



# School of Nursing Doctor of Nursing Practice Students Present Scholarly Work

The TTUHSC School of Nursing Doctor of Nursing Practice students presented their scholarly posters on “Information and Technology to Improve Health” on October 20, 2011 at the Health Sciences Center.

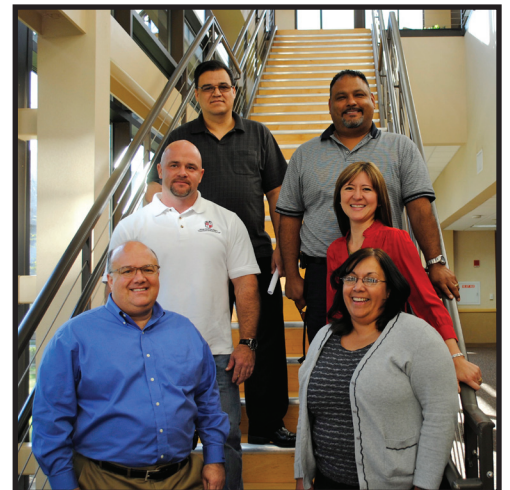
“Social Media and its Affect on Healthcare, What next?” was presented by DNP student, Teresa Acosta, RN, MSN along with five other students, Manny Miranda, RN, MSN, Joe Garcia, RN, MSN, Jim Voiland, RN, MSN, MBA, CMCN, Gloria Loera, RN, MSN, CDE and David Marshall, RN, MSN. The students chose this subject since it is a relatively new topic which affects operations in all of the various healthcare fields. Acosta stated, “It can be a benefit, but a substantial risk at the same time.”

The group compared what healthcare providers at each of their facilities were doing regarding texting physician orders and found some were texting patient information on the phone. “We felt this topic needed to be addressed with the onset of Electronic Health Record, Computerized Physician Order Entry and other technology in

health care,” stated Acosta.

Following careful review of current regulations such as the Health Insurance Privacy and Portability Act, the DNP students came to the conclusion standardized policies and procedures for addressing the use of social media in healthcare organizations, methods for monitoring social media’s use in healthcare and training for healthcare workers in proper use of social media are needed to prevent possible future difficulties.

Other scholarly topics were: Use of PDA Devices for Data Collection, Achieving Safety, Quality, and Efficiency through a Patient Armbanding Initiative, Comparison of Health Information Exchange in Texas and Patient Portals.



Top: (L) Manny Miranda, (R) Joe Garcia  
Middle: (L) Jim Voiland, (R) Gloria Loera  
Bottom: (L) David Marshall, (R) Teresa Acosta