

A campus newspaper for faculty, staff and students at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

## Advice Abounded at the Committee on the Status of Women's Annual Banquet

### Former Houston Health Director Named CSW's Distinguished Professional Woman

By Pamela Lewis, Public Affairs

Executive leadership, faculty, A&P and classified staff — women and men — gathered in early December for the 2004 Distinguished Professional Woman's Award Banquet of the Committee on the Status of Women at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Mary desVignes-Kendrick, M.D., former director of the City of Houston Department of Health and Human Services, received that prestigious award, joining the ranks of those such as former mayors, astronauts, deans and more who have been so honored.

Following her retirement from city employ, she joined the faculty of the School of Public Health as professor of management, policy and community health practice.

DesVignes-Kendrick also serves as deputy director of the school's Center for Biosecurity and Public Health Preparedness. In that role, she works with Scott R. Lillibridge, M.D., center director, to develop and conduct training, research and consultation for the public health workforce in areas including first response, risk communications, border health

security and emergency preparedness.

Guy Parcel, Ph.D., dean of the School of Public Health, nominated desVignes-Kendrick for the award and introduced her at the banquet. He spoke of the challenges she encountered in the fourth largest city in the U.S. as, during her 12-year tenure at the Houston Department of Health and Human Services, she dealt with public health issues including disease outbreaks, food-borne illnesses, prenatal care, infant mortality, infant immunizations, restaurant inspections, tracking sexually transmitted diseases,

AIDS, Hepatitis C, West Nile Virus, biosecurity and the anthrax scare in 2001.

During the middle of the anthrax scare,

Parcel said, "I ran into Mary in the airport. As we talked, she kept getting phone calls about the scare. She turned to me at one point and said, 'You know, sometimes when a white substance looks like sugar, it actually *is* sugar.'"

DesVignes-Kendrick "is a distinguished professional woman who has had a phenomenal career," said Parcel, detailing varieties of service, including the presidency of the National Association of County and City Health Officials and service

on the board of the United Way of Houston Texas /Gulf Coast. "In addition," said Parcel, "she has raised a family with her husband."

She exemplifies a public health professional, Parcel said, and she is a role model for professional women. "I am glad to have her as one of our alumni and I am delighted to have her on the faculty of the School of Public Health."

Upon accepting her award from Parcel, desVignes-Kendrick said she was "deeply honored and truly touched" to have been selected for the award — "I couldn't think of a more strongly reinforcing way to be welcomed into the school." She thanked the many people at the School of Public Health who made and continue to make it easy to acclimate to the school's policies, procedures and environs.

And, she admitted that she had already used the award to her advantage with family members who were giving her a hard time in the car. "I turned to them and said, 'Excuse me, but I am a distinguished professional woman!'" ★



Mary desVignes-Kendrick, M.D., makes a humorous point in her acceptance speech for the Distinguished Professional Woman of the Year Award from the Committee on the Status of Women. Photo by Ester Fant

## Mentoring Award Winners Say Balance, Perseverance Are Key

By Erika E. Durham, Public Affairs

In the early 1970s Nancy Murray was doing it all, or at least trying to.

Murray, who now holds a doctorate in public health and is an assistant professor of behavioral sciences at the UT School of Public Health at Houston, was a mother of small children while in graduate school at the University of Southern California. She was teaching classes, studying for a doctorate and doing all the things that come with mothering.

The balancing act alone was hard enough, but with little to no understanding from her male colleagues and supervisors, it became unbearable. After all, as they saw it, she didn't belong in the classroom anyway when her "real responsibilities" were at home. Murray dropped out of the doctoral program at USC and didn't return to school for another 20 years.

In December, Murray was one of three recipients of the 2004 President's Award for Mentoring Women, presented at the annual

banquet of the UT Health Science Center's Committee on the Status of Women. The

honoree in the faculty category admits she could have benefited from a mentor in those

days. Not necessarily a woman, she said, but someone who understood women. "Maybe I wouldn't have dropped out."

