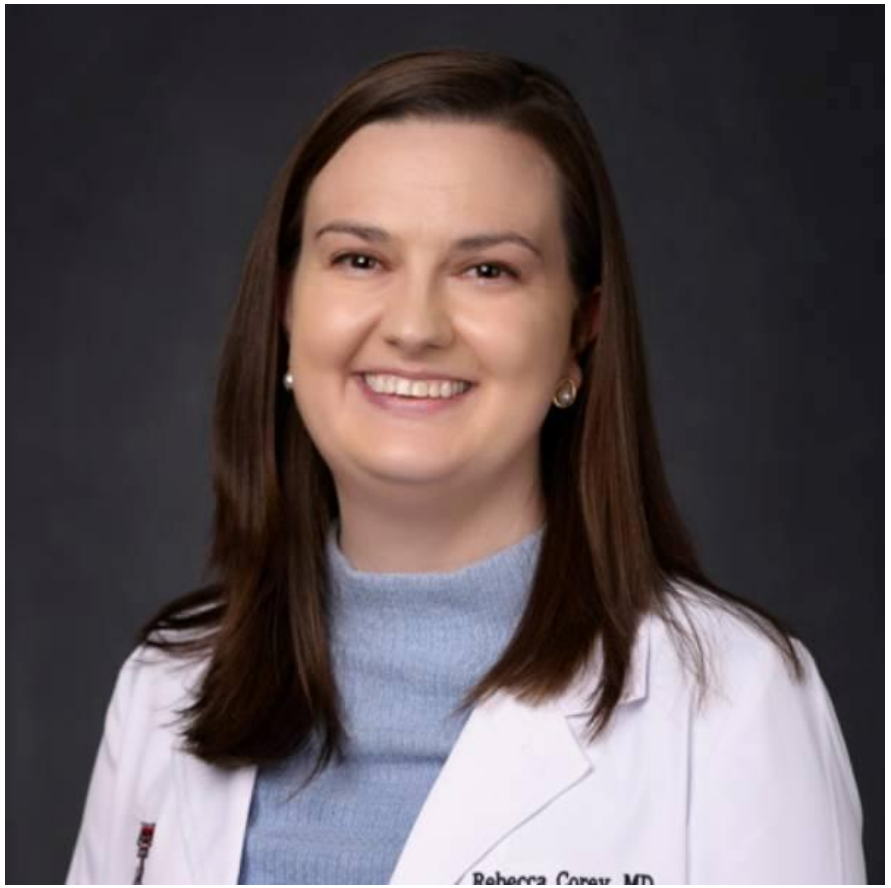


Ladan A. Convey, D.D.S.

Hunt School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Convey is an assistant professor of general dentistry at the Hunt School of Dental Medicine and joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in July 2024.

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Rebecca Corey, M.D.

Department of Internal Medicine

Dr. Corey is an assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine, and joined Texas Tech Health El Paso in November 2024. She serves as the assistant clerkship director for internal medicine and focuses on improving teaching, feedback, and assessment for third-year medical students.

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Priyanka Dadha, Ph.D.

Department of Molecular and Translational Medicine

Dr. Dadha is an instructor in the Department of Molecular and Translational Medicine at Texas Tech Health El Paso. She joined the institution in 2025, and her professional interests include cancer prevention and control, health disparities, and implementation science.

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Angelica Dominguez, Psy.D., LP

Department of Psychiatry

Dr. Dominguez is an assistant professor and licensed psychologist in the Department of Psychiatry. She joined Texas Tech Health El Paso in August 2024 as a postdoctoral fellow. She provides outpatient psychotherapy services and clinical supervision to trainees. Her interests include positive psychology and the intersection of physical and mental health.

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Tamer E. Fandy, Ph.D., BCGP, FCP

Department of Medical Education

Dr. Fandy is a professor of pharmacology in the Department of Medical Education and joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in June 2024. He completed his postdoctoral research fellowship in the Division of Oncology and Hematology at the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University.

