Lubbock Surgical Society

The Lubbock Surgical Society welcomed special guest speaker, Dr. Pat Walker, to their fall meeting in November. Dr. Walker is the Trauma program director for East Texas Medical Center in Crockett, Texas, serves as director at large for the American Board of Surgery and is chairman of the ACS Committee for applicants and a member of the TMA patient-physician advisory committee. Dr. Walker spoke on Mass Casualty Incident and Maintenance of Certification. The Lubbock Surgical Society was established several years ago with its objective to be the stimulation and improvement of the basic science of surgery and to create mutual understanding among the surgical professions. New Bylaw changes were introduced for approval and new officers were elected. The society is composed of eligible Doctors of Medicine and whose principal interests are in general surgery or allied surgical specialties or surgical specialties. To become a member, please contact President Craig Rhyne, M.D. at 806.799.7928. Related sites: http://home.absurgery.org

Teen Straight Talk

Teen health expert and President of Healthy Futures Alliance in San Antonio, Texas, Janet P. Realini, M.D., MPH, along with author of “Start Talking”, Janine Sherman of Houston, and inspirational speaker, Cowboy Carl Sims of Atlanta were special guest speakers at the quarterly presentation of Teen Straight Talk. TST is a non-profit organization empowering and educating our community teens and parents to help prevent teen pregnancy and STI’s. The Lubbock Crosby Garza County Medical Society is a strong supporter of TST. For more information visit: www.changinglubbock.com and www.BIGDECISIONS.org.

Playing for a Cure

A 5 man band made up of doctors gather once again to perform and help raise money for the American Cancer Society. The band has raised about $200k for charities since 2004 when the band was originally formed. Now known as “The Attendings” include Drs. Richard Rosen, Lowry Schaub, Jeff Paxton, Brad Snodgrass, and Thomas Windisch. A few years ago, the band released its’ first CD of holiday music, “Holiday Blues in Greens”, and is scheduled to release a second CD next spring, not yet titled. To purchase a CD contact the American Cancer Society at 792.7128.
Clinical Faculty Spotlight

A huge Longhorn fan driving a burnt-orange Porsche doesn’t stop Dr. Charles Wheeler from supporting Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine. Since July 2009 he has served as a medical educator for fourth year medical students interested in Radiology. Dr. Wheeler has been practicing radiology for the past 30 years and is the radiologist at GRACE clinic imaging center and at Open MRI. He graduated from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Ft. Worth and completed his training in Oklahoma. He is a clinical assistant professor at TTUHSC SOM. Dr. Wheeler enjoys teaching students and hopes that he can influence some of these students to choose Radiology as a career. www.graceclinicus.com

Barbershop Health Check

Members of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) held another Barbershop Health Check. Medical students check blood pressure and BMI of customers while they wait to get their hair cut. Twelve local barbershops/hair salons partnered with AMSA to provide a quick health check. For more information, email barbershopbp@gmail.com

New offices open

Lubbock Family Medicine, 7008 Indiana Avenue, Lubbock. Dr. David Vermillion and Dr. Rodney Franklin.

West Texas Family Medicine, 1806 Quincy Street, Plainview. Dr. Mark McClanahan, Dr. Travis King, Dr. Brianne Williams, and Dr. Jon Watkins.

Patricia Arledge, M.D., Plastic Surgery Services, 3502 9th Street Ste. 207, Lubbock.

Alumni Hall of Fame

Dr. Damon Hill was honored during the 4th Annual Boys and Girls Club Hall of Fame luncheon held in November at the Lubbock Country Club. Inductees are chosen for their length of service to the community, involvement with the club, and high ideals of excellence appropriate to member of the club. Dr. Hill practices Family Medicine at Lubbock Medical Associates, L.L.P. He is Texas Tech School of Medicine graduate and serves as a clinical instructor and preceptor for the school of medicine. Other inductees included Rip Griffin and Bo Sexton.

LCGCMS Annual Meeting

The Lubbock Crosby Garza County Medical Society celebrated their annual meeting by honoring the 2009 Hippocratic Award recipient, Dr. Malcolm J. Thomas, Jr. Dr. Thomas is a thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon at Covenant Medical Center. Governor Rick Perry (who could not be present) was the recipient of the 2009 ‘Friend of Medicine’ award for his support to medicine/physicians. LCGCMS also announced the 2010 LCGCMS Officers and Alliance Officers: Juan Fitz, M.D., President, E. Steven Robinson, President-elect, Michael Ragain, MD., Vice-President, and Harry Hall, M.D., Secretary/Treasurer. http://www.lcgcms.org

Happy Holidays!