Thirty years later the tables have turned and Murray has been able to demonstrate understanding and consideration for the women in her department when their children are ill or they must tend to family affairs.

Murray's story is just one example of why the committee honors people within the UT Health Science Center who take the time to mentor women.

The A&P staff member honored with the award during the Dec. 8 banquet was Paula Knudson, special advisor for Research Involving Human Subjects.

Sandra Hanneman, Ph.D., director of the Center for Nursing Research at the UT School of Nursing at Houston, said she remembers when Knudson was the only woman in a leadership role on the Committee for the

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Nancy Murray, Dr. PH., faculty member with the Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research, goes over paperwork with two of her protégés, (left) Monique Barber, research assistant, and Jackie Mitchell, senior staff assistant. Murray was the faculty member awarded for her work in mentoring women. Photo by Erika E. Durham

## First UT Health & Wellness Fair Great Way to Start New Year

By Dustin Childers, Public Affairs

C'mon up to the Medical School Fitness Center Wednesday, Jan. 19, to access free health screenings and health information at the first UT Health & Wellness Fair. The fair will take place, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., MS Building, 8th floor.

Take part in dental, vision, skin cancer and

glucose screenings, as well as EKGs and other offerings. Booths will be staffed by health science center personnel, all tops in their fields. A number of experts from Memorial Herman Healthcare System will do heel-bone density screenings and body-fat testing and will give information on breast cancer prevention,

among other health issues affecting men and women. Power massages, snacks and door prizes will be available, too.

"This health and wellness fair is a good opportunity for our employees to start the year right by taking some time to ask a few questions about their health without taking

personal time off, or having to pay for it," says Sherry Wilson, director, Employee Assistance and WorkLife Programs. The fair is part of the new UT Health Science Center workplace of choice initiative, which seeks to foster a more satisfying work environment for all personnel.

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### Join the Evolution!

### We're on the Way to a Workplace of Choice

The UT Health Science Center at Houston is turning into a place where faculty, staff and students really want to come to work each day. The continuing Workplace of Choice initiative will help the university recruit and retain more of the best and brightest to carry out our mission of world class research, teaching and patient care. Check out the positive happenings at the health science center on the new Workplace of Choice Web site, <http://www.uthouston.edu/worklife/woc/index.html> and learn how you can join the evolution!



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# Meet ... Nancy Tang

## She's Ready for Her Life's Next Adventure

By Pamela Lewis, Public Affairs

Life's been a little peripatetic for Nancy Tang over the last several years. And it's not likely to get less frenetic any time soon. She's going from doing epidemiology research to setting up shop in the sands of Kuwait as part of the nursing corps of a tent hospital.

"I have an adventurous spirit," she says, a shy smile lighting up her face. Tang got her taste for adventure fairly young, she recounted, leaving Hong Kong to come to the U.S. to go to school. Along with her nursing education, she eventually became a citizen, joined the U.S. Naval Reserves and completed training at a Navy Fleet Hospital.

A few years ago, the 40-something registered nurse was an instructor for The University of Texas at Brownsville's nursing program. She attained a master's degree in public health nursing and decided it would be a good idea to get a Ph.D. in public health to increase her understanding of epidemiology.

So, she applied to and was accepted into the Ph.D. program at the UT School of Public Health. For the first year, she com-

muted to classes in Houston about three days a week, continuing to teach classes at UTB and to oversee nursing students' practicum studies there when she was in Brownsville.

But she decided that in order to get the full benefits of the doctoral degree, she should be located in Houston.

Last spring, as she continued her studies at the SPH, she applied to UT M. D. Anderson Cancer Center for a pre-doctoral National Institutes of Health fellowship. She began that fellowship in September, having sold her home in Brownsville and moved to Houston.

However, the sands

under her adventuresome feet have shifted in a big way. Just as she was settling into life in Houston, at SPH and M. D. Anderson, the

lieutenant in the Navy Reserves was called to active duty. Tang joined others from her Harlingen reserve unit to begin the journey to Kuwait just before the end of 2004.

