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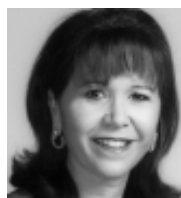


Friday, June 25, 1999

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

EVENTS TO KNOW:

► **Centigram Voice Mail Y2K Upgrade**, Sat., **June 26**, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., the voice mail system will be down. Users are encouraged to check their voice mail system, Mon., **June 28**. For problems call x2280.



FYI - Cyndy Garza-Roberts, with a communications background from Reliant Energy, KTRK-TV (Channel 13), KXLN-TV (Channel 45), and KTBC-TV

in Austin, has been appointed UT-Houston Health Science Center Associate Vice President for Public Affairs, effective Monday, **June 28**.

UTmost Interest



The Medical School Research Retreat next **October 15 - 16** has drawn 146 registrants.



Testing out their dreams at the **Take Our Children to Work Day** program, Wed., **June 16**, were these dental students for a day, **Leather Lounge**, Medical School.

NOTE - The "Physician Negotiation Bill" was signed by **Governor George W. Bush**, June 20. A statement by **Dr. Alan C. Baum**, president, Texas Medical Association, is available on the web, <<http://www.texmed.org>>. Also, on June 23, at their delegate meeting in Chicago, the American Medical Association (AMA) voted to form a union for doctors. (Source: *Houston Chronicle*, 6/22/99, 6/24/99).

DR. DOWHAN TO CHAIR NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE

Dr. William Dowhan, professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, has organized and will chair the 1999 Gordon Research Conference on Molecular and Cellular Biology of Lipids to be held in New Hampshire **June 27-July 2**. The Lipid conference has met in odd-numbered years since 1955 and is one of the longest running Gordon Conferences. This meeting is internationally recognized as a prestigious forum for presentation and discussion of research concerning fundamental aspects of lipid biochemistry, genetics and metabolism. Members of the department who will present their work at this meeting are **Dr. Misha Bogdanov**, assistant professor (invited lecture entitled "Phospholipid-Assisted Folding of Membrane Proteins"), **Dr. Eugenia Mileykovskaya**, assistant professor (poster presentation), and **Dr. Darin Ostrander**, research fellow (poster presentation). Other Texans who will speak at the meeting **Dr. William Dowhan** are **Dr. Salih J. Wakil**, professor and chair, Biochemistry, Baylor, and **Dr. Michael Brown**, Nobel Laureate and professor, Molecular Genetics, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.



DR. AHN PRESENTS SITE SPECIFIC BINARY DATA ESTIMATORS

Dr. Chul Ahn, associate professor, Clinical Epidemiology, gave an invited talk recently on "The Analysis of Site-Specific Data" at the Statistics in Diagnostic Imaging workshop, held in Arlington, Virginia. His presentation was selected as the highlight of the workshop. He presented five methods for analyzing site specific binary data. Lesion sites, he indicated, can be identified through CT, MRI, or monoclonal antibody scans. The benchmark is often the lesion rather than the subject. A summary of his conclusions will appear in a forthcoming *Drug Information Association* (DIA) newsletter.

AAMP SPONSORS FELLOWSHIPS TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Association for Academic Minority Physicians 1999 annual meeting will be held on **October 8 - 10** at the Park Hyatt Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C. The AAMP will provide several travel fellowships, up to \$650, to investigators-in-training whose abstracts are selected for presentation at the meeting. For more information call **Edith McKeller**, 410-706-1741 or access registration/abstract forms at <<http://www.aampinc.aa.psiweb.com>>.

SENATOR HUTCHISON LOBBIES FOR TOBACCO FUNDS

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison lobbied successfully to keep tobacco settlement money in Texas. Although the first payout to the Harris County Hospital District (HCHD), \$49.8 million, had already been received, future payouts were uncertain due to the federal government stepping in to claim part of the settlement for Medicaid and Medicare. To prevent the remainder of the \$246 billion settlement from being taken away, Hutchinson sponsored an amendment to a popular emergency appropriations bill, which had a sure chance of being signed. Texas was appropriated a settlement of \$17.3 billion over the next 25 years, which is to be shared among the county governments. At a press conference at Ben Taub Hospital on Friday, June 18, Harris County Judge Robert Eckels reported that each year HCHD is expected to receive \$25-30 million. (Source: *Houston Chronicle*, 6/19/99).

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SNAPSHOT - A DAY IN THE LIFE OF FIRST - YEAR RESIDENTS, JUNE 18, 1999



Residents Dr. Tamara Hayward and Dr. Michael Garcia



From left, Dr. Amir Khan, assistant professor, Pediatrics, and residents Dr. Christopher Hebert, Dr. Joe Livingston, & Dr. Laura Lingle



From left, Dr. Adel ElHennawy, third year fellow, Neonatal, and Dr. Jim Duong, first year resident



Resident Dr. Laura Lingle

- photos by Colleen O'Brien

This past week 33 first-year residents in Pediatrics, Combined Internal Medicine-Pediatrics, and Anesthesiology have been busy with both NALS (Neonatal Advanced Life Support) as well as PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support), training. Their previous medical education took place in Texas, Hawaii, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Michigan, Virginia, Johannesburg, South Africa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Louisiana, and Missouri. About half the residents are graduates of medical schools in Texas, with nine from the UT-Houston Medical School. Says **Dr. Sherri Drayer**, chief resident, Pediatrics, "They just had their neonatal, pediatric resuscitations, and UT-Hermann Orientation. We feel that this particular training is the most critical as they begin their working relationships with patients."

Family Practice residents were also involved in the training and OB-GYN residents will undergo NALS training next week.