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Medical Librarians Host A Spooky Open House!

October is National Medical Librarians Month. The medical librarians of TTUHSC Libraries of the Health Sciences will have an open house Wednesday, October 28, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the MEB Library Instruction Room, and from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the HSC Library Conference Room.

The library is incorporating a Halloween theme with the open house and everyone is encouraged to come out for some fun, refreshments and drawings. The drawings consist of five book giveaways and gift cards from Majors. Majors is one of the oldest medical book distributors in the U.S. It was bought out by Baker and Taylor in 2004, a valued brand in medical and health science publications. See majors.com.

Two librarians will dress up for the occasion. One will dress up as an old traditional librarian and the other as a modern librarian. Come find out how librarians "haunt" for information. For more information, contact call 783-5630 or 545-6650.

From the Desk of the Founding Dean

We just keep growing! The recent addition of 36 faculty members to our family has prompted back-to-back New Faculty Orientation sessions this month. The caliber of these individuals is even more impressive than the growth of our institution. Welcome aboard!

Outside my office window, I'm amazed at how El Paso's Children's Hospital continues to rise upward! It's a beautiful site! I look forward to attending this weekend's Children's Hospital Board Retreat where we'll discuss finances, recruitment of physicians, along with all the intricacies associated with opening its doors.

I'm so proud to announce that our campus will be represented at next week's Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Convocation. *Manuel Rivera, M.D.*, professor of medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine, will be honored with the President's Service Award and *German Hernandez, M.D.*, assistant professor of medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine, with the Young Investigator Award. The recognition of our extremely dedicated faculty at the president's level shows that our campus has become a significant part of the Health Sciences Center. Thanks to them both for their amazing work!

And next Tuesday, October 27, the TTUHSC Paul L. Foster SOM Center of Excellence in Cancer Research will host its first Breast Cancer Symposium. This symposium is possible because we have some of the most brilliant minds on campus dedicating their time and talents to eradicating breast cancer. It's also a sign that we are leaders in this community – and will continue to move forward and share our latest findings with colleagues and the community at large.

- Jose Manuel de la Rosa, M.D., Founding Dean

One More Week for the SECC Campaign

A Texas Tech employee found an organization in the El Paso/West Texas State Employee Charitable Campaign brochure that reaches out to children with cancer. Because she has a young family member with cancer, she decided that charity would benefit from her gift. Another employee decided a center that helps people who have suffered family violence would receive her gift.

Some of the organizations listed in the brochure can have a global impact such as Freedom from Hunger, Helen Keller International, Save the Children, and Doctors Without Borders. Some organizations will have a local impact. These include the El Paso Child Guidance Center, AVANCE, Alzheimer's Association, Latch Key Centers Unlimited, and the TTUHSC Paul L. Foster School of Medicine.

Employees have another week to donate to the charity of their choice. It's not too late to get your donation in. For a complete listing of the organizations that can benefit from your gift, please see your department's SECC coordinator.

Residents Can Meet Health Insurance Plan Representatives

Residents who have questions about their health insurance plan can get answers when a Scioli Group representative visits our campus on Monday, October 26 from

T-Shirts Benefit UBCC

Women's T-shirts featuring a flattering longer sleeve length and a charm necklace replica design on the neck line, are for sale at the University Breast Care Center. The white T-shirts sell for \$30 and all proceeds benefit the UBCC. The design of the necklace is based on a real necklace created by El Paso jeweler Susan Eisen that was raffled off at the luncheon.

The UBCC is located on the first floor of the Medical Center.

11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., in the Faculty Lounge of the HSC, located on the second floor. Residents should call Martha Lucero at 545-6528 or email her at Martha.lucero@ttuhsc.edu to set up an appointment to meet with the representative. This is an opportunity for resident physicians to resolve issues, ask questions and meet the representatives of the Scioli Group.

Studies for GERD, IBS

The Department of Internal Medicine is looking for patients to participate in several research studies.

People with heartburn related to gastroesophageal reflux disease, or GERD, who take medication twice a day for it may qualify for this study.

Researchers are also evaluating an investigational medication to see if it effectively treats irritable bowel syndrome with constipation (IBS-C) in men and women. All study-related care will be provided at no cost.

For information, contact Nancy Casner or Yvette Gomez at 545-6514.

Temporary Visiting Restrictions at UMC

University Medical Center of El Paso is taking precautions to protect patients by instituting temporary visiting restrictions due to flu season.

The following restrictions are effective immediately:

- No children under age 18 can visit patients in the hospital
- The only children who may come into the hospital are those needing care
- Children may not visit or stay in the lounge of Labor and Delivery or Mother/Baby Units
- Only two healthy adults may visit a patient at one time
- Only parents will be allowed in the nurseries and the Intensive Care Unit

Visitors should be healthy, free from fever, cough or colds, or stomach virus symptoms.