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Sunday, Oct. 25, 1998

Friday, October 23, 1998

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

EVENTS TO KNOW:

- **Dr. Gunter Blobel**, Rockefeller University, Dean's Lecturer, Wed., **Oct. 28**, 3.001.
- **FLU SHOTS**, U. T. M. S. Health Services, through Fri., **Oct. 30**, 9 a.m. - 12 noon, JFB G.703. Bring badges.
- **Halloween Door Decorating Contest**. Judging Fri., **Oct. 30**. Contact **Kim Edmonson**, 500-7293.

RODEO HITS TMC IN JANUARY

Each year nearly 500,000 people hit the downtown streets in February for the annual Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. Two thousand trail riders from 13 different trail rides and 35 wagons also make a colorful impact on the pageant. This year a mini-rodeo comes to the Texas Medical Center in January, a first-time ever event. **Georgia Ann**

Spears, spokesman for "Rodeo Comes to the Medical Center '99," says plans are underway for horse-shoe pitching, pig races, square dancers, chili-cookoffs, live concerts, and "it's all free and open to TMC employees and their families." Chortled Spears' colleague, 'R.A.', a deer-skin outfitted trailrider from Angelfire, New Mexico, at a recent organizational meeting, "what makes it the best of rodeos are the kids." So if you have a yen to runaway to the circus, or in this case, the mini-rodeo, your help is needed. Call Spears at 943-1995, for information or to assist.



TEN POSITIONS POSTED FOR BUSINESS OPERATIONS

The RPR-IDX Implementation Project to streamline business activities at the Medical School under one cost center is moving forward. Ten positions, including two director roles and eight manager roles, are open. Job postings can be found at the PeopleWorks Jobs Website, <http://www.uth.tmc.edu/ut_general/admin_fin/hr/index.html>. Interested and qualified employees can also contact **Debbie Drew**, 500-3141, for an application and should forward their resume to PeopleWorks, UCT 150 or fax to 713/500-3138.

COKINOS ON BOARD AS NEW DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Stacie Cokinos, HSC Office of Development, joins the Medical School team to enhance existing development efforts and to further develop a grateful patient fundraising program. She previously led the development efforts for Bering Community Service Foundation, a local non-profit HIV/AIDS health service provider. "I'm delighted to join the Medical School team to advance the funding opportunities and our mission," says the Texas A&M graduate with a BBA in marketing. Cokinos feels that building the relatively new 'Grateful Patient' fundraising program will be a particular challenge that she is looking forward to meeting. Cokinos, originally from Beaumont, will be developing a strategy based on past pilot programs, such as **Dr. K. Lance Gould's** PET Center, to successfully unite physicians with their patients who wish to support current and future projects. **Al** and **Celia Weatherhead**, patients from Cleveland, Ohio, will have given Gould three million dollars by December 31, 1999, in order to expand Gould's program. Other recent examples of successful grateful patient fundraising in the MS include gifts received from patients to support the work of **Dr. Richard Smalling** and **Dr. Frank Arnett**.



Stacie Cokinos

FACULTY SATISFACTION SURVEY COMING IN NOVEMBER

Within the next few weeks all faculty should be receiving (in their mailboxes) a Faculty Satisfaction Survey for completion. "We encourage faculty to respond to this survey so that we will be better able to address issues and represent faculty concerns to HSC administration," stated **Dr. Linda Cooley**, Chair of the InterFaculty Council (IFC) and Associate Professor, Pathology. The survey is a follow-up of the 1995 Faculty Satisfaction Survey and is composed of 41 questions, covering education/teaching, research, clinical practice, promotion and tenure, mentoring, faculty support resources, relationships with administration as well as salary and benefit issues. The IFC, sponsor of the survey, hopes to assess the issues of importance to faculty and any change in these issues since the previous 1995 survey. "We hope to have responses in by Monday, **Nov. 16**, said **Dr. Marilyn Greer**, Director, Office of Institutional Effectiveness. Upon tallying results, a summary will be presented to Executive Council and distributed to all faculty. To address faculty concerns, members of the Faculty Status, Rights, and Responsibilities Subcommittee of the IFC have put in many hours. Analysis of the survey will be performed by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness. As per the guidelines imposed by the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects, all responses are kept completely confidential. If you have questions concerning the survey or would like a copy, call **Dr. Greer** at 500-3119.

UTMS FITNESS CENTER FALL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Tuesday and Thursday, **Nov. 17** and **19**, from 5:30 - 8 p.m., dunk some baskets. The UTMS Fitness Center will be awarding prizes and referees will officiate. The registration deadline is **Nov. 3** and forms are available at the Fitness Center front desk. Call **500-5044** or stop by the MSB 8th floor penthouse for details. Refundable \$15 forfeit fee per team required. Eight team limit and Fitness Center membership required.