The wounded troops that the nurses and doctors will care for are stabilized before being shipped from the battle zone to the tent hospital in Kuwait. However, many of the wounded will require more emergency, psychological and acute care on-site; or they may need to be re-stabilized and flown



Lt. Nancy Tang, photographed in her Navy field uniform, set off for Kuwait before the end of the year. Photo courtesy of Nancy Tang

on to larger facilities in Europe or the U.S. for more extensive rehabilitation or surgery.

Tang knows the work will be stressful and is sure it will be helpful to be among friends on the medical team. "It will be good to have some friends from the Harlingen unit as a support group over there. This duty certainly will provide a very different perspective on nursing, focusing as it will on trauma wounds," she says.

"Nancy is energetic, excited and eager to serve her country," says Sue Day, Ph.D. The associate dean for Research and associate professor of Epidemiology and Nutrition at the SPH, has been Tang's advisor at the school.

"Nancy gave up everything in Brownsville to come here for school. Now she has set all that change and focus aside to begin something totally different. However, she is strong, optimistic and dedicated. And she is certainly up to the task. She will prevail there and we expect to see her back at the school to finish her Ph.D. in a year or two," Day says. ★

## \$48,000 in Golf Tourney Scholarships Awarded to UT Health Science Center Students

There were smiles all around from the recipients of scholarships provided by funds raised during the UT Scholarship Golf Tournament at a December reception for them, in the President's Board Room at University Center Tower. Recipients were:

**Dental Branch:** Rafaela P. Alvarado, Nancy R. Cook, Erin E. Cummings, Lan K. Doan, Carin E. Doughty, Casey C. Flatt, Shad B. Hanis, Alice Luan, Dawn R. McBride, Christine T. Nguyen, Derek S. Reznik, Scott S. Upchurch, Holly M. Walker and Justin C. Wright.

**Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences:** Aaron J. Carman, Janci L. Chunn, Kathleen A. Jensen, Famourou Kourouma and Crystal R. Seaman.

**Medical School:** Monica E. Cantu, Joshua R. Dimmick, Tomas Garza, Melissa G. Harlan, Erica N. Kasper, Carey J. Lindemann, Kendrick Lopez and Juan P. Rossini.

**School of Health Information Sciences:** Yang Gong and Roland K. Tadoum.

**School of Nursing:** Godfrey Agu, Felecia D. Cox, Amy C. Elkins, Katrina L. Lawson, Kim G. Nunez, and Maria C. Valdizan-Garcia.

**School of Public Health:** Jonathan M. Choe.

Planning committee members include: Pauline Habetz and Michael Williams, both in Auxiliary Enterprises; Carl Gordon and Araceli Alvarez, both in Student Financial Aid and Bursar's Office; Devin Longuet, J.D., Legal Affairs and Institutional Compliance; Cathy Guy, Office of Development; Jon Coy, Dental Branch; and Dustin Childers and Rose Mary Betancourt-Trevino, both in the Office of Public Affairs.

The committee is grateful to all the sponsors for their generous donations to the annual golf tournament. Sponsors from the UT family included anesthesiologist Jeffrey Katz, M.D., and the Medical School Department of Surgery.

"When expenses were paid, we netted \$48,000 to fund scholarships for 36 students at six schools — the most we have ever raised through the tournament," said tournament chairman Rick Harsch, of KeyBank, and co-chair Richard Andrassy, M.D., executive vice president for clinical affairs at the UT Health Science Center at Houston. ★

## Research Day Posters a Hit with Visitors



April Hebert, left, explains a research poster to Shrikanth Reddy, UT M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, and Anil Kulkarni, Ph.D., Medical School, during the 2004 Research Day at the Hornberger Conference Center. "The idea of the poster program is to capture the scope of research and to give the opportunity to look at what many individuals are doing, particularly the students engaged in research in the different schools," said Peter J. A. Davies, M.D., Ph.D., executive vice president for research. For the first time this year a group of candidates applying to the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences presented posters, at the invitation of the Graduate School Alumni Association. The day's program began with podium presentations by 10 scientists who have been health science center faculty members for five years or less. Photo by Ester Fant

## From the Fringes to the Heart of the TMC



George Stancel, dean of the UT Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, is settling into his office in the school's new location, UT M. D. Anderson Cancer Center's new George and Cynthia Mitchell Basic Sciences Research Building, 6767 Bertner, across from The Methodist Hospital and next to the John P. McGovern Commons. The school formerly was located in the Houston Medical Center Building on Travis, the western edge of the Texas Medical Center.

