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Faculty Practice Plan

The Faculty Practice Plan is a multidisciplinary group practice of the Medical School faculty, providing primary, secondary and tertiary services. The clinical faculty of more than 600 physicians, representing 17 clinical departments of the Medical School, provides full inpatient and outpatient services, not only through the group practice, but also through affiliations with several Texas Medical Center hospitals and institutions.

UT Physicians

UT Physicians (UTP) is a non-profit, physician corporation affiliated with the practice plan of the Medical School. The company's primary purpose is to facilitate and expand the Medical School faculty's ability to provide health care services to the community. UT Physicians' ventures include the creation of outpatient centers throughout Houston where UT adult and pediatric specialists provide accessible, state-of-the-art health care. The majority of the outpatient clinical work of the faculty takes place in The University of Texas Health Science Center Professional Building, located across the street from the Medical School. These clinical sites are managed with emphasis on customer satisfaction and physician productivity while still incorporating medical student and resident education.

In order to provide ease of access to the clinical faculty, UT Physicians created the UT Physician Referral Service. The toll free number 1 888 4UT DOCS (1 888 488 3627) is answered by trained clinical staff who assist with scheduling appointments, consultations and second opinions. UTP maintains a comprehensive physician database designed to handle highly specialized requests from managed care organizations, referring physicians and patients. UT Physicians provides additional flexibility for the clinical faculty by negotiating managed care contracts and providing comprehensive credentialing of physicians, in keeping with NCQA guidelines. The organization conforms with all requirements of the Texas Board of Medical Examiners. The Web address is www.utdocs.org.

Affiliated Medical Services

Affiliated Medical Services (AMS) is a Texas-certified non-profit health corporation formed by the health science center and Baylor College of Medicine. It is the entity that contracts with the Harris County Hospital District to provide physician services from both schools.

UT Dentists

UT Dentists is the new fee-for-service faculty practice of the UT Dental Branch at Houston. Located in the Dental Branch Building at 6516 M D Anderson Boulevard, the clinic employs Dental Branch faculty members who are not only practicing dentists but also active clinicians, educators and researchers committed to providing state-of-the-art general and specialty dental care. The telephone number for appointments is 713 500 4200.

UT Health Services

The School of Nursing initiated The University of Texas Health Services - Houston (UTHS-H) in January of 1991. The purpose of the UTHS-H is to provide educational and research opportunities for faculty and students while providing cost-effective, quality ambulatory health care services.

UTHS-H provides services at its Houston clinic location at 7000 Fannin and at its new Pearland clinic. UTHS-H also performs outreach activities in the community through services to community clinics. Services provided include primary care across the life span, health education and radiological and laboratory services. On September 1, 1992, UTHS-H became the provider of employee health care for UTHSC-H. This includes health promotion, disease prevention and occupation-related health activities. Both graduate and undergraduate students from the schools of nursing and public health use the clinic as a clinical practice site.