



# Scoop

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

## Events to Know

### May

**11 TOWN HALL MEETING**, noon, MSB 1.006. Lunch for first 100.

**11 DEAN'S LECTURER, Dr. Randy Schekman**, "Mechanism and Disease Implications of Intracellular Vesicle Traffic," 4 p.m., MSB 3.001.

**19 ANNUAL FACULTY MEETING**, 11:45 a.m.- 1 p.m., MSB 2.006. Lunch for first 150. Telecast LBJ Annex, Rm. 217, UT auditorium.

**25 Withers Lectureship, Dr. Scott Lillibridge**, "Family Medicine Without Borders," 1 p.m., MSB 2.135.

**28 Commencement**, 10 a.m., George R. Brown Convention Center. Commencement speaker is **Dr. Catherine D. DeAngelis**.

### June

**15 Basement Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Medical School basement.

## UTMost Interest

Internal Medicine's **Dr. Mohammed Ahmed** and **Dr. Asha Rajashekar**, and **Zsuzsanna McMahan**, MSIII, recently garnered awards in poster competitions at the annual Associates' Day in Galveston. The UT team won the Medical Jeopardy contest.

## STUDENTS WIN FELLOWSHIPS



**Dean Stanley Schultz** and **Dr. Eugene Boisaubin** congratulate **Owen Mogabgab**, MSIII, (1.), and **Ed Baumgartner**, MSII. Each student won a \$4,000 Alpha Omega Alpha Carolyn Kuckein student research fellowship.

## CELEBRATING TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Each May and June, the Medical School honors our best educators. First and foremost, we are a school with an educational mission that demands superior and dedicated teaching – and through a series of awards, we pay tribute to those who have excelled in that area.



**Dean Schultz**

Over the next few weeks, Scoop will feature articles highlighting the accomplishments of the recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award, the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award, the John Freeman Award, the Herbert L. and Margaret W. DuPont Master Clinical Teaching Award, and the John P. McGovern Award. The Dean's Teaching Excellence Award is another venue for applauding those who exemplify our teaching mission (see the back page of this issue).

These distinguished awardees will be recognized at various special events, including the Annual Faculty Meeting **May 19** and Commencement **May 28**. Please join me as we celebrate these well-deserving recipients and their good works.

## PRACTICE PLAN COLLECTS RECORD \$10M IN MARCH

The Medical School practice plan posted record net collections in the month of March of over \$10 million, reported **Kevin Dillon**, health science center executive vice president for finance and business affairs, at the Medical Service, Research and Development Board's (MSRDP) April 13 meeting.

"This record achievement is due to the hard work of our physicians, our dedicated office staffs, and our billing and collections group, Per-Se Technologies," Dillon said.

Prior to the record-breaking month of March, for the first six months of the fiscal year (September through February) gross charges are up 14.5 percent compared to this same time last year.

Despite these improvements, the practice plan is posting a net loss of \$1.6 million for the first six months of the fiscal year. Dillon projects that by the end of the fiscal year the practice plan, MSRDP and UT Physicians combined, will have an overall positive margin of about \$2 million.

Per-Se Technologies, which started providing physician billing and collection services for the practice plan in February 2004, has now been hired to perform compliance, reported **Dr. Jeffrey Katz**, chair of the Compliance and Ethics Committee.

In other developments, **Dr. Michael McKinney**, chief operating officer and senior executive vice president, reported on ongoing negotiations with Memorial Hermann Hospital.

"We are working on negotiating contracts with Memorial Hermann Hospital and can look for an improvement in payments in several areas, including GME," he said.

The Medical School practice plan includes MSRDP and UT Physicians. MSRDP is the "trust fund" for the university's clinical services, and its board members are the Medical School's department chairmen and at-large members, who are elected by the faculty. UT Physicians is the business arm of the practice plan.

The next MSRDP meeting, which is open to all clinical faculty, will be held 4 p.m. Wednesday, **July 27**, MSB 2.103.

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## 2004-2005 DEAN'S TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Anesthesiology**

Steven I. Abramson, M.B., B.Ch.  
Ralf Gebhard, M.D.  
Carin A. Hagberg, M.D.  
Stephen M. Larson, D.M.D.  
Susan L. Luehr, M.D.  
Evan G. Pivalizza, M.B., Ch.B.  
Didier A. Sciard, M.D.  
R. David Wartens, M.D.

**Biochemistry & Molecular Biology**

Michael R. Blackburn, Ph.D.  
William E. Seifert, Ph.D.  
Henry W. Strobel, Ph.D.

**Dermatology**

Steven R. Mays, M.D.

**Diagnostic & Interventional Imaging**

Chitra Chandrasekhar, M.B., B.S.  
Leo Hochhauser, M.D.  
Sandra A. Oldham, M.D.  
Louis K. Wagner, Ph.D.  
David L. Zelitt, M.D.

**Emergency Medicine**

Brett L. Buchmiller, M.D.  
James J. McCarthy, M.D.  
Joanne Oakes, M.D.  
Eric F. Reichman, M.D.

**Family & Community Medicine**

Joe A. Bedford, M.D.  
Carlos A. Dumas, M.D.  
Grant C. Fowler, M.D.  
Janet Y. Groff, M.D., Ph.D.  
Vijaya L. Mallela, M.B., B.S.  
Linda Z. Nieman, Ph.D.  
Mary M. Velasquez, Ph.D.

**Integrative Biology & Pharmacology**

Fernando R. Cabral, Ph.D.  
Jarvis T. Chan, D.D.S., Ph.D. (Dental)  
William P. Dubinsky, Jr., Ph.D.  
David S. Loose, Ph.D.  
Edward H. Montgomery, Ph.D. (Dental)  
Edgar T. Walters, Ph.D.

**Internal Medicine**

Douglas G. Adler, M.D.  
Frank C. Arnett, Jr., M.D.  
Ben J. Barnett, M.D.  
Eugene V. Boisaubin, M.D.  
Charles D. Ericsson, M.D.  
Mark A. Farnie, M.D.  
Fabrizia Faustinella, M.D., Ph.D.  
Kevin W. Finkel, M.D.  
John R. Foringer, M.D.  
Francisco Fuentes, M.D.  
Carolyn Gardiner, M.D.  
Philip C. Johnson, M.D.  
Victor R. Lavis, M.D.  
Donald A. Molony, M.D.  
Philip R. Orlander, M.D.  
Bela Patel, M.D.  
Alberto Puig, M.D., Ph.D.  
Edie E. Shulman, M.D.  
Filemon K. Tan, M.D.

**Microbiology & Molecular Genetics**

Heidi B. Kaplan, Ph.D.

**Neurobiology & Anatomy**

Leonard J. Cleary, Jr., Ph.D.  
Terry J. Crow, Ph.D.  
James J. Knierim, Ph.D.  
Carla S. Rogers, Ph.D.  
Han Zhang, M.D.

**Neurology**

Ian J. Butler, M.D.  
Dave F. Clarke, M.D.  
Pedro Mancias, M.D.  
Mya C. Schiess, M.D.

**Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences**

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Manju Monga, M.D.  
Karen M. Schneider, M.D.  
Eugene C. Toy, M.D.  
Edward R. Yeomans, M.D.

**Ophthalmology & Visual Science**

Judianne Kellaway, M.D.

**Orthopaedic Surgery**

Terry A. Clyburn, M.D.  
Robert M. Lumsden, M.D.

**Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery**

Samer Fakhri, M.D.

**Pathology & Laboratory Medicine**

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**Surgery**

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