

UT Physician Named Trauma Chief at Memorial Hermann-TMC

By Meredith Raine, *Institutional Advancement*

Rosemary Kozar, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of Surgery at The University of Texas Medical School at Houston, has been named chief of Trauma Service at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center.

Dr. Kozar, who joined the Medical School faculty in 1999 as an assistant professor of surgery and critical care fellow, is internationally recognized for her work in gut failure in critically injured patients and nutritional support in critical care.

She is a member of the American Board of Surgeons, is certified in general surgery and

critical care medicine, and is an active trauma surgeon and teacher. Dr. Kozar also is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the Society of University Surgeons, Shock Society, the Society of Critical Care Medicine, the Association of Academic Surgeons and the Association of Women Surgeons.

“Dr. Kozar is an extremely productive clinical surgeon and researcher,” said Richard Andrassy, M.D., chairman of the Department of Surgery and associate dean for clinical affairs. “She has demonstrated excellent administrative, organizational and

interpersonal skills, which will allow her to be an excellent trauma leader for the medical school and hospital. She has been highly sought after nationally, and it is extremely fortunate that we have been able to have her accept the position as chief of Trauma Surgery.”

Dr. Kozar graduated in 1986 from Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia. She did surgical residencies at the UT Medical School from 1986-88 and at Temple from 1992-95. She completed her surgical critical care fellowship at the UT Medical School in 2000. ★



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New Geriatrics Division Comes of Age

By Darla Brown, *Medical School*

The Division of Geriatric Medicine is an area of specialization whose time has come for the Department of Internal Medicine. With an aging Baby Boomer population and life expectancy rates increasing, thanks to modern medicine, geriatrics is a field about which more physicians and medical students are finding they need to gain more experience.

“Twenty percent of the U.S. population will be over 65 by 2020,” says Bruce Kone,



Carmel Dyer, M.D.

M.D., chair of the Department of Internal Medicine. “Training this generation of students and house staff is increasingly important — especially as there are pressures on hospitals to turn around patients quickly, which can really affect older patients.”

The department will initially comprise Carmel Dyer, M.D., as the division director, and Kathryn Agarwal, M.D., assistant professor of medicine, who comes to the Medical School from the faculty of Harvard University and is a graduate of Baylor

College of Medicine. Dr. Dyer is the principal investigator of an NIH grant on elder self-neglect and was a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging and the National Adult Protective Services Association.

“We have two very accomplished faculty members in this division with a lot of leadership, and it is a big infusion to our department to have them both,” Dr. Kone says.

“The goals of the new division include developing multiple geriatric medicine teaching services at Memorial Hermann and LBJ hospitals and enhancing the care of geriatric patients throughout both hospital systems,” Dr. Dyer says. “Also, I want the division to serve as an elder mistreatment intervention center of excellence for the state of Texas.”

Opportunities to learn about geriatric medicine principles will be available for medical students and residents, and Dr. Dyer plans to establish a geriatrics fellowship program.

“Carmel’s main interests are programmatic — developing multi-agency programs, and I expect she will work across departments and divisions here. For instance, her work with elder abuse will integrate with the Department of Pediatrics’ child abuse program, and the division will interface with the School of Nursing’s gerontology program and with the School of Public Health’s health policy programs. There are also opportunities to develop curriculum with the McGovern Center for Health, Humanities and Human Spirit,” Dr. Kone says. ★

School of Nursing Professor Named to New Memorial Hermann-TMC Position

By Deborah Mann Lake, *Institutional Advancement*

Elizabeth Fuselier, D.N.P., assistant professor of clinical nursing at The University of Texas School of Nursing at Houston, has been named to a newly created position at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center as chief of Advanced Practice.

While continuing as a UT School of Nursing faculty member, Dr. Fuselier will work to establish a cutting-edge advanced practice model for nurse practitioners and physicians assistants while expanding the number and types of advanced practice health-care providers within the hospital.

She will oversee all elements of the

advanced practice program and collaborate with hospital administrators and staff.

“Having a chief of Advanced Practice position is, to my knowledge, a first in the nation,” said UT School of Nursing Dean Patricia L. Starck, D.S.N. “This signifies that nursing care will be at the highest level for patients at Memorial Hermann, and it also will create an ideal learning environment for students in our doctoral and masters’ programs.”

An agreement between the hospital and the UT School of Nursing, which is ranked in the top eight percent of U.S. graduate nursing programs by U.S. News and World

Report, runs through at least August 2009.

“The UT School of Nursing intends to be the national leader in developing the role of D.N.P.,” said Thomas A. Mackey, Ph.D., the school’s associate dean for practice. “This new partnership with Memorial Hermann will provide us the opportunity to develop innovative collaborative models of care, educate our D.N.P. students and advance our clinical research agenda.”



Elizabeth Fuselier, D.N.P.

Dr. Fuselier left her role as executive clinical director of UT Health Services for the new position which began Jan. 15. Dr. Mackey says he does not yet have a director for UT Health Services, however, “I am earnestly looking for a qualified nurse practitioner with excellent clinical, interpersonal and business skills to fill the directorship at

UTHS. While this skill set is difficult to find in one individual, I am confident the search for the right person will be successful.” ★

SON’s Mackey Assumes Presidency of National Nursing Foundation Board

By Pamela Lewis, *Institutional Advancement*

Thomas Mackey, Ph.D., associate dean for Practice and professor of Clinical Nursing at the UT School of Nursing at Houston, was elected president of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) Foundation Board of Directors Jan. 13 in Phoenix, Ariz. For the past two years he has served as treasurer of the AANP Foundation.

His goal for the coming year, says Dr. Mackey, who is a certified nurse practitioner, is “to significantly increase the number and amount of scholarships and grants provided AANP members. Collaboration with donors, industry and other health care organizations will be the key to our success.”

Dr. Mackey also is the founder of UT Health Services, which opened in 1991 and provides primary care, occupational health and employee health services to the university



Thomas Mackey, Ph.D.

and other organizations in the Houston community. Dr. Mackey serves as the director of the university’s Occupational Health for Nurses Program in the School of Public Health and a fellow of both the American Academy of Nursing and the AANP.

James T. Willerson, M.D., president of the UT Health Science Center, says of Dr. Mackey’s election, “This prestigious honor from your fellow nurse practitioners reflects the high esteem in which you are held. No doubt your dedication and leadership that we see every day were very evident to those voting. I am certain that with your energy and vision the AANP Foundation will flourish and set new standards for like organizations.”

Dean Patricia L. Starck, D.S.N., who was delighted to learn of Dr. Mackey’s election, says that “being highly regarded by one’s peers is the highest compliment a professional can receive.”

The mission of the foundation is to advance the role of nurse practitioners through the support of education, research and practice for the improvement of the public’s health. The primary goals of the foundation are to:

- Provide scholarships for nurse practitioner preparation
- Award grants for research/projects relevant to nurse practitioners
- Award grants for projects contributing to improved public health
- Support endeavors that advance the knowledge and preparation of nurse practitioners through continuing education, advanced training and special programs
- Promote intercultural/international exchange between nurse practitioners and others.

Since the program’s first funding cycle in 1998, the AANP Foundation has awarded \$355,650 worth of scholarships and grants exclusively to members of the AANP (as of December 2006). This amount is expected to reach \$425,000 by the end of 2007.

For more information about available <http://www.aanpfoundation.org> ★