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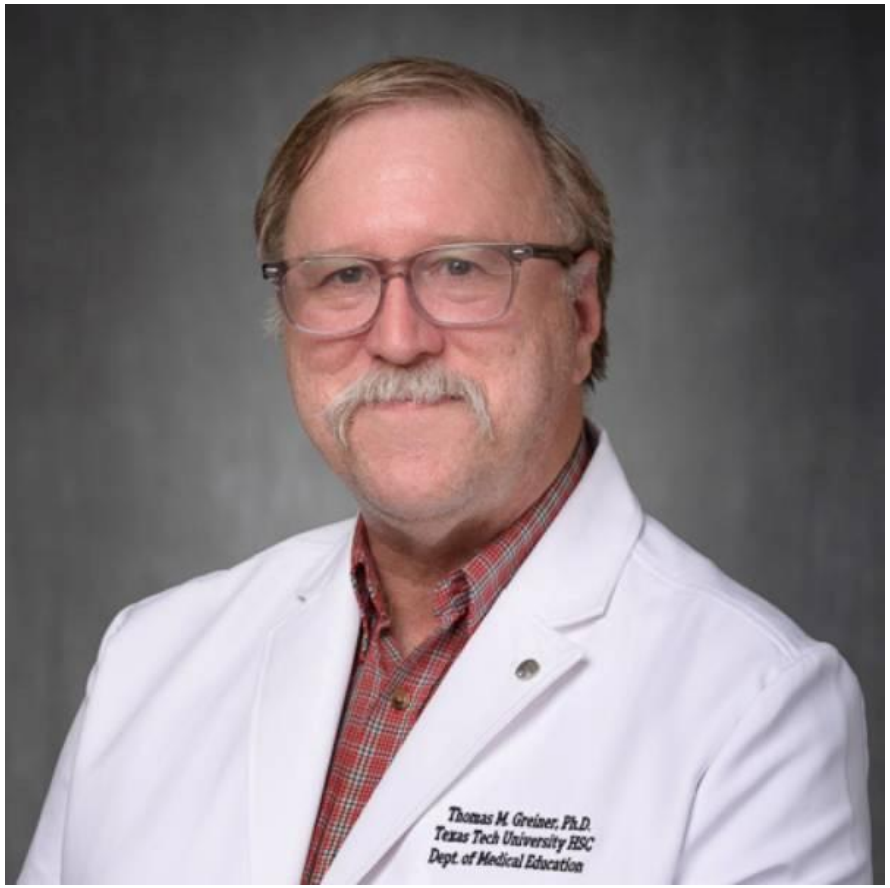


Gilberto Garcia, Ph.D., M.Ed., MA, MBA

Hunt School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Garcia is an assistant professor at the Hunt School of Dental Medicine and director of the Spanish Language Program. He joined the Texas Tech University System in 2016 and assumed his current position in 2021. His interests include medical and dental Spanish education, language access in health care, curriculum development, and linguistically competent care.

