



# Scoop

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

## Events to Know

### July

**9 Mobility Program Kick-off Meeting**, noon, MSB 2.006. Beginning **Sept. 1** the program will subsidize 100 percent of the cost related to METRO bus passes, METRO Park-n-Rides, and Van Pools.

**11 Summer Research Program, Dr. John Byrne**, speaker, noon, MSB 2.006.

**Texas Medical Center Food Drive**, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., TMC Library Lawn, music, refreshments. Proceeds benefit the Houston Food Bank.

**Open Enrollment Benefits Fair**, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Fifth Floor Gallery.

## UTMost Interest

**Dr. Charles M. Stiernberg**, professor, Otolaryngology, and medical director, University Care Plus, is one of five finalists for the presidency of The University of Texas Health Center at Tyler...

**Dr. Agnes Schonbrunn**, Integrative Biology and Pharmacology, received the Gerald Aurbach Lecture Award from The Endocrine Society...**Dr. George M. Stancel** recently delivered a plenary lecture titled "Gene expression in the postmenopausal endometrium following ERT - regulation of sex steroid receptors and growth factors" at the 10th World Congress on the Menopause, held in Berlin, Germany. Co-authors were **Drs. Peter Davies, Gregory Shipley, and David Loose-Mitchell**, Integrative Biology and Pharmacology. Davies and Loose-Mitchell are also Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences faculty members.

## ERC ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The UT-Houston Medical School's Employee Relations Council (ERC) recently elected a new slate of officers. They are: President **Isabel Alvarado**, Vice-President **Dee Miller**; Secretary **Stacey Martinez**; and Treasurer **Danny Doty**. Congratulations.



**Dr. C. S. Raman**

## DR. C. S. RAMAN NAMED 2002 PEW SCHOLAR

**Dr. C. S. Raman**, assistant professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, was one of 20 2002 Pew Scholars in the Biomedical Sciences chosen by Pew Charitable Trusts. The highly competitive national program supports junior faculty chosen from the country's medical schools and research institutions, with \$240,000 over four years. Dr. Raman's laboratory researches cellular signaling pathways involving nitric oxide, carbon monoxide, and molecular oxygen. "We use protein X-ray crystallography to ask questions at the atomic level," Raman said. This structural biology is the key to advancing molecular medicine, said **Dr.**

**Rodney Kellems**, chair, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

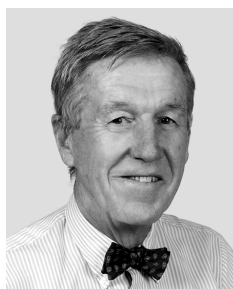
## DR. GENE LESAGE TO LEAD GASTROENTEROLOGY DIVISION

**Dr. Gene LeSage** has joined the UT-Houston faculty to direct the Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition Division, Internal Medicine. Before joining the UT-H faculty, LeSage was associate professor of medicine and of medical biochemistry and genetics at the Texas A&M University Health Science Center. He directed the Liver Unit at Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple and also was a member of the Center for the Study of Cell Surfaces at the Texas A&M University College of Medicine. LeSage, who specializes in liver care and research, brings with him a \$1.15M NIH grant to study bile acid regulation of bile duct secretion and proliferation. LeSage said he hopes to further expand the Liver Center and liver transplant program. "In the next year, I also will be working on plans to develop a nutrition center for in- and out-patient treatment," LeSage said. In addition to his leadership duties, LeSage said he also may resume several research projects related to hepatitis C, a chronic liver disease. "I am excited about the challenges, and I'm looking forward to seeing the division grow and prosper," LeSage said. - *M. R. Middleton*



**Dr. Gene LeSage**

## DR. CHEVES SMYTHE HONORED IN CONNECTICUT



**Dr. Cheves Smythe**

**Dr. Cheves Smythe**, Internal Medicine, has been honored with the Alumni Citation of Merit from his high school, The Taft School, in Watertown, Connecticut. This award is the School's highest award and only one recipient is selected each year. The School was founded in 1890. The award recognizes Dr. Smythe for his life work that best typifies the motto of the School, "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister." The recipient must have "accomplished something humanitarian - something above and beyond the ordinary demands of life or of one's chosen occupation." Dr. Smythe, the first Dean of this Medical School, is recognized internationally for his leadership in academic medicine and his lifelong dedication to the highest standards of medical education.



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## TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT MEETING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

As there are many questions regarding travel reimbursement procedures and other issues associated with travel policies, such as rental cars and taxis, credit cards for faculty to use for travel expenses, banquet attendance fees, etc., a meeting has been set up on Thursday, **July 18** at 9:30 a.m. in MSB 3.001. **Laura Smith, Kevin Dillon, Charlie Figari, Doug Bowerman, Maria Hillman and Mark Long** will be at this meeting to address your concerns. If you have specific questions that can be put on the agenda, please send them to **Linda Utterback**, 713-500-5017. Thank you for sharing this information with the appropriate people in your department.



