

TTUHSC QEP selected participation in the national Interprofessional Case Competitions (CLARION) as a strategy to promote interprofessional teamwork. CLARION is a competition where teams apply their knowledge and experience to analyze an adverse patient event. The goal of CLARION is to improve patient safety and the quality of care through the promotion and development of interprofessional leadership, teamwork, and communication. Universities must submit an application to send a team composed of three to four students representing at least two distinct professional schools. Teams are judged on their ability to professionally present and defend a well integrated interprofessional team approach that identifies the major issues of the case and provides an evidenced based, affordable, and measurable process improvement plan that resolves the case to the extent in which future occurrence(s) are prevented.

We are excited to announce that our 2011 TTUHSC Team: Diana Jolles, School of Nursing (SON), Shamini Parameswaran, School of Medicine (SOM), and Meera Subash, (SOM) placed third in the national CLARION competition held in Minneapolis, Minnesota April 16th. In addition to the all-expense paid trip (paid for by the TTUHSC QEP), the team received the \$2,500.00 Premier Richard Norling Scholarship at the National CLARION Case Competition.

Plans are in the works to spread the course, *Root Cause Analysis for Interprofessional Team Members*, over two semesters (fall and spring) as well as expand the course to all TTUHSC students. Part One will begin in 2011 fall and is offered to all students interested in attaining advanced skills related to resolving adverse patient events with an interprofessional team approach. Students are encouraged to contact Meghan Reid, meghan.reid@ttuhsc.edu, for further details concerning the course.