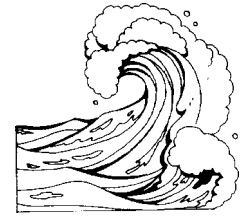




# Scoop



Friday, July 31, 1998

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

## EVENTS TO KNOW:

- **Deadline today, July 31, UT Employees Insurance Benefits Open Enrollment Period.** Call 1-800-888-6824 or visit the web at <http://www.utsystem.edu/egi/> to make changes.
- **"Communicating with Power!"** class, Wednesday, Aug. 5, 10-11:55 a.m., MSB 2.135, or Thursday, Aug. 20, 1-2:55 p.m., MSB 2.103. **Today** is the deadline; call **Sherry Dunn**, 500-5505.
- **Letter of Intent to Apply for Lymphedema Research Studies**, due by FAX **today**, July 31; to Gerald Dubinski, Lymphedema Foundation, Inc., San Antonio, FAX 210-675-5632; phone 210-675-5599. Application due Sept. 30.

## UTmost Interest

**Dr. Agnes Schonbrunn**, Integrative Biology, Pharmacology and Physiology, has been appointed to the Public Communications Committee of the Endocrine Society for a three-year term...**Dr. Henry Strobel** was chair of the 28th



Hot News

Gordon Research Conference on Drug Metabolism; **Drs. Patrick Kelly** and **Kim Napoli** of the Division of Organ Transplantation attended as did graduate students **Xiaoming Cui**, **Mirek Sulc**, **Chad Thompson**, **Hernan Vasquez**, and **Huamin Wang**; the conference was held at Holderness School in Plymouth, New Hampshire...**Dr. Gita Varagoor**, Medical Educator, Office of Educational Programs, recently presented "Pre-Entry Program at UT-Houston Medical School: An Assessment" at the Eighth International Ottawa Conference on Medical Education and Assessment in Philadelphia.

## NEUROPATHIES SERIES

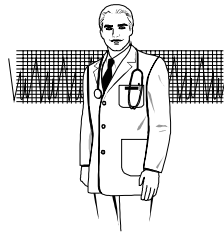


**Dr. Red Duke's** Health Report will feature Guillain Barre Syndrome, Charcot-Marie Tooth Disease, and Diabetic Neuropathy, 7 - 9 a.m., TV-13 Sunday.

## HERMANN HOSPITAL AMONG NATION'S BEST

Six Houston hospitals ranked among the best in the nation in *U.S. News and World Report's* annual listing. **The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center** ranked second among cancer specialists. The center has been among the top two cancer hospitals since the magazine started the survey back in 1990. **Hermann Hospital** made the list under three specialties: cardiology, endocrinology and rheumatology. The Texas Heart Institute at **St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital** was the fifth cardiac facility. **Texas Institute of Rehabilitation and Research** was the third-place rehab facility, and **Texas Children's Hospital** was 17th in pediatrics. And **The Methodist Hospital** was listed among the best in five specialties: neurology, geriatrics, gynecology, ophthalmology, otolaryngology and urology. (Source: *Houston Business Journal*)

## FIRST-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS' ORIENTATION



**Wednesday, August 12** - First-Year Medical Student Orientation, all day. White Coat Ceremony for the Entering Class of 1998, **Dr. Herbert L. DuPont**, keynote speaker, 6:30 p.m., TMC's Edwin Hornberger Conference Center, 2151 W. Holcombe. Students will sign a register indicating their willingness to adhere to the Student Ethical Pledge, recite the Oath of Hippocrates, and officially don their white coats for the first time. A reception will follow for students and their families.

**Thursday, August 13** - Parents and Spouses Orientation, 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, August 15 & Sunday, August 16** - First-Year Medical Student Retreat. **Monday, August 17** - First-Year Medical Students, classes begin.

## FOOD DRIVE - A GOOD CAUSE IN 1998

Thank you all for making in the 1998 Texas Medical Center Food Drive Rally a success! The Medical School's Department of Dermatology donated a box of sunscreen samples to all who participated. Over 57,000 pounds of food (350 lbs. from the Medical School), and \$17,800 was collected for the Houston Food Bank. Live zydeco and jazz music, art cars, and plenty of good food was on hand to add to the merriment, "all for a good cause." Next year promises to be even better!

## BRIDGING GRANTS DUE SEPTEMBER 15

Investigators (full-time Medical School faculty) with a renewal grant application (an ROI or the equivalent) that has not been funded in the past nine months by a Federal agency and is within the top 35<sup>th</sup> percentile may submit a proposal by September 15 for up to \$30,000 to maintain their program for up to one year. The principal investigator's chair should send a letter stating the amount and nature of the matching fund(s) or verifying their unavailability. Requests should be submitted to **Dr. John Byrne**, chair of the Medical School Research Committee (MSB 7.046). Submissions will include information on all other available research support and the dates covered by such support. Provide the original Summary Statement and Summary Budget, describing the last year of the previous grant, the reviewers' comments, the aspects of the research to be continued, and any new results (one page).

