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ELECTRONIC COURSES OFFERED AT HERMANN

"It is important for Hermann physicians to sign up for the one-hour electronic medical record classes we are offering. Eventually all providers here at Hermann will be required to know this application. *PowerChart* is a lifetime medical record of the patient," stated **Marsha Glickman**, Senior Clinical Support Analyst at Memorial-Hermann. **Dr. Alan Tonnesen**, Anesthesiology, Director of Medical Informatics, says the new data retrieval system



has advantages over the old system, including being able to write progress notes, keep patient electronic information for long periods of time, and receive all the patient's test results. **Dr. Anne LeMaistre**, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, is the Director of the UT-H/Hermann Hospital Health Information Network. The September Class Schedule for Physicians is: Tuesdays: **Sept. 1**, 9 a.m.; **Sept. 8**, 12 noon; **Sept. 15**, 9 a.m.; **Sept. 22**, 4 p.m.; Wednesday, **Sept. 2**, 3 p.m.; Thursdays, **Sept. 10**, 5 p.m.; **Sept. 17**, 9 a.m.; **Sept. 24**, 9 a.m. To sign up for a class, RSVP to **Marsha Glickman**, 704-6323. Leave your full name and phone number to ensure username and password setup.

FAMILY PRACTICE DOCTORS OPEN GERIATRIC CLINIC

Drs. James Kvale, Joe Bedford, and Michael Altman opened for business on July 15, 1998 at the new Greenbriar Clinic, 4105 Greenbriar, Suite 305. These Family Practice & Community Medicine physicians are all UT doctors, specializing in full-service family practice, with an emphasis on geriatrics. "The community response has been quite positive. Dr. Kvale has also been interacting with the assisted home living locations and is being well received there," commented **Linda Lindloff**, DMO, Family Practice and Community Medicine. Kvale, a geriatrician and professor of family and community medicine here at the Medical School, also trains future family-practice physicians in the art of geriatric patient-doctor relationships. "When an older person is making life unpleasant and making their care virtually impossible," said Kvale, "I will try to have a family conference and sit down with the family. I'll say something like 'We've got some alternatives as to how we can manage this. What do you want done?' Fortunately that's relatively infrequent in my experience as I think it is with most doctors."



With the new move, expectations were that there would be a slight drop in monthly patient numbers. But that has not materialized. Said Lindloff, "Patients are finding the new location easily, and our patient load has held constant from the first week it opened. The free, easy access parking is certainly catching our patients' attention and potential patients as well," she added. The Clinic is backed by Hermann Hospital and is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is a nurse practitioner on board, **Milbrey Raney**, R.N., and an Office Manager, **Sharon Simsarian**. Call 1-888-4UT DOCS to learn more about the clinic or to schedule appointments.

AHA GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM WORKSHOP PLANNED

Dr. Michael Wolf, Director, Research & HealthSite Programs, American Heart Association (AHA), Texas Affiliate, Austin, announced this week that "In the past year, 35 of 92 Beginning-Grant-In-Aid (BGIA) projects were funded and 14 of 87 Grant-In-Aid (GIA) applicants also were awarded." The AHA, Texas Affiliate's deadline for the Beginning-Grant-In-Aid (BGIA) and the Grant-In-Aid (GIA) programs is **November 2, 1998**. Faculty can hear more



about these programs, including changes, from **Dr. Richard Kulmacz**, Associate Professor, Internal Medicine, Hematology/Oncology on **September 25, 1998** at 1 p.m. in MSB 3.001. The workshop is sponsored by The Office of Research Services; contact number is 500-3075. The Texas Affiliate distributes \$3 million around Texas to support research in cardiovascular function and diseases, including stroke, or in related fundamental problems. The Beginning-Grant-In-Aids recipients can receive up to \$8,000 annual salary support and the Grant-In-Aid recipients can receive up to \$12,500 in annual salary support. **Dr. David Loose-Mitchell**, recent past chair of the AHA, Texas Affiliate Research Allocation Committee, says that a good source of both information on the grants and downloadable application forms is available on the web at www.americanheart.org/affili/TX/. For more information call the UT-Houston Office of Sponsored Projects at 500-4847, or go by MSB G.105 to receive a disk copy.

UTmost Interest



Carlos Tirado, MS IV, was named a '98-99 AMA-Foundation Rock Sleyster Scholar, which carries an award of \$2,500; the scholarship is granted to encourage a student's interest in psychiatry as a career.

MEDLINE searching will move to PubMedMEDLINE on Monday, **Sept. 1**. See www.library.tmc.edu/saved.html or attend a training session, Mondays at 10 a.m.; Wednesdays at noon; Fridays at 2 p.m. Call 799-7174 to register.