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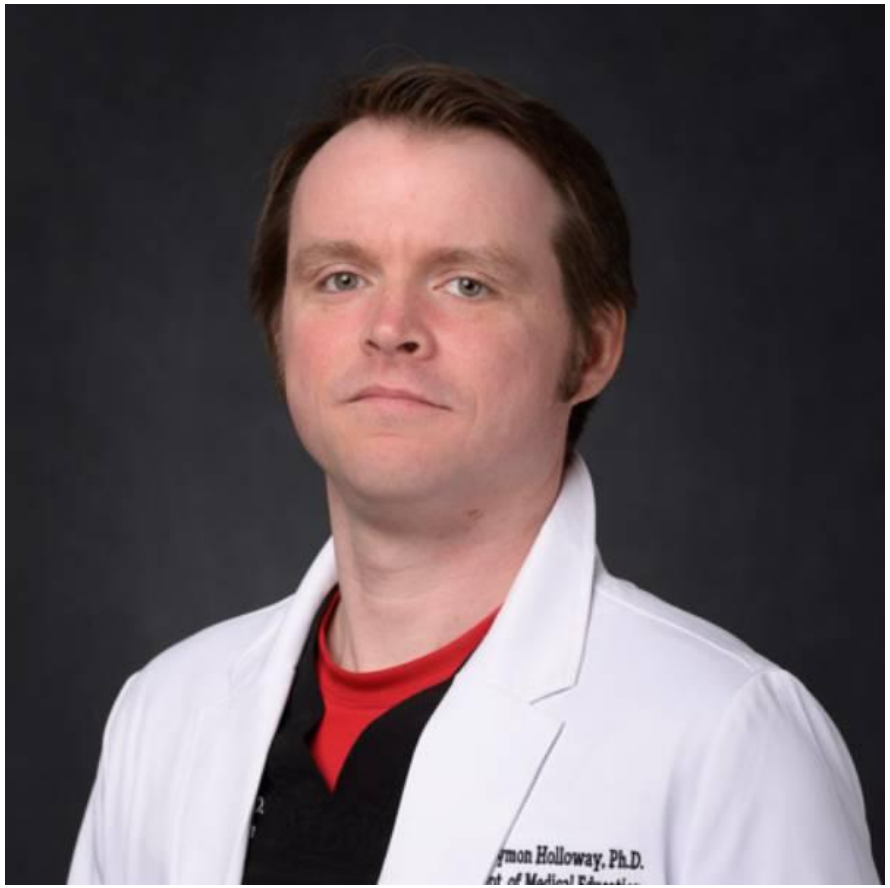


Thomas M. Greiner, Ph.D.

Department of Medical Education

Dr. Greiner is an associate professor of anatomy in the Department of Medical Education and joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in February 2024. He has extensive teaching experience from multiple medical schools.

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Waymon Holloway, Ph.D.

Department of Medical Education

Dr. Holloway is an assistant professor of anatomy in the Department of Medical Education and joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in 2024.

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Sonia Joutteaux Haro, M.D.

Department of Psychiatry

Dr. Joutteaux is an assistant professor of psychiatry and associate program director for the Psychiatry Residency Program at the Alberta Campus. She joined Texas Tech Health El Paso as a resident in 2021 and joined the faculty in 2025 after graduating. Her interests include Interventional Psychiatry and Women's Mental Health.

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Abhinav Kalra, D.M.D.

Hunt School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Kalra is an assistant professor of general dentistry at the Hunt School of Dental Medicine. He joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in April 2025.

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Mariela Lane, M.D.

Department of Medical Education

Dr. Lane is an assistant professor in the Department of Medical Education, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, and co-director of the Medical Skills Course. She joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in 2022.

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Luz M. Luna, M.D., M.P.H.

Department of Family and Community Medicine

Dr. Luna is an assistant professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine. She attended Texas Tech Health El Paso as a student and resident and joined the faculty in 2024. Her interests include medical education and integrative medicine.

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Jitin Mathew, B.D.S., M.D.S., M.S.

Hunt School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Matthew is an assistant professor of general dentistry at the Hunt School of Dental Medicine. He joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in 2024.

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Darly Carmelle Ghislaine Mayer, Ph.D.

Department of Medical Education

Dr. Mayer is an associate professor of microbiology in the Department of Medical Education. She joined Texas Tech Health El Paso in June 2024. Her professional interests include clinical microbiology, infectious disease research, and student success.

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Kris Nicole Mendoza, M.D.

Department of Pediatrics

Dr. Mendoza is an assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Texas Tech Health El Paso and an attending neonatologist at El Paso Children's Hospital. She completed her pediatric residency at Texas Tech Health El Paso from 2018 to 2021 and joined the faculty in September 2024. Her interests include caring for extremely low-birth-weight infants and supporting their parents.