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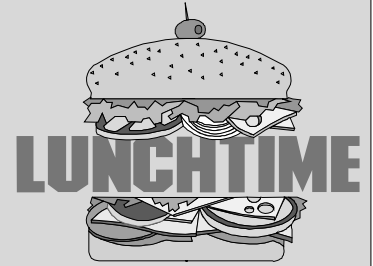
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UCP Reaches Out to Sugar Land In Lunch Break Series

For the second year in a row, the University Care Plus (UCP) Outreach Lecture Series is in full swing in Sugar Land. Going from a handful of physicians last year to more than a dozen now in the Sugar Land area, the program boasts CME approval from the UTHMS CME office and CNE approval from Memorial Hermann Hospital. Targeting primary care physicians and nurses, the monthly series of lectures features University of Texas - Houston Medical School Specialty Physicians who practice in UCP outreach clinics. The series fulfills the educational mission of the Medical School while providing community exposure. Held from **12:30-1:30 p.m.** in Classroom A of the Memorial Hermann Healthcare System Center (formerly MSCH Building), the "Sugar Land Lunch Break Series" is at 1111 Hwy 6 in Sugar Land. The presentations are:



Wed., Nov. 4

"ADHD: Why Is Johnny So Jumpy?"

Dr. Pedro Mancias, Depts. of Neurology and Pediatrics

Background note: ADHD is one of the most common mental health problems affecting children. This disorder has no known neuropathological abnormality and affects five to ten percent of school children, usually manifesting itself by the age of seven years. It is characterized by inattention, impulsivity, and hyperactivity. Children are typically identified by school teachers and parents. It is frequently associated with other conditions such as learning disabilities, conduct disorder, and depression. At present, it is believed to be inherited. Early diagnosis, usually by a primary care physician, is vital in providing optimal treatment for children afflicted with this condition.

Thurs., Nov. 19

"Shunt Management: Brain Plumbing 101"

Dr. Ronald Young II, Depts. of Surgery and Neurosurgery

Wed., Dec. 9

"Ear Infections: Why are Johnny's Ears Draining?"

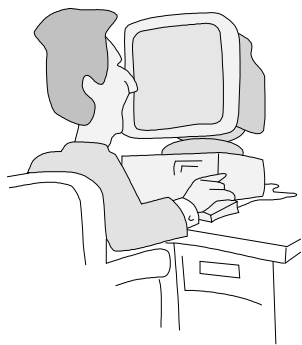
Dr. Michael Poole, Dept. of Otolaryngology

There is no charge for lunch or CME credit. Call **1-888-4UT DOCS (500-5488)** for more information and reservations.

Note: The "Pedi-Update Series" in NW Houston resumes in the spring. The schedule has not yet been finalized.

CME's Newly Revamped Website

Matt Sturm, the Medical School's CME Conference Coordinator, has a new Office of Continuing Medical Education (CME) website, completely overhauled, making it more user-friendly and informative. "We're very excited about it and believe it will be a great resource here," he said. The address of the new site is <<http://cme.uth.tmc.edu/NEW%20WEB/upcoming.htm>>. Upcoming conferences listed include: "Sports Injuries of the Foot & Ankle," Friday, **Nov. 13**, at the Houstonian Hotel, intended for the orthopaedic surgeon, general practitioner and athletic trainer, with an overview of common sports-related injuries and conditions; Friday, **Nov. 20** and Saturday, **Nov. 21**, "Managing Chronic Illness Along the US/Mexico Border: Hemophilia as a Model." The latter event will take place at the El Camino Real Hotel in El Paso. Other materials to be accessed on the new CME website include recent information on strokes, low-dose therapy, respiratory tract infections, and minimizing risks from fluoroscopic x-rays. Sturm emphasized that the new site houses just about the most complete



listings of CME programs available. The program's goal is to provide a complete listing of all CME programs that can be easily accessed by physicians looking for a program in their specialty. For further information contact Sturm at 500-5127.

UTmost Interest

Dr. Ronald Kerman, Surgery, Division of Immunology and Organ Transplantation, was honored as an ASHI Scholar at a recent American Society of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics meeting in Vancouver, Canada...**Drs. Joseph Sellin** and **John Stroehlein**, Division of Gastro-



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enterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, were selected by their peers to be included in *The Best Doctors in America*, as well as **Dr. Thomas DuBose, Jr.**, Division of Renal Diseases & Hypertension...**Drs. F. Gerard Moeller** and **Don Cherek**, Psychiatry, will attend the Second Philadelphia Aggression Meeting in Philadelphia Nov. 6-8...**Dr. Carlos Gonzales** arrived October 5 as new Executive Director of the Positron Diagnostic and Research Center. He will work with faculty to ensure reliable production of radionuclides.

And the Chili-Cookoff Winners Are...

A good time was had by all as bee-hived go-go dancers and Austin-based "Rotel & the Hot Tomatoes" pelted out songs from the '60s & '70s to a large and appreciative UTHHSC audience last Friday, Oct. 16. Congratulations! Watch *Scoop* next week for photos.

Booth Competition Winners: 1st - *Disco Inferno* - MSI; 2nd - *Chili Dudes* - Dental Branch; 3rd - *Ambulatory Care* - LBJ. **Showmanship Competition Winners:** 1st - *Disco Inferno* - MSI; 2nd - *Texas State Chili* - MS Surgery; 3rd - *Chili Mutants* - Human Genetics. **Chili Competition Winners:** 1st - *Spontaneous Combustion* - Dental Branch Bookstore; 2nd - *Disco Inferno* - MSI; 3rd - *Outlaw Chili* - UT Police.