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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

Events to Know

January

20 Annual MSRDP meeting, 4-6 p.m., open to all MSRDP membership, MSB 3.001.

UT Most Interest

Dr. Craig Fischer, assistant professor, Surgery, was in the news concerning using laparoscopy for appendectomies (*Houston Chronicle* 12/31/03).

NOTE - Site visitors from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) will be at the Medical School from **Jan. 11-14** to meet with faculty members, students and administrators to review and evaluate the School's educational programs. The visitors will report their findings to the LCME with a recommendation for the length of the period of accreditation. The last evaluation in 1997 resulted in full accreditation for the maximum period.

NEWS - The Employee of the Month now has been changed to the Employee of the Quarter. Applications can be submitted online at <<http://www.med.uth.tmc.edu>> or found in the Outstanding Employee brochures around the Medical School, or e-mailed to <Alexis.L.Basha@uth.tmc.edu>, or sent via inter-office mail to Outstanding Employee Awards Committee, c/o Alexis Basha, Community Affairs, JJL 400A.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR - JULIO CHARLES

Julio Charles, the 2003 April Employee of the Month, also was named the 2003 Employee of the Year. Julio is a senior research assistant in Internal Medicine/Rheumatology. He works with other research assistants in his area and has made significant progress in a bar code labeling and tracking system. The system allows researchers to manage a large volume of DNA samples with minimal effort and is cost effective.



Julio Charles

REICHMAN IS NEW EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESIDENCY DIRECTOR

Dr. Eric Reichman recently came on board as residency program director, Department of Emergency Medicine, and assistant professor. He previously was a senior attending physician in the Department of Emergency Medicine and Assistant Residency Director at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, from 1997 to 2003. He also was the director of surgical techniques and skills laboratory, Rush Medical College, in Chicago.



Dr. Eric Reichman

Reichman has received numerous teaching awards and has authored many book chapters. Just this fall his textbook *Emergency Medicine Procedures*, published by McGraw-Hill, came out. Reviewers said it is a must for every emergency department, providing detailed, step-by-step, procedural approaches, with over 1700 original illustrations. His hopes are for this text to become the procedural skills text used in all emergency medicine residencies.

Reichman has lectured on numerous subjects — ranging from advanced airway management, to examination of the knee, to wound care, to shoulder joint dislocation reduction, to pediatric seizures to genitourinary procedures, to snake, scorpion, and lizard envenomations.

His technical expertise includes immunocytochemistry, immunofluorescence, electron microscopy, and both in ovo and in vitro microsurgery.

Reichman is a member of numerous emergency medicine organizations, including the Texas chapter, American College of Emergency Physicians, as well as the American Board of Emergency Medicine, the American College of Emergency Physicians, and the American Academy of Emergency Medicine.

Reichman was appointed to the American Board of Emergency Medicine and will become an oral board examiner beginning in 2005 and in 2003 was appointed to the Physicians Advisory Board to the Republican Party by Congressman Tom DeLay.

- C. O'Brien



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING FOR ASLS JAN. 21

What types of questions are covered in emergency preparedness training classes? Questions such as what can occupants do in the event of an emergency or fire alarm? Answer: occupants on affected floors can assemble at the stairwell exit and can exit if they see smoke, fire, or feel their safety is threatened, as well as automatically notify The University of Texas Police Department, the Houston Fire Department, and the Environmental Health & Safety Division. A two-hour training for area safety liaisons, or ASLS, formerly called fire wardens, covering evacuation plans, fire drills, assembly locations, how to conduct a basic safety check in your area, when to evacuate, and emergency contact numbers will take place from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Wed., **Jan. 21**, in the Fifth Floor Gallery. Lunch will be provided and new badges and emergency response bags distributed. For questions call **Julie Broussard**, safety specialist, Environmental Health & Safety, 713-500-8165 or FAX 713-500-8111.



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LOOKING BACK, SOME SCENES FROM 2003:



Dr. Stanley Schultz appointed Interim Dean (Scoop 8/1/03).



Tali Roth performs with the Doctors Orchestra (Scoop 10/24/03)



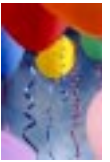
Scene from the Student Retreat, Camp Allen (Scoop 8/22/03).



Madelene Ottosen illustrates measuring pain with a pressure odometer to high schoolers touring the Clinical Research Center (Scoop 7/18/03).



Medical School faculty, students, and staff attended a Hard Hat Happening in the Leather Lounge to celebrate the beginning of ground floor construction.



Ceremonial ribbon cutting participants included (l. to r.), Drs. Stanley Schultz, Max Buja, James Willerson, Michael McKinney, and David Healy (Scoop 8/15/03).



Dr. Shahla Nader addresses "Hormone Therapy... What's Right for You," (Scoop 7/18/03).



Medical students Todd Alonso and Jacqueline Chen perform at the Lunar New Year Celebration (Scoop 3/7/03).



Medical students stitch Christmas stockings for Memorial Hermann Hospital's December babies (Scoop 11/14/03).



UT CLINICAL GROUP PRACTICE AND UCP CHANGE NAMES TO UT PHYSICIANS

The clinical group practice of the faculty of The University of Texas Medical School at Houston, with more than 600 primary care and specialty care physicians, and its management services organization, University Care Plus, have changed their names to UT Physicians. Replacing both the UT-Houston Physicians and University Care Plus names, the new name gives a single identity to the two entities. The new name also helps to bring the clinical group practice and its managing organization into closer alignment with the missions of both The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and the UT Medical School, according to **William Paddock**, chief executive officer of UT Physicians.

"In terms of the day-to-day activities of UT Physicians and its relationship with the university, not much will change," Paddock said. However, UT Physicians personnel are currently undertaking the task of implementing the name change. Over the coming weeks, there will be increasing use of use of the UT Physicians name and new logo. The goal is to fully implement the name change by early 2004.

To learn more about UT Physicians or to schedule an appointment, call 1-888-4UT-DOCS or visit <<http://www.UTdocs.com>>.



NEWS BY YOU

Editor's Note: Received a promotion? Have good news to share? Send in your most proud accomplishment to <Colleen.L.OBrien@uth.tmc.edu>.

Courtney Stevens, employee of UT Medical School at Houston, Department of Renal Diseases and Hypertension, is the proud parent of scholarship recipient, **Brittany Stevens**. Brittany has received an athletic softball scholarship beginning next fall with The University of Texas at Arlington. Brittany currently plays second base for the Pearland High School Lady Oilers. Her softball has taken her through many years of league play, travel, and hard work.

HELLO FUTURE WEIGHT WATCHERS

The WorkLife Program will again sponsor the Weight Watchers At Work 16-week series, on Mondays from noon – 1 p.m., at the Medical School, Room JFB 734. Weight Watchers will take cash, one check for \$165, 3 checks for \$55 postdated Jan. 12, Feb. 12, and March 12, or a credit card number. A minimum of 20 people signed up is needed to make a class. For Monday classes, contact **Sherry Wilson**, UCT 1670, at 713-500-3325. For a Tuesday class, contact **Dena Thurman**, 713-500-2016. That class is at the School of Nursing.