



Early Voting Continues

The El Paso County Elections Department election workers are on the University Medical Center campus today, February 25, until 5:00 p.m. in Dining Room A (basement). Please remember to bring your voter registration card or your Texas driver's license.

Recycling Quiz

Be on the look out for a Recycling Quiz every month in *Tech View*. The first person who e-mails the Volunteer Department with the correct answer will win a recycling bag. Winner will be contacted by the Volunteer Department.

It's fundamental for anyone who wants to go green - **What do the three Rs stand for?** Find the answer at: <http://webcoist.com/2008/08/18a-beginners-guide-to-going-green/>

From the Desk of the Founding Dean

Emergency Medicine – We received great news from Emergency Medicine on two different fronts. First, we are fully accredited for an additional four years. This is an extension of a previous accreditation which is a three-year accreditation. Some of the things the reviewers commented on were the implementation of simulation training for the residents and medical students, ultrasound training, research day, and a three-year evidence-based medicine research curriculum, among other things.

On another emergency medicine front, we also received approval for a toxicology fellowship program. This is the first step towards building sub-specialty training programs to fulfill the vision of the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine. These fellows will be doing rotations with the poison control center and other related organizations in our community. Congratulations to everyone in emergency medicine for all their hard work.

Strategic Planning – Speaking of the future, our strategic planning process begins in earnest next week. That is when associate deans and department chairs will gather for a retreat. This will mark the beginning of our strategic planning process. Our last plan was crafted in 2005 and it is time for us to engage in a new vision for 2015.

Campus Health Initiative – In case you missed it, an email went out Tuesday to all staff and students which included our mission statement and the Health/Wellness Survey. So far, we have received over 200 responses! I'm thrilled by this initial response and believe this shows how important the cause is—and that our employees want it. If you haven't already filled out the survey, please go to <https://surveys.ttuhscc.edu/wsb.dll/s/60g708>. It will be available until Tuesday, March 2.

My condolences go out to my colleague *Gilbert Handal, M.D.*, former chair for the Department of Pediatrics, and to his family, on the loss of their beloved Maria, who passed away yesterday. Your family is in my prayers.

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

ACGME Residency Review Committee Reaccredits Emergency Medicine Residency and Approves New Medical Toxicology Fellowship

The Emergency Medicine Residency Review Committee of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) has reaccredited the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Paul L. Foster School of Medicine Emergency Medicine Residency program for another four years. The ACGME also approved a Medical Toxicology Fellowship.

The emergency medicine residency program has achieved accreditation since its existence in 1982 according to program officials. Program Director *Veronica Greer, M.D.*, said the residency program implemented some changes in order to have a successful review. The changes will also help attract more residency candidates to the area.

“Some of the changes included simulation training for the residents and medical students rotating through the emergency medicine program, advanced ultrasound training,



an annual residency research day, journal clubs with more medical student participation, and faculty mentorship with scholarly tracks,” said Dr. Greer.

Stephen W. Borron, M.D., M.S., TTUHSC Paul L. Foster School of Medicine professor of emergency medicine and director of the medical toxicology fellowship program will direct the fellowship when it begins in July 2010. Fellows will complete a two-year intensive training program which includes didactics, outpatient and inpatient toxicology consultations, research and teaching of residents and students. When the program is filled, there will be four fellows (two first-year and two second-year fellows).

Medical toxicology is a subspecialty of medicine practiced by physicians called toxicologists. Toxicologic knowledge is often used in emergency medicine, occupational medicine and pediatrics and applied in the assessment and treatment of acute or chronic poisoning, adverse drug reactions, overdoses, envenomations, and chemical exposures.

Dr. Borron is also associate medical director of the West Texas Regional Poison Control Center. *John Haynes, M.D.*, associate professor, Dept. of Emergency Medicine and a toxicologist, will be associate program director for the fellowship.

Teaming Up for the Cure

Several TTUHSC departments teamed up to participate in the Race for the Cure last Sunday. The Department of Family Medicine named their team Cure4Sure. The team of almost 90 participants was lead by captain *Charmaine Martin, M.D.*, and co-captains *Jessie Dominguez* and *Lorena Villalobos*.

“We raced in green hospital scrubs and had participation from TTUHSC medical students, who outran everyone including family medicine residents, staff and a host of family and friends. We raised \$2,785 and also received a plaque for most donations raised in a school division. Afterwards, we had a barbeque to celebrate,” said team captain Dr. Martin.

The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation had 13 participants from their department, including some volunteers. *Alma Sanchez*, department administrator, said although they did not all walk as a group, they still enjoyed participating in the event. “We have several employees whose family members have been afflicted by breast cancer so we support this event every year,” she said.

CIMA Lectures on World Health Features Medical Student

The Center for International and Multicultural Health (CIMA) invites you to attend an ongoing lecture series on world health. The lectures are held every first and third Wednesday of the month. Invited speakers share their experience and work involving international health. Anyone may attend the lecture.

CIMA’s next guest speaker on March 3 at 11 a.m. in Room 235 of the HSC Building is *Candice Allen*, School of Medicine Class of 2012, TTUHSC School of Medicine. Her topic is “Malnutrition in Ethiopia”.

Candice is a fourth-year medical student at the School of Medicine in El Paso. In November, she participated in an international elective to Ethiopia. While there she collected anthropometric data on children in the area in order to assess the prevalence of malnutrition in Ethiopia. She will discuss the findings of this data during her presentation. Candice is originally from South Africa and has participated in many medical mission trips to areas in South America as well as Africa. She has a special interest in medicine in Africa and plans on participating in many future international trips to third world nations.

Starting from the top:
Some of the participants in the
Race for the Cure from Family Medicine

Walkers at Race for the Cure had a great view
of the mountains in the Northeast

Department of Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation
participants Bonnie Bracher, Thelma Aguilar, Robert
Rojo and Alma Sanchez

