



# Scoop



Mental Health  
Awareness Month

Friday, May 21, 1999

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

## EVENTS TO KNOW:

► Faculty Wives & Women Faculty Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Wed., May 26.

► Senior Awards Ceremony & Dean's Reception, 6 p.m., Fri., June 4, Hornberger Conference Center.

► Graduation, 10 a.m., Sat., June 5, George Brown Convention Center.

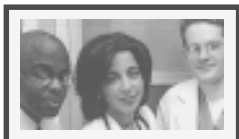
## UTmost Interest

**Dr. Virginia A. Moyer**, Pediatrics and Internal Medicine, Associate Director, Center for Evidence-Based Medicine and Population Health, recently was invited to speak on Evidence-Based Medicine to the 34th Middle East Medical Assembly in Beirut, Lebanon and also to the 5th Annual Child Health Research Symposium in Calgary, Canada.



Hot News

**Editor's Note:** The back page of *Scoop* represents a new ad the AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges) created to promote medical education and salute this year's medical school graduates. The ad is part of its "National Medical Education Promotion Plan," a new initiative of the "Tomorrow's Doctors, Tomorrow's Cures" campaign to raise public awareness of academic medicine's accomplishments. (see *Scoop* 3/13/98). The AAMC launched the ad in *USA Today*, Thursday, May 20, p. 4D.



**FACULTY PROMOTION SESSION**  
Register for the last session of the Faculty Promotion Process, Wed., May 26, 3:30-5:00 p.m., MSB 2.135, with **Mary Cole**, 713-500-5100. Deadline for receipt of recommendations for faculty promotion is **September 1**.

## IDX TRAINING JUNE 3

Faculty training for the practice plan's new billing and collection system (IDX), has been scheduled for Thurs., **June 3**, 5 - 8 p.m., MSB G.018. To register, contact **Jerry Ford**, Director, Physician Services, 713-500-6914, or <jford@admin4.hsc.uth.tmc.edu>.



Dr. Bradford Goodwin

## GOODWIN ELECTED OFFICER OF AAALAC

**Dr. Bradford S. Goodwin Jr.**, Executive Director, Center for Laboratory Animal Medicine and Care (CLAMC), was elected an officer of the Council on Accreditation for the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC International). As of **July 1**, Goodwin will lead the Council in his new role as Assistant Section Leader. Only the nation's foremost scientists and laboratory animal specialists are asked to serve on the Council. The mission of the AAALAC is to build bridges between scientific and medical progress and responsible animal care and research. The 27-member Council conducts 200 or more on-site evaluations annually and is a voluntary accreditation program.

## KROC LECTURER TO SPEAK ON DIABETIC RETINOPATHY

**Dr. Thomas Gardner**, Associate Professor, Ophthalmology, Penn State University College of Medicine, will be in town Tuesday, **May 25**, noon, MSB 2.103, to present the Ray and Robert Kroc Lecture. His talk, "Diabetic Retinopathy: A Chronic Inflammatory Disorder, Not Just a Blood Vessel Problem," focuses on the leading cause of blindness in American adults, diabetic retinopathy. Half of 16 million Americans diagnosed with diabetes will eventually develop diabetic retinopathy. Approximately 18,000 people each year will lose their sight and cost the nation \$500 million a year in lost income and public assistance. Commented **Dr. David Marshak**, Neurobiology & Anatomy, "Dr. Gardner has made fundamental contributions, particularly in describing the mechanism underlying the vascular permeability changes which affect many other organs, in addition to the eyes."



Dr. Thomas Gardner

## THE A B C'S OF BECOMING A GOOD PHYSICIAN

"I feel totally comfortable going into the preceptor's office, because of what I've learned this year," summed up **Lara Colton** recently about her first-year experience as a medical student at The University of Texas-Houston. By October of their first year, students here have had an opportunity to interview standardized patients (actors), and to work with **Dr. Joe Bedford**, Predoctoral Division Director, and **Dr. Debra Harvey**, Introduction to Clinical Medicine (ICM) Course Director. Both represent the Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine. Bedford and Harvey review the students' video-taped interviews and give each of them constructive feedback. In the second semester, students work with community doctors (preceptors), to develop their skills in an office setting. Then back on campus, they'll work in small groups with faculty members to present cases in the form of actual presentations. "By the end of the first year here, the MSIs are really getting to see what primary care is like and are in a position to maximize the learning opportunities they'll experience in direct-patient care," said **Dr. Linda Niman**, Professor, Vice Chair for Educational Affairs, Family Practice and Community Medicine.



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WE'RE TEACHING NEW DOCTORS IN NEW WAYS.

BUT ONE LESSON NEVER CHANGES:

THE VALUE OF CARING.



Doctors graduating from America's medical schools this month will begin their careers with the latest scientific knowledge and one idea that's as old as the medical profession itself. Caring.

That means taking the time to listen to patients – about their hopes, their fears, their families and their lives. And

answering their questions clearly and compassionately. In other words, treating them as patients and caring for them as people.

Why is all this so important? Because, as always, the science of medicine works best when practiced with the art of caring.