"This is what's exciting," said Stancel. "I have studied blueprints of the Texas Medical Center. When I look at a map drawn to scale, from our front door to the farthest corner of M. D. Anderson and to the farthest edge of the Medical School, the distances are exactly the same. We really are ground central. When you think about it, we will be using that to bring faculty from both institutions together." Photo by Pamela Lewis

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"The 2005 Health & Wellness Fair gives the university an opportunity to provide services that will benefit all who study, teach and work here," says Wilson. "We are a health science center, and by making some of our top people available for these screenings and information sharing, we show our employees — our most valuable asset — that we want to help them be in top mental and physical form in every way we can."

Wilson notes that while screenings such as those offered at the upcoming health fair are a valuable tool, they are not a replacement for an annual physical exam. Screenings may indicate that someone needs to follow up with his or her personal health-care provider.

What's the importance of screenings? Nan Wang, M.D., Ph.D., clinical assistant professor, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science, finds that many, including some physicians, decide against routine check-ups with an eye doctor, dentist or their other doctors due to time constraints or money. "Sometimes these routine eye visits will not catch anything, but many times they will identify a problem that can be treated quickly and easily before developing into a more serious problem, such as glaucoma or retinal detachment," says Wang.

Food service operations from Waterside Court in the John P. McGovern Texas Medical Center Commons will offer food samples and gift certificates. Those attending also may enter to win gift certificates from Oshman's, Bike Barn, Totally You Massage and more. The EAP/WorkLife table will give away computer mouse pads that list frequently used university numbers, with the reminder to "Join the Evolution!" to make the UT Health Science Center a workplace of choice.

This first UT Health Science Center Health & Wellness Fair is organized and hosted by EAP/WorkLife, the UT Recreation Center operated by Auxiliary Enterprises, Environmental Health & Safety, UT Health Services of the School of Nursing, UT Physicians and the Office of Public Affairs. For more information on the Wellness Fair, please contact Dustin.Childers@uth.tmc.edu, (713) 500-3258, in the Office of Public Affairs. Visit <http://ae.uth.tmc.edu/recreat/WellnessFlyer.pdf> for more information. ★

# Human Subject Research Review System to Go Online Exclusively

By Scott Merville, Public Affairs

At the end of January, the human subjects' research enterprise at the UT Health Science Center at Houston will say goodbye to the 1960s. That's the vintage of the technology — photocopiers and lots of paper — that has supported that research for decades, said Peter Davies, M.D., Ph.D., executive vice president for Research.

Since Nov. 16, in anticipation of out with the old and in with the new, any researcher submitting a new protocol for review by the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects has had the option of using the new, Web-based internet Research Information System (iRIS). **Davies expects to have all committee business conducted through iRIS by the end of January, making the use of the system mandatory for all users at that point.**

"The system has been customized to fit institutional policies and procedures and has been configured to our forms," Davies said. "Barbara Legate has worked hard and closely with CPHS, our research faculty and staff, and the iRIS vendor. We are ready to implement a pretty mature system."

Legate, information technology coordinator in Davies' office, estimates that 300 people are either using the system as a key study person on an iRIS protocol. There are 75 studies currently in iRIS.

Hands-on training opportunities will continue and a support line is available at (713) 500-3800. Technical support is available and iRIS documentation is online at [http://www.uth.tmc.edu/ut\\_general/research\\_acad\\_aff/orsc/iris.html](http://www.uth.tmc.edu/ut_general/research_acad_aff/orsc/iris.html). "This system simplifies the process of preparing and submitting human subjects' research protocols and the process of managing the enormous amount of information that goes with those protocols," Davies said. "We will spend less time worrying about the movement and tracking of paper and be

able to spend more time and effort to support actual research."

