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H1N1 / Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinic for TTUHSC Employees & Dependents

All TTUHSC Paul L. Foster SOM employees and their dependents are urged to get their H1N1 and Seasonal Flu vaccines on Wed., Nov. 18, 2009, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. in the Quality Improvement Conference Room, located in the basement of Clinic Building - Room A02F.

H1N1 Injectable and Nasal Mist vaccines will be available. Individuals who are eligible for Nasal Mist (under 49 and 'healthy') will be provided the nasal mist. Individuals over 50, or under 50 with health concerns, will be eligible for the injection. There will be **no cost** to Employees or Dependents for the H1N1 Vaccine.

The Seasonal Vaccine will be available to TTUHSC Paul L. Foster SOM employees at no cost. The seasonal vaccine may be available for dependents (if supply permits) and will cost \$10 for administration of the vaccine.

From the Desk of the Founding Dean

Members of the TTUHSC Paul L Foster SOM faculty were proud to participate at this year's American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) conference in Boston. They presented workshops specific to curricular issues and starting a new medical school. We had seven massive displays designed to highlight several of our medical school's departments - and they were a huge hit. Attendees were able to view the displays and learn about our Medical Education Department, Medical Skills & Clinical Simulation Center, Student Affairs, Graduate Medical Education, Admissions, Research, and Curriculum. The conference was great exposure for our school. It was also a great opportunity to recognize two of our noted faculty - *Hoi Ho, M.D.*, professor of medicine and associate dean for Faculty Affairs and Development and *David Steele, Ph.D.*, senior associate dean for Medical Education and director of the Office of Curriculum, Evaluation and Accreditation. Their genius was difficult for attendees to miss - and I must say - they were impressed with what they saw. And finally - our junior faculty had the opportunity to network not only with colleagues, but also with peers from other medical schools - which is always a good thing! I was very proud of everyone involved.

On Wednesday, we hosted the Children's Hospital Board on the TTUHSC Paul L. Foster SOM campus. It was a chance to build academic enterprise in the new hospital. I look forward to working with this great team of individuals in making the Children's Hospital a beacon in the community.

And as a result of much networking and community support, Congressman Sylvestre Reyes introduced an amendment to H.R. 3962, the Affordable Health Care for America Act, which will authorize HHS grants to assist in establishing or developing medical schools in areas in need of medical professionals (Health Professional Shortage Areas - HPSAs). My hope is that when the healthcare bill is finally enacted into law - this amendment will still be standing.

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

CIMA Lectures on World Health

The Center for International and Multicultural Affairs (CIMA) invites everyone 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 experiences and work involving international health.

On Wednesday, November 18, at 11 a.m. in Room 235 of the HSC Building, via Techlink, CIMA's guest speaker is *Patti Patterson, M.D., M.P.H.*, professor of pediatrics at TTUHSC, Lubbock. Dr. Patterson will speak on "Labba, Guinea Pigs and Fish Head Stew: 20 years of International Medical Missions."

Dr. Patterson has 20 years of experience in public health, including serving as the Commissioner of Health, Executive Deputy Commissioner of Health and Maternal and Child Health Director for the state of Texas. She was also instrumental in the development of the F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Patterson holds a medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. She was a family medicine resident at Texas Tech Regional Academic Health Center in Amarillo. She is board-certified in pediatrics, completing a pediatric residency at the University of Texas Medical Branch where she was also chief resident. Dr. Patterson also holds a master's degree in public health from the University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston and a

Not too Late to Donate to SECC Campaign

It's not too late to donate to the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC). Please contact your department SECC Coordinator or call Dottie Samaniego, 545-6840.

TTUHSC Library Resources

If you have questions about using the Library's online public access catalog (OPAC), finding certain books, or submitting an interlibrary loan request for a book, then don't miss the informational and instructional sessions at the Delia Montes-Gallo Library of the Health Sciences on Thursday, November 19. There is a session from 11 a.m. to noon at the HSC Library, or from 2 to 3 p.m. at the MEB Library conference room.

The TTUHSC Libraries provide access to a large collection of books both in print and in full-text electronic formats. In addition, through the library's interlibrary loan service, our library has access to books in other libraries at low cost to patrons. Despite these advantages, searching for and locating books may seem difficult, especially when pressed for time.

If you find yourself wondering where to start, or if you are looking for tips on how to easily locate books, then the upcoming instructional session presented by TTUHSC Libraries is for you.

Individual instruction appointments can also be made. For more information, contact Lillian Carl, 783-5638.

bachelor's degree from Lubbock Christian University.

With a continuing concern for international health, Dr. Patterson has participated in 34 medical mission trips to Mexico, Central and South America, Eastern Europe, and Africa.

FBI Presentation at TTUHSC El Paso

A special presentation on "Active Shooter on Campus," by FBI special agent Byron Graham is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Auditorium A3500 of the Medical Center. "The information being presented is very educational and useful in regards to campus safety and safety out in the community. We hope to see a good turnout," said Lt. Tony Quintela, Texas Tech Police Department.

Seating is limited for this presentation. To RSVP, contact Roxanne Chacon, 783-5245, or email her at Roxanne.chacon@ttuhsc.edu

Thanksgiving Holiday Canned Food Drive and Raffle

TTUHSC Paul L. Foster SOM, University Medical Center and El Paso Psychiatric Center staff are invited to participate in a Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive and Raffle which runs until November 20. The drive and raffle is sponsored by UMC's Food and Nutrition Dept. and Rewards and Recognition Committee.

To participate in the raffle, employees should write their ID number on the canned item. Items may be dropped off at a bin located in the UMC's cafeteria. Raffle winners will be posted in the cafeteria on Monday, Nov. 23.

Donated items will be distributed to a local relief agency.

TTUHSC Employee Training

December 31 is the last day to complete employee refresher training for EEO-Sexual Harassment Prevention (management and non-management). This training may be completed online or in a classroom setting.

Two other upcoming classes being offered for employees in November and December are "Coping with Chaos!" on Friday, Nov. 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. in Room A-3400 of the Medical Center; and "Identity Theft Prevention Workshop" December 17, from 2 to 3 p.m., in Room B-3600, also in the Medical Center.

In the "Coping with Chaos" employees will learn some of the common causes of chaos as well as practical tools to help them cope with chaos successfully.

The "Identity Theft Prevention" workshop will cover some statistical information regarding identity theft. Employees will learn how to protect their identity and how to remedy the effects of this serious crime. People whose identities have been stolen can spend months or years and thousands of dollars cleaning up the mess thieves have made of a good name and credit record.

Employees may register online at <http://www.ttuhsc.edu/hr/Training/el Paso.aspx> or by calling Pete Hernandez, 545-8946.

Office of GME Practice Options Luncheons

All resident physicians are invited to interact with physician recruiters from the following healthcare organizations on the following dates:

Friday, November 20, noon, Faculty Lounge, HSC Bldg –
Sierra Providence Health Network, with Ana Stevens, Kimberly Silex, and Lorenzo Burciaga

Thursday, December 3, noon, Room B 3600, Clinic Bldg –
Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), with David Wierson, and Carla Sierra.

Free lunch for the first 30 attendees. For more information, contact 545-6528.