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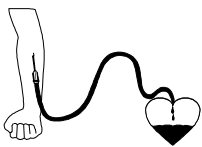
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DISTANCE LEARNING TELECONFERENCING TO SPRING BRANCH I.S.D. FROM UT-HOUSTON

Another Health Science Center-wide initiative to connect with public schools kicked off this week with the first in a series that is part of the Distance Learning Wellness Program in the Spring Branch School District. The program has been organized by **Dr. Gilbert Castro**, Assistant VP for Education Access and Equity. Every Wednesday for the next 16 weeks faculty from UT-Houston schools will discuss health topics in a 30-minute format televised from a studio at the School of Public Health via Warner Cable to health classes at Northbrook Middle School (Gessner and Hammerly area). This week **Dr. Frank Booth**, Integrative Biology, Pharmacology and Physiology, was the first presenter on the well-received topic, "Four Components of Fitness: Muscle strength and endurance; Flexibility; Cardio-respiratory endurance; and Body composition." Other presenters will be **Todd A. Baden**, UT Recreation Center; **Dr. Francisco Fuentes**, UT Medical School; **Dr. William Weems**, UT Medical School; **Dr. Carlos Herrera**, UT Medical School; **Nina Bay-Infante**, UT Dental School; **Dr. Marilyn Edwards**, UT Medical School; **Dr. Sonja Randle**, HCPC; **Dr. Sharon Morgan**, HCPC; **Ronald Patterson**, **James Rigsby**, **D. Keith Tillman**, HCPC; **Dr. Steven Kelder**, School of Public Health; **Lynne Hester**, School of Nursing; **Dr. Michael Ahearn**, UT MDACC; **Sally Scroggs**, UT MDACC; **Dr. Robert Emery**, UT-HHSC, Environmental Health and Safety; and **Sgt. Camellia Luprete**, UT Police. **Dr. Castro** noted, "This is an important beginning in matching our human infrastructure for delivery of health-related information to public schools, with our know-how in electronic connectivity." The Spring Branch School District is looking to expand the pilot program to the elementary level. Internet access is also an envisioned goal. UT/TV engineers were instrumental in bringing the series from a design stage to a live audience. **Dr. Bryant Boutwell**, Assistant Dean, Community Affairs and Public Education, introduces each presenter to the students as part of his role as series host. At right, he briefed students last week at Northbrook.



Shortage of Blood Donations This Year



Like the drought we've been experiencing, there is a drought of blood donations this year. All blood types are badly needed. There is a critical shortage. Once again the Leather Lounge will be set up for a blood donation rainfall. Come on by Tuesday, **September 8** and Wednesday, **September 9**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A picture ID and Social Security Number are required. Contact **Karen Smith**, 500-5608, to schedule an appointment.

Fourth Annual Research Day October 2

Mark your calendars now for the 4th Annual Research Day to be held at the Edwin Hornberger Conference Center on **October 2**, 1998 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Research poster presentations, UT-Houston information booths and displays, vendor booths, refreshments and free parking, along with mini workshops on timely research funding topics are all part of the day's activities. This event is designed to provide an opportunity for faculty members, fellows, and students to compare notes with colleagues, explore opportunities for collaboration, and learn about research resources and support services at UT-Houston. Look for an invitation in the mail very soon. Planning Committee Members are: **Connie Showalter**, Research Office; **Kathleen Cook**, Office of the Associate Dean, Research; **Dr. Bryant Boutwell**, Community Affairs and Public Education; **Dr. Norman Karin**, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences; **Rella Carpenter**, School of Allied Health; **Dr. Sandra Hanneman**, School of Nursing; **Les Cave**, Corporate Relations and Special Projects; **Dr. Thomas Burks**, Research and Academic Affairs; **Karen Mitchell**, Research Services; **Lillie McKnight**, Research Services; **Susan Fernandez**, Research & Academic Affairs; **Sandra Henry**, University Relations, and **Paula Hobsta**, Research & Academic Affairs. For more information about Research Day 1998 or to register your poster/software demonstration on line, visit the following website: http://www.uth.tmc.edu/ut_general/research_acad_aff/raa_office/res98.htm



Volunteers Needed

Do you have leg or ankle sores that won't heal? If so, a current research study on venous stasis or non-healing leg or ankle sores needs you as a volunteer. Men and women, 18 years or older, are needed for this study to evaluate the efficacy of the radiant heat bandage for its ability to speed healing of venous stasis ulcers or non-healing ankle sores. Faculty involved with the study are **Dr. Adelaide Hebert**, professor in the Department of Dermatology, and **Dr. Caroline Fife**, an associate professor in the Department of Anesthesiology and at Hermann Hospital, medical director for both the Center for Hyperbaric Medicine and the Center for Wound Healing. Eligible participants will receive weekly care at The Hermann Center for Wound Healing, associated dressing supplies, compression wrap, and parking expenses. Randomly selected participants will also receive the use of a radiant heat bandage device for the duration of the study. For more information, call (713) 704-5900.

