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National Eye
Health-Care Month

Friday, January 21, 2000

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

EVENTS TO KNOW:

- **Clinical Research Curriculum, Dr. Jan Risser**, SPH, Intro to Clinical Epidemiology, Wed., **Jan. 26**, 5 - 6:30 p.m., MSB 2.006.
- **Dean's Lecturer, Dr. Patricia K. Donahoe**, Wed., **Feb. 9**, 4 p.m., MSB 3.001.

UTmost Interest

Dr. Barbara E. Murray, professor and director, Division of Infectious Diseases; co-director, Center for Study of Emerging and Re-emerging Pathogens, spoke on "Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci (VRE)" at the New Zealand Microbiological Society Conference in Dunedin, New Zealand...**Dr. Carl Sandler**, Radiology, was invited to speak on "Contrast Agents," "Lower Urinary Tract Trauma" and "Renal Trauma," at the Southern Medical Association meeting in Dallas...**Dr. Henry Strobel**, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, gave a talk on Cytochrome P450 at the Developments in Neuropharmacology Session in New Delhi.

LATEBREAKING NEWS

Drs. James T. Willerson and **Ward Casscells**, Internal Medicine, are scheduled to appear in an ABC 20/20 piece on the detection of unstable plaque using infrared technology. That piece is scheduled to air *tonight*, Friday, **Jan. 21**, 9 p.m. (CST). The Houston ABC affiliate is KTRK-TV Channel 13.

FITNESS NOW - The Medical School Fitness Center is offering a complimentary one week (trial) membership, **Jan. 24 - 29**. For information call x5044.

FYI - Dr. Mara Baun, Associate Dean, Research, University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing, will be the Lee and Joseph Jamail Distinguished Professor at the UT-H School of Nursing. Holding a Doctor of Nursing Science degree from the University of California/San Francisco, she is recognized internationally for her research on critical care, particularly in endotracheal suctioning. She is also recognized for her research on the health benefits of companion animals.

HEPATITIS B PIONEER, DR. BEASLEY, HONORED

Dr. R. Palmer Beasley, Dean and Ashbel Smith Professor, SPH, presented "Toward the Eradication of Hepatitis B," at the President's Executive Luncheon, Thursday, Jan. 20. He has also been selected to receive the Prince Mahidol Award, to be conferred in the royal palace in Bangkok, Thailand **January 31st**. This prestigious international award recognizes his 30 years of research into the transmission and prevention of hepatitis B and its connection to liver cancer. Untold thousands of lives have been saved because of this work.



Dr. R. Palmer Beasley

In Southeast Asia, Dr. Beasley is recognized as an esteemed researcher, whose work has dropped dramatically the death rates from liver cancer. In 1969, he established a research lab, The America University Medical Center in Taipei, Taiwan, where to this day he remains the director. Dr. Beasley's discovery that HBV is commonly passed from mother to child during childbirth, led to his numerous other related discoveries. Because of his work, HBV inoculation is routine for infants in developed countries. The World Health Organization has also begun a global immunization program.

NEW TMC AND UT SHUTTLE BUS ROUTE INFORMATION

Pauline Habetz, team leader for the UT-H Parking Services Team, announces the following new TMC routes and changes, effective Jan. 17. They are: The TMC BLUE Route travels from the South Main area serving Memorial Hermann Hospital, UT-HHSC, and other institutions along the northern section of the main campus.

The TMC WHITE Route travels from the South Extension Lot to the eastern area of campus serving Baylor, TIRR, Ben Taub, UT-H Dental School, UT-H SPH, MD Anderson Cancer Center and other areas institutions.

The TMC RED Route travels from the new Smith Lands Parking Area and the TCH Meyer Lot, with emphasis on service to Texas Children's Hospital, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, and the Methodist Hospital.

There will no longer be a GREEN Route; the new WHITE Route is taking the place of the old green route, and is running longer. Representatives say if there are questions or problems with the UT-H Shuttle, call the UT-H Parking Office at 713-500-3405. For additional information on the TMC Metro Shuttle, call 713-791-6161 or the Metro Route & Schedule Information number at 713-635-4000.



UT Clinic in Galleria

NEW WEST LOOP HEALTH CENTER OPENS JANUARY 26

Help celebrate the opening of the new UT West Loop Health Center at 1776 Yorktown, Suite 150, next Wednesday, **January 26**. Ribbon cutting begins at 11:30 a.m. Join in the refreshments with the Galleria Chamber of Commerce and University Care Plus. Located near the Galleria, this neighborhood health center is staffed by UT doctors specializing in Dermatology, Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Neurology, OB/Gyn, Surgery, and Urology. Call 1-888-4UT DOCS for details.



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*All UT Employees Are Invited***UT FAMILIES ARE PLANNING A HEART TO HEART**

UT families will be getting together for a "Heart to Heart" 5 – 8 p.m., Tuesday, **February 8**, at the Museum of Health & Medical Science, 1515 Hermann Drive. The *free* event is designed to bring together two UT-Houston families – the UT Exes and the UT-Houston physicians, researchers, nurses, other health-care professionals and all employees.