## REMINDER TO ALL NON-U.S. CITIZENS

**Rose Mary Valencia**, director of the Office of International Affairs, reminds all non-U.S. citizens of the importance of keeping the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) informed of their current addresses. The INS has recently announced that it will begin strictly enforcing this requirement. Failure to update address information can result in a \$200 fine and 30 days in jail. It is also grounds for deportation for which no waiver is available. To comply with this requirement, completion of Form AR-11 is required. The form is available at <<http://www.ins.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/ar-11.htm>>.

## “BEST OF,” IN TWO NEW CONSUMER GUIDES, INCLUDE MANY OF OUR OWN PHYSICIANS

Two new consumer guides to the country's most outstanding physicians have hit the market and they single out 50 faculty members from UT-H Medical School. *Best Doctors in America* profiles approximately 31,000 doctors in over 40 medical specialties. UT-H faculty appear in 14 of the medical specialties in its proprietary Best Doctors database.

And in *America's Top Doctors*, UT-Houston faculty are in 12 of 16 board-certified medical specialties and subspecialties. UT-Houston faculty members listed in both *The Best Doctors in America* and *America's Top Doctors* are: **Drs. James A. Ferrendelli, James C. Grotta, and Jerry S. Wolinsky** for neurology; **Susan E. Denson and Jon E. Tyson** for neonatal-perinatal medicine; **Hope Northrup** for clinical genetics and pediatrics; **Richard W. Smalling** for interventional cardiology; **Barry D. Kahan** for surgery; and **Hazim J. Safi** for thoracic surgery.

Also profiled in *Best Doctors* are: **Drs. Fabrizia Faustinella** for internal medicine (general); **Robert W. Guynn** for psychiatry; **Robert F. Lodato**, as a specialist in pulmonary and critical care medicine; **Margaret O. Uthman** in pathology; **Thomas O. Clanton** for orthopedics; **Francisco Fuentes** as a cardiovascular specialist; **C. Y. Joseph Chang** and **Michael D. Poole** for otolaryngology; **Larry D. Scott** and **Joseph H. Sellin** in gastroenterology; and **Lewis B. Morgenstern** for neurology. **Dr. Ian J. Butler** is listed as a specialist in child neurology.

**Drs. Carlos A. Moreno** and **Robert S. Tan** appear in the *Best Doctors* database as family medicine specialists. **Drs. Barbara E. Murray** and **John H. Rex** are cited for expertise in infectious diseases. Also listed are **Drs. Gailen D. Marshall Jr.** for allergy and immunology; **Stanford M. Goldman** for radiology; and anesthesiologist **Dr. Jeffrey Katz**. Recognized as “best” pediatric specialists are **Drs. Thomas G. Cleary, Sharon Crandell, Marilyn Doyle, Kathleen Ann Kennedy, Fernando R. Moya** and **Ronald Jay Portman**.

**Drs. Richard Andrassy, Frank G. Moody, John R. Potts III, and Charles Thomas Van Buren** appear in *Best Doctors* for outstanding skills in surgery.

This year's paperback edition of *America's Top Doctors* lists **Drs. K. Lance Gould** for cardiology; **Victor R. Lavis** for endocrinology; **Herbert L. DuPont** for infectious disease; and **Guy L. Clifton** for neurological surgery. Also included are **Drs. Malcolm L. Mazow** for ophthalmology; **William H. Donovan** and **Gerard E. Francisco** for physical medicine and rehabilitation; **Frank C. Arnett Jr.** and **Maureen Mayes** for rheumatology.

In addition, *America's Top Doctor's* recognized **Dr. O. H. Frazier**, surgery.

**Dr. James T. Willerson**, president UT-Houston Health Science Center, is recognized in both consumer guides as one of the nation's top cardiologists.

And **Dean Max Buja** is listed in the 2002 *Best Doctors* database for his special expertise in pathology.

For more information, see <<http://www.uthouston.edu/forMedia>> and click on UT-Houston Faculty Members Featured in Two “Best of” Guides. - **D. Bates**



## PUT YOUR BEST FACE FORWARD

How do you avoid skin damage and what are the causes and dangers of skin cancer? These and other questions on skin care will be answered from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, **Aug. 8**, MSB 3.001, as part of the Updates in Women's Health UT-Houston Physicians Lecture Series 2002.

**Dr. Asra Ali** will address “Sun Protection and Skin Cancer,” and **Dr. Adelaide Hebert** will speak on “Rejuvenating Your Skin.”

This free event is sponsored by the UT-Houston Physicians, the UT-H Office of Women's Health, and Memorial Hermann Hospital. Vendor and information booths, giveaways, skin care and beauty samples, and health and wellness brochures will be featured. Complimentary boxed lunches will be available for the first 100 people.

For more information about the event, call 713-500-5087.

## GUIDELINES FOR SMALLPOX VACCINE USE

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has issued recommendations for the use of smallpox vaccine to protect persons working with Orthopoxviruses, to prepare for a possible bioterrorism attack, and to respond to an attack involving smallpox. For more information, go to <[http://www.cdc.gov/nip/smallpox/supp\\_rec.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nip/smallpox/supp_rec.htm)>. (Source: AAMC STAT 7-1-02).