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Murali Muniraju, Ph.D.

Department of Molecular and Translational Medicine

Dr. Muniraju is an assistant professor in the Department of Molecular and Translational Medicine at Texas Tech Health El Paso. He joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in November 2024. His research focuses on cancers linked to Kaposi sarcoma-associated herpesvirus and Epstein-Barr virus.

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Rodolfo Olivares, D.N.P., R.N., NEA-BC

Hunt School of Nursing

Dr. Olivares is an assistant professor in the Graduate Nursing Program at the Hunt School of Nursing at Texas Tech Health El Paso. He joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in July 2025. His professional interests include teaching and mentoring future nurses to advance into nursing leadership roles.

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Karen Ortega, Pharm.D.

Hunt School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Ortega is an assistant professor of pharmacology at the Hunt School of Dental Medicine and joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in April 2025. She serves on curricular committees and engages in community and scholarly activities.

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Erika Pereda, Psy.D.

Department of Psychiatry

Dr. Pereda is an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry and the postdoctoral psychology fellowship training director. She joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in October 2024.

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Gerardo Quiñones, D.M.D., FAGD

Hunt School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Quiñones is an assistant professor of general dentistry at the Hunt School of Dental Medicine. He joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in 2025.

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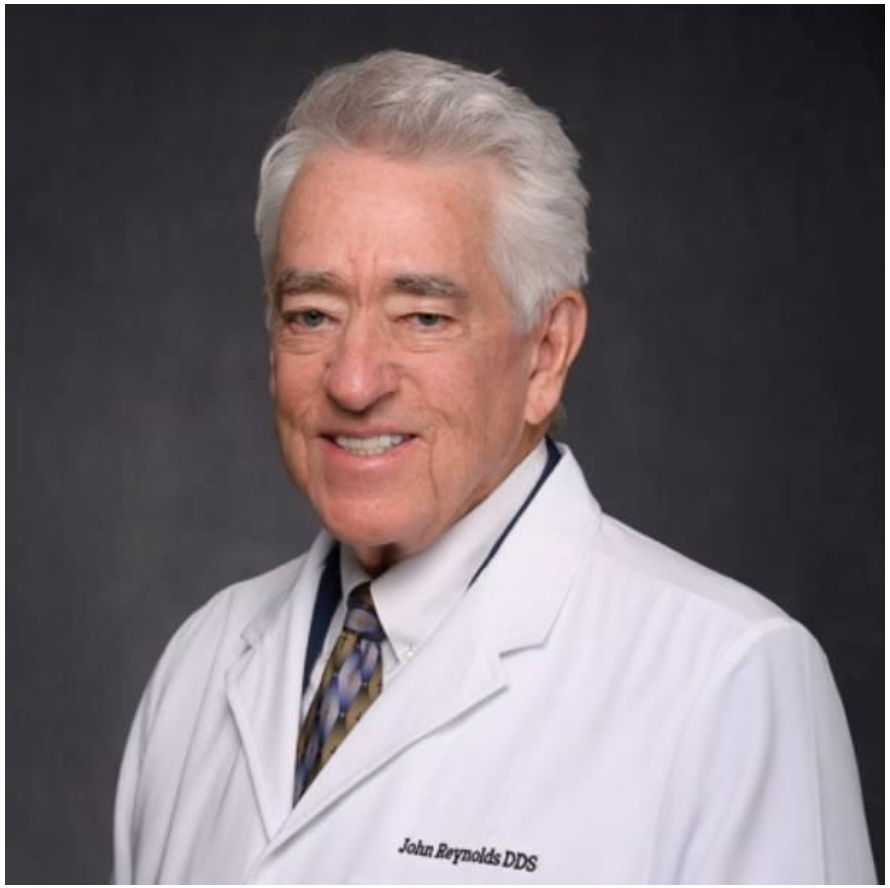


Sheldon Rao, M.D.