The system also is transparent. Using their UT ID and passwords, researchers and CPHS members will be able to log in and track the progress of protocols from anywhere.

Many researchers and research coordinators have been using iRIS without formal training as it has been in a pilot mode since March.

Existing research protocols are being converted from paper so all CPHS-related business — change requests, continuing reviews — can go through iRIS. Legate expects the process to be complete this month. The university has approximately 1,200 active protocols under way.

The system allows individualized routing

of protocols to meet the needs of researchers in each school. Electronic signature signoff by principal investigators, co-investigators, department chairs or school research offices will be provided using a UT ID and password — digital IDs are not required.

**Legate reminds all university researchers that research collaborators not associated with the university will need to become guests of the university to obtain their own ID and password if they are to access the system. The process to obtain a guest account can be found at <http://oac9.hsc.uth.tmc.edu/jsp/GuestAdmin/>.**

Scheduled training classes continue, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19, and Thursday, Jan. 27, University Center Tower (UCT), Room 1155. Classes will be scheduled in February on an as-needed basis. Parking for the classes at UCT will be validated; to register, contact Barbara.S.Legate@uth.tmc.edu, (713) 500-3470.

Special training classes also will be held at:

- the Dental Branch (contact Laura A.Warner@uth.tmc.edu) and
- the School of Nursing (contact Cynthia C.Bihm@uth.tmc.edu). ★

## More on iRIS

**iRIS Support:** (713) 500-3800

**Training class registration:** Barbara.S.Legate@uth.tmc.edu

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**iRIS Documentation:** [http://www.uth.tmc.edu/ut\\_general/research\\_acad\\_aff/orsc/iris.html](http://www.uth.tmc.edu/ut_general/research_acad_aff/orsc/iris.html)

**Guest Account Information:** <http://oac9.hsc.uth.tmc.edu/jsp/GuestAdmin/>

## The Dental Branch: 100 and Counting

By Erika E. Durham, Public Affairs

The Centennial year of The University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston arrived in style Monday, Jan. 3, as faculty, staff and students came together for an in-house kickoff celebration. Talks, a large historical display, cakes imprinted with the Dental Branch Centennial mark, and the sounds of local guitarist John Acevedo left no doubt that it was a celebratory occasion.

Words of pride about the school's past and promise for the future were offered by Dental Branch Dean Catherine M. Flaitz, D.D.S., and UT Health Science Center President James T. Willerson, M.D., Bryant Boutwell, Dr.P.H., associate dean for Community Affairs at the UT Medical School at Houston,

highlighted through words and photos the Dental Branch's historic milestones.

Although the in-house celebration was primarily aimed at current Dental Branch fac-

ulty, staff and students, several proud alumni, including representatives from the UTDB Alumni Association, were in attendance.

The Dental Branch Parents' Association presented a gift of a Kavvo Diagnodent, a device that detects caries (decay) through a laser, to the student body. The students were appreciative, not only for the costly cutting-edge equipment, but also for the occasion, which fostered a great sense of pride in their school.

Additional events for alumni and other audiences are scheduled throughout the year. Visit the school's Centennial Web page at <http://www.db.uth.tmc.edu/Centennial/> for more information. ★



Fourth-year Dental Branch students, L-R, Nedith Casquete, Ann Blaine and Gretchen Price with Dean Catherine M. Flaitz, D.D.S., second from right, during the Centennial celebration. Photo by Brian Schnupp

## Equal Opportunity, Non-Discrimination Focus of Upcoming Workforce Audit

The Texas Workforce Commission Civil Rights Division is scheduled to visit the UT Health Science Center during the week of Jan. 24.