A special feature will be "The UT-Houston Doctors Are In," a mini-lecture series on heart disease. Presenting will be **Dr. Ward Casscells**, Cardiology director, "My Heart Will Go On: Early Detection Saves Lives" (5:15 p.m.); **Dr. Richard Smalling**, Cardiology, "Your Aching Heart Ain't Just Another Country Song: New Treatments for Heart and Vascular Diseases" (6:45 p.m.); **Dr. Regina Lantin**, Pediatrics, "My Heart Belongs To Daddy: Are Your Kids at Risk?" (6:15 p.m.); **Dr. Ronald Portman**, Pediatrics, "Every Beat of My Heart: High Blood Pressure in Children" (6:45 p.m.); **Dr. Grant Fowler**, "Your Achy Breaky Heart: New Cardiac Risk Factors" (7:15); and **Dr. Lance Gould**, "How Can You Mend a Broken Heart?: Heal Your Heart" (7:30 p.m.). The lecture series has been coordinated by University Care Plus.



Another feature will be the unveiling, exclusive for this event, of the "Cardiology Atlas," an interactive video designed by Blausen Medical Communications, Inc., specializing in 3-D medical animation. The future use of the Atlas will be by cardiologists to explain to a patient his or her condition and treatment.

Medical students will be involved with members of the Family Practice Club doing the health screenings. **Dr. Joe Bedford**, the club's faculty sponsor, will be on-site physician. A student will be in the CHIPS' chipmunk mascot costume and will visit with the children, talking to them about safety and giving out coloring books. CHIPS, the Childhood Injury Prevention Services program at Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital, was created by **Dr. Christine Koerner**, Emergency Medicine.

This special UT-Houston health fair will feature free health screenings, supper, interactive exhibits, jump-rope and aerobic demonstrations, face painting, games, clowns and door prizes.

Call 713-500-3035 for more information about this free event, which is being presented by The University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center, The Houston Texas Exes and the American Heart Association, Houston Division.

DHHS COLLABORATION

The Office of Research Services has received a message from **Dr. Martha Engel**, Assistant Director of Community and Personal Services, at the Houston Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Engel invites UT-Houston faculty to discuss collaborative opportunities to disseminate health related information; to gather information on health related issues; and to develop community-based educational programs. Those interested are encouraged to call Engel at (713) 794-9350.

INFORMATION SERVICES & COMPUTER TRAINING CLASSES 2000

To meet the needs of the UT-H community, Information Services trainers are ready to assist. The list of courses they teach includes: Mainframe - BPPS Basic Training, Interpreting TUFIMS Ledger Sheets, TUFIMS Basic Training, and TUFIMS Travel; Netscape - Introduction to Calendar 4.5, Introduction to Composer 4.5, Introduction to Messenger 4.5, and Advanced Messenger 4.5; and Microsoft - Introduction to FrontPage 2000, Intermediate FrontPage 2000, Image Composer 1.5, and Introduction to Windows. Other courses are - Introduction to Decision Support System, and Introduction to RightFAX (A&F only). For more information, visit the website <<http://admin5.uth.tmc.edu/ishome/calendars/istraining.html>>.

GRANT NEWS - The Bayer Institute for Health Care Communication will award several research grants for 2000. Deadline is **March 15**. Support will be for up to two years and awards are available up to a maximum of \$20,000 per project. For information contact **Dr. Maysel Kemp White**, at 1-800-800-5907.

**ACCESSING CHILD CARE**

Initiatives for Children, Inc. has available to all UT-HHSC faculty, staff, and students "Childcare Information and Resources" via the Internet. Check out <<http://www.childcareresource.com/>>. After filling out your specific needs, get immediate information about childcare (full or part time), after school care, preschools, special needs care, and summer camps. Or contact the Childcare Resource and Referral Service by phone. Personally consult with a counselor regarding your childcare needs. Also get a personalized printout including information about childcare (full or part time), after school care, preschool, special needs care, and summer camps. Call **Maria Palacios**, the *Initiatives for Children, Inc.* intake representative, at 713/365-0313, ext. 109.

UT-H MEDICAL SCHOOL SECURITY ISSUES

When you're going to be in the building after hours, the following services from the UT Police, (713)792-2890, are available:

Escort Service: Escorts to UT property or TMC parking garages/lots are available between sunset and sunrise.

Welfare Check Program: Employees and students can contact UT Police and have an officer periodically check on them. Available after regular business hours, weekends, and holidays.

Motorist Assistance: Police personnel will assist when UT affiliated personnel is having difficulty starting their vehicle. Officers are limited to jump starts.

Lock-Outs: If you lock your keys in your car, UT Police supervisors handle lock-outs.

Lost and Found: Any property turned into the UT Police is stored for three months, then turned over to Property Control.