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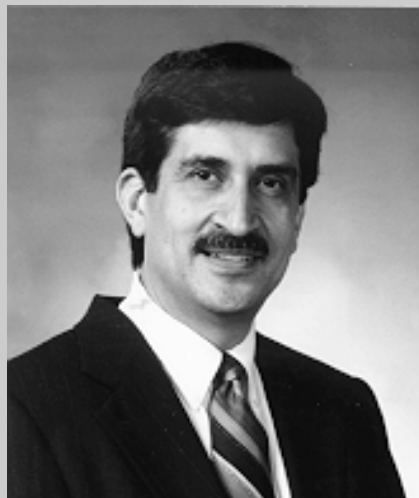
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## DR. CARLOS A. MORENO APPOINTED C. FRANK WEBBER CHAIR IN FAMILY MEDICINE

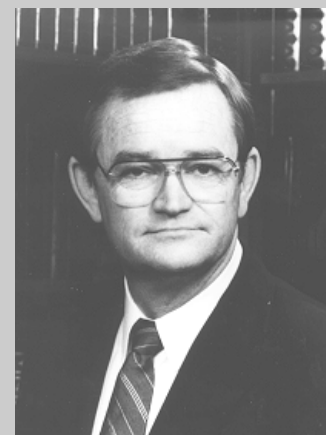


Carlos A. Moreno, M.D.

To hold an endowed chair is indeed a special achievement in any academic career and denotes accomplishment of the first order. In recent months **Dr. Carlos A. Moreno**, chairman of the Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine, has been appointed to the *C. Frank Webber Chair in Family Medicine* and that is indeed a special honor. (see *Scoop* 12/19/97). “**C. Frank Webber** was much more than an outstanding family practitioner and chairmen of the department I now lead. He was a visionary who recognized the value of research in community medicine as well as the need to develop excellence in teaching programs to yield family practitioners of the highest caliber. It is a real honor to hold the C. Frank Webber Chair in Family Medicine,” says Moreno.

Dr. Frank Webber was indeed a very special individual in the history of this Medical School. As chairman of the School’s Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine from 1975-1984, he served as assistant dean for community affairs from 1982-1984. He also held the title of vice president for health affairs and senior executive associate to the president of the Health Science Center. For ten years he served as director of medical education for the Memorial Hospital System. Named

dean of the Medical School in 1985, Webber had served as the 78th President of the Harris County Medical Society - the youngest person to be elected president of the prestigious group at that time. He had a recognized ability to work effectively in the growing complexities of organized medicine. Since arriving at the school in 1974 as a clinical associate professor, he had moved quickly to mobilize the family practice program. In a pre-managed care era, well before the surge of popularity family practice would enjoy in the 1990’s, Webber and his close colleague, **Dr. Harold T. Pruessner**, established the UT-Houston Medical School as a national leader in graduating family practitioners. Webber’s leadership abilities among his physician peers were equally balanced by his teaching skills and popularity among students and faculty alike. Needless to say, shock reverberated throughout the Medical School and entire medical community on December 12, 1985, when word came that Webber had died suddenly of a heart-related illness at age 51. He had been dean just five months. Within a year Webber Plaza, located between the Medical School Building and the Jesse H. Jones Library Building, was dedicated in his honor.



C. Frank Webber, M.D.

Today, the endowed chair (funded by the Memorial Hermann Healthcare System), annual student research awards, and the plaza outside our doors, serve as a continual reminder of the respect C. Frank Webber continues to hold. Says **Dean Maximilian Buja**, “To understand the respect C. Frank Webber holds in this community is to understand the honor that comes with Dr. Moreno’s appointment to this endowed chair. I have no doubt that Dr. Moreno will continue to distinguish the chair through his good work and commitment to patient care, teaching, and community-based research.” Said **President M. David Low**, “The appointment attests to Dr. Moreno’s dedication and outstanding service to UT-Houston, as well as his personal research and academic accomplishments.”

Before joining the UT-Houston faculty on March 25, 1996, Dr. Moreno, a board-certified family physician, was interim chairman of the Department of Family Practice at The University of Texas Health Science Center – San Antonio (UTHSA). During his 15 years at UTHSA, he was director of the Family Practice Residency Training Program, senior fellow with the Center for Studies in Health Economics and director of the Freshmen Introduction to Physical Diagnosis Course. A graduate of Harvard Medical School, he completed a two-year Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Family Practice Academic Development fellowship and also received a Masters of Science in Public Health. Since arriving in Houston, Dr. Moreno has moved quickly to fill the many needs of the School’s Family Practice department with specific goals to be recognized for excellent clinical care and primary-care research, as well as continuing the excellence of the teaching program which Dr. Webber so ably began.

- Bryant Boutwell, Dr. P.H.