Michael Jimenez, vice president and chief human resources officer, said the review will include the health science center's policies and procedures for faculty and staff related to:

- Hiring and promotion (including recruitment);
- Personnel evaluations;
- Disciplinary actions;
- Workplace accommodations;
- Equal employment opportunity (including

sexual harassment); and

- Compensation.

The civil rights division of the Texas Workforce Commission is responsible for reviewing personnel policies and procedures of each state agency and institution of higher education on a six-year cycle to ensure an institution's policies and procedures are in compliance with the Texas Labor Code, Sections 21.451-456.

The Department of Human Resources has worked closely with the offices of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, Academic

Affairs, and Legal Affairs and Institutional Compliance in preparation for this audit.

The representative carrying out the audit randomly may select personnel evaluations and other personnel records for review. "Any department within the health science center may need to provide specific documentation about a particular employee," said Jimenez. "It is essential that your departmental files represent current and complete personnel actions for each faculty and staff member. This includes a current performance evaluation for each staff member within the last year

as required within HOOP 2.33 Performance Appraisals. For faculty, there should be a current annual review as required by HOOP 4.07 Faculty Review."

Following the on-site review, a report of the findings will be submitted to the governor, legislature and the Legislative Budget Board.

Direct questions regarding the audit to Marsha Brody-Silva, director of Human Resources Client Services at (713) 500-3143, or Yolanda Davis, director of Equal Employment Opportunity & Diversity at (713) 500-3025. ★

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Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS).

Today, Hanneman said, CPHS has three panels, all chaired by women, with women in many of the decision- and policy-making positions. Knudson, who received a standing ovation during the reception, said even though the number of women in leadership positions has improved since she came to the university 30 years ago, the need to mentor women hasn't decreased.

"There is always a need to mentor women," Knudson said. "For boys and men I think it is a much more natural process. We are just getting to the glass ceiling."

Although Knudson shares many words of wisdom with those she mentors, she stresses to them that it is most important to "operate in integrity."

Debra Wallis, a former researcher in Medical Genetics at the Medical School, was honored with the Classified Staff award for mentoring. Lisa Vincent, a graduate student in Medical Genetics, said that in the three years she worked with her, Wallis was always helpful and open to sharing informa-

tion. Vincent recalls that Wallis was looked up to not only for her lab experience, but also for her willingness to listen to others' problems, whether they were professional or personal. "She was our resident problem-solver," Vincent said.

Wallis has since followed the advice she often gave to those around her and followed her dream of running her own business. She is now the owner of a coffee shop in Marshall.

Linda Nieman, Ph.D., chair

of the Committee on the Status of Women, said this year's President's Award winners once again embody the emphasis on mentoring that the committee promotes. Nieman, whose career also has influenced women through mentoring, echoed the honorees' thoughts on the importance of the practice.

"Mentoring is a way of showing people the ropes," Nieman said. "It helps in career development and promotes productivity." She added that mentoring provides a context for people to work within and provides a model for the aspirations of those being mentored. ★



Paula Knudson

# New Phone Numbers for UT Physicians' TMC Clinics and Administraton

UT Physicians patient care clinics in The University of Texas Health Science Center Professional Building, 6410 Fannin, formerly the Hermann Professional Building, have new UT phone system numbers. For your convenience, here is a list of telephone numbers and locations for all UT Physicians' **Texas Medical Center** locations, followed by new UT Physicians' administrative office location and phone numbers.

## Clinics by Location

\* Clinics not specifically designated pediatric, child or adolescent are for adults or for all patients

