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Dr. Luedtke to focus on teaching, patients

As most of you know by now, Dr. Sherry Luedtke has decided to step away from her position as Associate Dean for Professional Affairs after an eight-year run. Her resignation from this postion was effective on Sept. 1, but thankfully she will remain with us as a valued member of our faculty and she will continue her neonatal practice at Northwest Texas Healthcare System.

Dr. Luedtke's work and accomplishments in this critical role was truly outstanding. She laid a foundation that emphasized to our students and faculty the importance of professionalism, attitude and academic abilities and revitalized the Continuing Education office, developing a vibrant program that strives to provide preceptors and practitioners with innovative and timely CE.

In her role as associate dean, Dr. Luedtke fostered significant growth of our professional organizations and societies and developed many career counseling and professionalism convocations for our students. She also helped to bring our alumni together through various functions and led the effort to develop a board of directors for the SOP's alumni organization.

Dr. Luedtke accomplished these things while maintaining a significant teaching load and providing outstanding services to her patients. Her tireless devotion to the students, faculty and alumni has earned her a resounding 'thank you' from everyone at each of our campuses. She will be greatly missed in her role as associate dean for her steadfast voice and unwavering support of the SOP leadership team and for her council to me personally.

Good luck Dr. Luedtke. As you move on to another chapter in your career, we want you to know how much we appreciate your contributions as associate dean for professional affairs and we look forward to your continued efforts as a valuable member of the SOP faculty and family.

Ad A. Pelson J.