Department of Internal Medicine

Dr. Rao is an assistant professor in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. He also serves as associate program director of the Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship within the Department of Internal Medicine. He joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in September 2023.

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John William Reynolds, D.D.S.

Hunt School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Reynolds is an assistant professor of general dentistry at the Hunt School of Dental Medicine. He joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in August 2024 after retiring from his 44-year general dentistry practice in El Paso. In addition to mentoring in the Oral Health Clinic, he enjoys working with students outside the clinic as a sponsor for some of their organizations.

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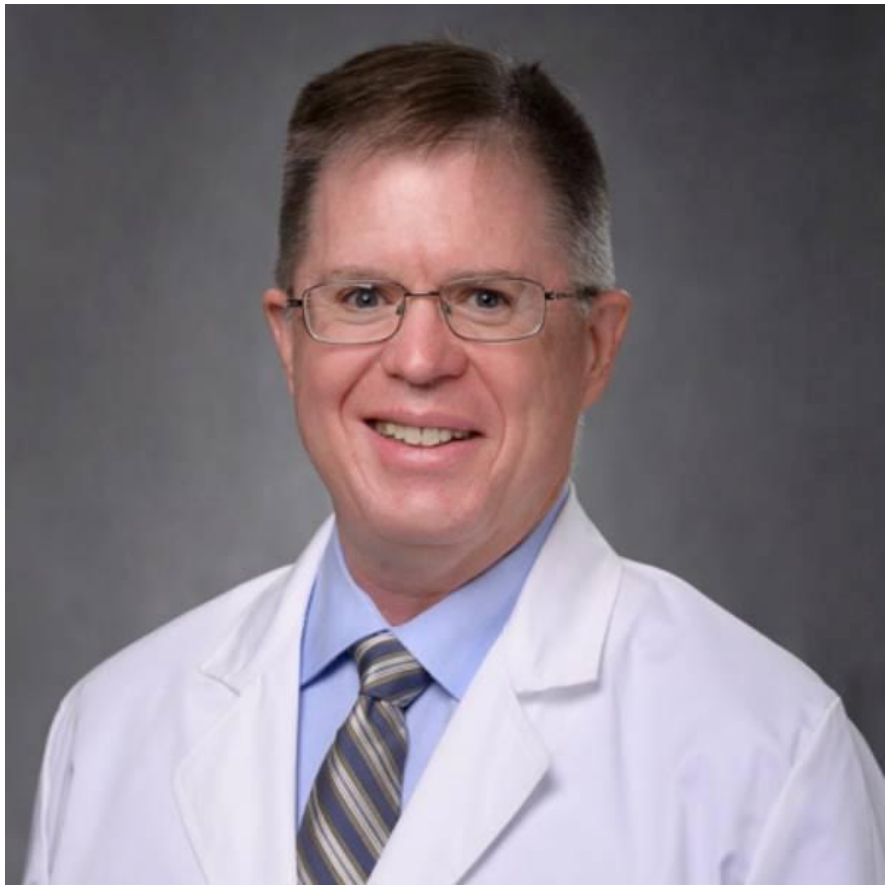


Jency Cynthia Sachidanandam, M.D.

Department of Psychiatry

Dr. Sachidanandam is an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry, specializing in general psychiatry and child and adolescent psychiatry. She joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in 2024. Her professional interests include clinical psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry, and telepsychiatry.

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David C. Schlenker, D.D.S.

Hunt School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Schlenker is an assistant professor of general dentistry at the Hunt School of Dental Medicine. He joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in 2025. He has several years of private practice experience and military service. He served as deputy commander, overseeing several clinics.

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Stephen Schwartfeger, M.D.

Department of Emergency Medicine

Dr. Schwartfeger is an assistant professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine and assistant director of emergency medical services. He joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in 2024.