### UT Professional Building, 6410 Fannin

Clinic	Phone	Suite
Adolescent Medicine	832-325-7111	Suite 500
Allergy and Immunology, Pediatric	832-325-7111	Suite 500
Asthma, Pediatric	832-325-6516	Suite 500
Audiology and Hearing Aids	832-325-7171	Suite 1200
Audiology and Hearing Aids, Pediatric	832-325-7171	Suite 1200
Cardiology	832-325-7211	Suite 600
Cardiology, Pediatric	832-325-6516	Suite 500
Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery	713-500-5304	Suite 450
Endocrinology/Diabetes	832-325-7161	Suite 600
Endocrinology/Diabetes, Pediatric	832-325-6516	Suite 500
Family Practice	832-325-6500	Suite 250
Gastroenterology, Pediatric	832-325-6516	Suite 500
General Medicine	832-325-7100	Suite 600
General Pediatrics	832-325-7111	Suite 500
General Surgery	832-325-7125	Suite 1400
Genetics (Medical)	713-500-5765	Suite 600
Genetics, Pediatric	713-500-5765	Suite 500
Hematology, Pediatric	832-325-7111	Suite 500
Hemophilia, Pediatric	713-500-8360	Suite 500
Infants at High Risk	713-500-5736	Suite 500
Infectious Diseases	832-325-7070	Suite 600
Infectious Diseases, Pediatric	713-500-5714	Suite 500
Liver Transplant Center, Adult & Pediatric	713-704-6800	Suite 370
Medical Records, Adult & Pediatric	832-325-6543	Lower Level 100
Nephrology	832-325-6545	Suite 600
Nephrology and Hypertension, Pediatric	832-325-6516	Suite 500
Neurology	832-325-7080	Suite 1014
Neurology, Pediatric	832-325-7151	Suite 1028
Neuropsychology, Adult & Pediatric	832-325-7090	Suite 1020
Neurosurgery	832-325-7090	Suite 1020
Neurosurgery, Pediatric	832-325-7242	Suite 1020
Non-invasive Cardiology Lab	832-325-7099	Suite 600
Obstetrics/Gynecology	832-325-7200	Suite 720
Orthopaedics, Adult & Pediatric	832-325-7141	Suite 1100
Otolaryngology (Ear, Nose & Throat), Adult & Pediatric	832-325-7171	Suite 1200
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	832-325-7181	Suite 1400
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Pediatric	832-325-7234	Suite 1400
Pulmonary Medicine	832-325-7222	Suite 600
Pulmonology, Pediatric	832-325-6516	Suite 500
Rheumatology	832-325-7191	Suite 600
Surgery, Pediatric	832-325-7234	Suite 1400
Weight Management, Pediatric	832-325-6516	Suite 500
Women's Health Center	832-325-7131	Suite 350

### UT Professional Building Garage, 6414 Fannin

Gastroenterology	713-704-5910	Suite G125
Urology, Adult & Pediatric	713-704-2494	Suite G125

### Houston Medical Center, 6655 Travis

Dermatology/	713-500-8260	Suite 600
Cosmetic Dermatology, Adult		
Dermatology, Pediatric	713-500-8260	Suite 600

### Memorial Hermann Hospital, 6411 Fannin

Hyperbaric Medicine, Adult & Pediatric	713-704-4268	Robertson Pavilion, 2nd Floor
Kidney/Pancreas Transplant Center	713-704-3963	Jones Pavilion, Basement
Oncology and Hematology	713-704-3961	Cullen Pavilion West Wing, 4th Floor
Ophthalmology	713-704-1777	Jones Pavilion, 7th Floor
Pain Management	713-704-7246	Robertson Pavilion, 3rd Floor
Wound Healing/Lymphedema, Adult & Pediatric	713-704-5900	Robertson Pavilion, 2nd Floor

### Smith Tower, 6550 Fannin

Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery	713-790-4600	Smith Tower, 6550 Fannin, Suite 2237
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### TIRR, 1333 Moursund

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	713-797-5929	
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### University Center Tower, 7000 Fannin

Developmental Pediatrics	713-500-3709	Suite 2401
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### UT Mental Sciences Institute, 1300 Moursund

Psychiatry	713-500-2500	
Psychiatry, Child and Adolescent	713-500-2666	

### Administrative Offices

UT Physicians' administrative offices have moved to Suite 1111 in The University of Texas Health Science Center Professional Building.

