

Program Description

The goal of the TTUHSC Palliative Medicine fellowship is to produce doctors who are competent in all aspects of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. The fellows will be exposed to and work within teams that have built practices of excellence in these areas and that are consistent with Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care. Lubbock is uniquely prepared to accomplish these goals, as our program offers the following strengths:

1. The program director is also a full-time medical director for a local hospice, allowing the fellows excellent training in home- and long-term-care facility patient assessments and treatment. Fellows will gain system-based practice experience with exposure to the role of medical director.
2. Fellows will receive excellent training in pediatric hospice care.
3. The primary hospice site has a free standing in-patient unit, allowing excellent training in in-patient hospice care.
4. The fellows will spend 6 months with a successful in-patient palliative care consult service at a community hospital, allowing excellent training with a multi-discipline team and unique services such as consultation to the pediatric and neonatal intensive care units and consultation as part of the trauma team at the hospital.
5. The program features a didactic series modeled after the Palliative Care Education Project of Harvard University.
6. Most of the physicians with whom the fellows will be working are Board Certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine, including the hospice director and the palliative care physician leader.

The TTUHSC Palliative Care fellowship will model patient and family care, as well as leadership for in hospice and palliative care nationally. This program offers fellows direct preparation for a future in academic medicine or as a medical director, in addition to personal growth and development of leadership skills.

Our Facilities

- VistaCare Hospice
- VistaCare In-Patient Unit
- Covenant Medical Center Medical Center (teaching hospital)
- Hospice of Lubbock
- Texas Tech Physicians' Pavilion (geriatric clinics)
- Mildred and Shirley L. Garrison Geriatric Education and Care Center (long-term care)
- TTUHSC International Pain Clinic

Pictured Below: Dr. Parampal Bhullar, Dr. Andrew Dentino, Dr. Betsy Jones, Dr. Michael Ragain, Dr. Tommie Farrell, Rev. Elizabeth Abraham, and Rev. Doyle Patterson

Our Team

- Tommie R. Farrell, MD
Program Director
- R. Michael Ragain, MD
Braddock Chair, Family Medicine
- Andrew N. Dentino, MD
Internal Medicine and Family Medicine-Geriatrics Division
- Parampal Bhullar, MD
Internal Medicine-Geriatrics Division
- Betsy Goebel Jones, EdD
Women's Health & Family Medicine Research Director
- Melanie Oblender, MD
Covenant-Palliative Care
- Deborah Hunt, RN
Covenant-Palliative Care
- Doyle Patterson
Covenant-Palliative Care
- Elizabeth Abraham
Hospice of Lubbock



Program Benefits

- 2010-2011 Salary \$48,021
- Moving allowance: up to \$1250
- Health, life and dental insurance for Fellow and immediate family
- Disability, malpractice & workers' compensation insurance for Fellow
- Digital pagers
- Name-embroidered lab coats
- Twenty days of paid vacation
- Annual Residency/Fellow Retreat held each February
- Five days and \$1,000 for approved CME courses
- ACLS recertification tuition provided

Contact Us

Feel free to contact the Department of Family and Community Medicine with any questions you may have:

- Call us at: 806-743-1100 x 228
- Email us: andra.headley@ttuhsc.edu
- Drop by for a visit in Room 4B324
- Write to us:

Family Medicine Palliative Care Fellowship
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
3601 4th Street, MS 8143
Lubbock, TX 79430



Who Can Apply

Applicants must:

- Be graduates of an accredited residency program and board certified or board eligible in Family Medicine or Internal Medicine.
- Be licensable in the State of Texas
- Have passed the USMLE in the first two attempts for each step
- International Medical Graduates: Have a J-1 Visa only

How to Apply

Contact Andra Headley for an application:

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