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Brittany Shoemake, M.D., CWSP

Department of Medical Education

Dr. Shoemake is an assistant professor in the Department of Medical Education, a certified wound specialist physician and a College Colloquium mentor. She joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in 2024.

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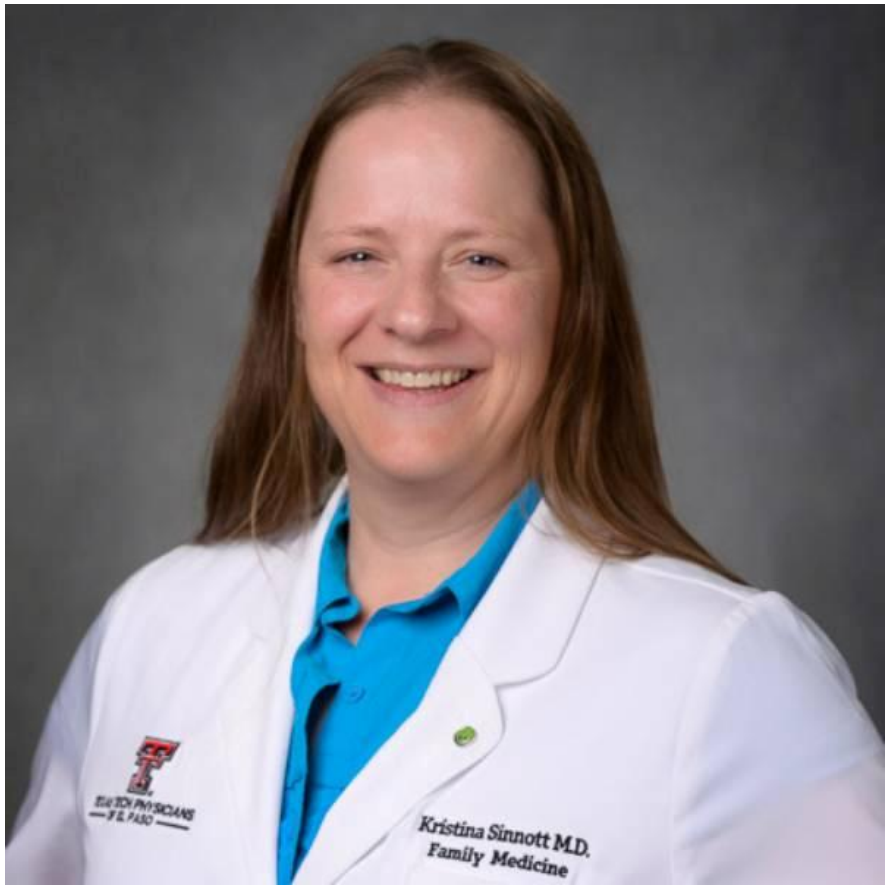


Trevor S. Silva, M.D.

Department of Surgery

Dr. Silva is an assistant professor in the Department of Surgery. He joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in September 2025.

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Kristina Sinnott, M.D.

Department of Family Medicine

Dr. Sinnott is an assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine and is the program director of the residency program. She joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in May 2024.

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Sunil Kumar Srinivas, M.D., D.M., FSCAI

Department of Internal Medicine

Dr. Srinivas is an assistant professor in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine. He also serves as associate program director of the Cardiology Fellowship in the Department of Internal Medicine. He joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in December 2023. His professional interests include interventional cardiology.

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Andrew F. Tyler, M.D., Ph.D.

Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation

Dr. Tyler is an assistant professor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation at Texas Tech Health El Paso. He specializes in trauma surgery, fracture care, and joint replacement.

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Juan A. Villafañe-Hernandez, D.M.D.

Hunt School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Villafañe-Hernandez is an assistant professor of general dentistry, mentor and course director at the Hunt School of Dental Medicine. He joined the Texas Tech Health El Paso faculty in August 2023.