### Main Line

832-325-7325

### Fax

713-512-2219

Name	Title	New Number
Diana Browning	VP Clinical Operations	832-325-7320
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Cheryl Oravetz	Human Resources	832-325-7313
Debra Glenn	Front Desk Reception	832-325-7310
Don Carr	Compliance	832-325-7322
Don Meade	Business Development	832-325-7314
Eileen Scallan	Reimbursement Operations	832-325-7316
Melly Chapa	Office Manager	832-325-7318
Robin Allen	Managed Care	832-325-7321
Sachin Kulkarni	Financial Analysis	832-325-7315

## CALENDAR | JANUARY 18 - FEBRUARY 14

Please send Calendar items for the February issue of *The Leader*, which covers **Feb. 15-March 14**, to [Pamela.Lewis@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Pamela.Lewis@uth.tmc.edu) by **Jan. 18**.

★ **Jan. 18** — "Beyond the Double Helix: Writing and Reading the Histone Code" is the topic of C. David Allis, Ph.D., professor and head of the Laboratory of Chromatin Biology, Rockefeller University, New York, N.Y., during the Dean's Lecture Series, **4 p.m.**, Medical School, Room 3.001.

★ **Jan. 20** — Continuing 2005 Ethics in Medicine Lecture Series, sponsored by The John P. McGovern, M.D. Center for Health, Humanities and the Human Spirit and directed by Stanley J. Reiser, M.D., Ph.D., **noon**, Medical School Building, Room 2.006. "The Frozen Embryo: Resolving Questions of Ownership, Status, and Use," Laurence McCullough, Ph.D., professor of

Medical Ethics, Center for Medical Ethics & Health Policy, Baylor College of Medicine.

Other topics, presenters include:

★ **Jan. 25** — "Physicians, Students, and the Pharmaceutical Industry: Establishing Ethical Boundaries," Amir Halevy, M.D., associate professor and director, Department of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine.

★ **Jan. 27** — "Being Honest with Children About Illness: A Dilemma for Parents and Physicians," Virginia Moyer, M.D., professor of Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics, UT Medical School.

★ **Jan. 21** — The 2005 Grant Taylor Lecture, "Low-Income and Uninsured Americans: How Can They Get the Care They Need," **noon**, in the Sammons Auditorium, Jesse H. Jones Library, by Marilyn Gaston, M.D., former assistant surgeon general and director and rear admiral

(ret.), Bureau of Primary Health Care, U.S. Public Health Service. After the free noon lecture, attendees may participate, **1-3 p.m.**, in small group sessions on local initiatives and the role of health services research. Contact: (713) 500-9179 or (713) 500-5080.

This lecture is funded by the John P. McGovern Foundation and is also part of the 2005 Ethics in Medicine Lecture Series.

★ **Jan. 26** — Medical School Psychiatry Lecture Series: "Beginnings of Modern Psychiatry: Emil Kraepelin and Sigmund Freud" by Ed Fann, M.D., Department of Medicine and Psychiatry, Baylor College of Medicine, **11 a.m.**, Mental Sciences Institute, Room 110.

★ **Jan. 28** — "Hypertensive Vascular Disease in Children" is the topic of Ronald Portman, M.D., pediatrics professor at the UT Medical School at Houston, during the

School of Nursing Research Seminar Series, **noon**, SON, Room 508. Contact: Maggie.L.Downey@uth.tmc.edu, (713) 500-2041.

★ **Feb. 1** — Perri Klass, M.D., pediatrician, author and national medical director of Reach Out and Read, on "Quirky Kids: Understanding Children Who Don't Fit In," **8 a.m.**, Medical School Building, Room 2.103; and "Early Literacy in Pediatric Primary Care: Reach Out and Read," **noon**, MSB, Room 3.001. Contact: Diane.Latson@uth.tmc.edu, (713) 500-3836.

★ **Feb. 11** — Ellen Wright Clayton, M.D., J.D., of Vanderbilt University, on "Ethical Issues in International Genetics Research" at the second Distinguished Lecture in Research Ethics, **noon**, Medical School Building, Room 3.001. Contact: Claudette.Ocampo@uth.tmc.edu, (713) 500-5855, the Office of Research and Support Committees.



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