Dean Comments:

Our new year is off to a quick start in the School of Medicine!

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Carlos Rosende has accepted the position of Chair of Ophthalmology. Dr. Rosende has served as an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology since 1999 and Interim Chair since March 2006. His specialty is Diabetic Retinopathy. Dr. Rosende received his Bachelor of Bioscience (with distinction) in 1977 from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD and received his MD from the University of Miami, School of Medicine in 1981. Dr. Rosende then completed an internship in Internal Medicine and a residency in Ophthalmology at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Rosende to his new position and keep an eye out for upcoming information regarding a reception in his honor.

As many of you have read in the paper, or heard in the media, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio has just received an unprecedented $25 million dollar gift from The Greehey Family Foundation. This is the single largest gift the Health Science Center has ever received and one of the single largest cash contributions among UT System and San Antonio’s history!!!

The monies have been allocated to address the specific desires of the Greehey family. Since their passion is children, and more specifically, cancer and children, most of the money will go to the newly renamed Greehey Children’s Cancer Research Institute for major initiatives such as state of the art cancer research labs, recruitment/retention of world class clinicians and scientists who can apply the latest discoveries in patient care, scholarships for future clinicians/scientists focused on the health of children, and community outreach programs to support pediatric patients and their families.

Each initiative defined in this gift, aligns with the four UTHSCSA missions; education, research, clinical care and community outreach to address health disparities. This is an extraordinary opportunity for us to stand up and demonstrate to those, like the Greehey family, that the confidence and trust they place in us through their gifts, drive us to strive each day to be innovative, focused, and cognizant of the impact that we can, and do have, on the health of our community and our region.

William L. Henrich, M.D., M.A.C.P.
Dean, School of Medicine
Vice President for Medical Affairs
John P. Howe, III, M.D.,
Distinguished Chair in Health Policy

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**ADMISSION UPDATES**

The Admissions Committee has just completed the process of interviewing, and the final review and ranking of applicants for the school of medicine class of 2006. The Admissions Committee carefully reviewed each of the 3600 applications and selected 1016 to be interviewed. This compares with 3450 last year, from which 950 were interviewed. Applicants were selected based on both academic (GPA and MCAT) and non-academic qualifications. All of these qualifications along with a number of special items related to school of medicine admissions are listed on the admissions website of the School of Medicine webpage.

Different from last year is the offering of acceptances to Texas residents from Nov. 15th, 2006 through Dec. 31st, 2006. Currently there are 186 (out of a possible 220) applicants that have accepted our offer. For those interviewed applicants who have not been accepted to our school, a rank list will match students to the school of their highest choice on Feb. 15th, 2007. This process thus combines the national “rolling admissions” model with the “match” model used by seven of the eight Texas medical schools.

As we wind down the selection process we look toward the spring and the many health fairs at undergraduate schools as well as presentations at high schools and universities. We are also planning for our Summer Premedical Academy for undergraduate students in our early acceptance programs. Our hope is to continue to secure funding to maintain the high quality of these experiences. If you have questions or comments concerning medical school admissions, please get in touch with me at Dr. David Jones, Associate Dean for Admissions, jonesd@uthscsa.edu or 210-567-6080.

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**KUDOS**

Congratulations to **Dr. Goutam Ghosh Choudhury**, one of his recent publications was selected as one of the 100 most influential publications in his field (cell cycle research) for 2006. For more information, please visit the following website: [http://www.cellcycles.org/](http://www.cellcycles.org/).
Welcome New Faculty:

**Anesthesiology**
Dr. Jamison W. Elder joined on February 1, 2007 as a Clinical Associate Professor. Dr. Elder received his medical degree from the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in 1999, followed by an internship at Wilford Hall Medical Center in 2000 and completed an anesthesia residency from their program in 2003.

**Epidemiology & Biostatistics**
Ms. Karen P. Stamm joined on January 1, 2007 as Faculty Associate in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Institute for Health Promotion Research as part of the recruitment of Dr. Amelie Ramirez. Ms. Stamm transferred from the Department of Medicine, Division of General Medicine. She received her Bachelor’s degree from The University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Medicine**
Dr. Manoj Panday joined on January 15, 2007 as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Cardiology. Dr. Panday received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University and completed his residency training in Internal Medicine at Hahnemann University Hospital.

Dr. David P. Dooley joined the Division of Infectious Diseases on February 1, 2007. Dr. Dooley received his medical degree from Washington University School of Medicine and completed his residency training at Tripler Army Medical Center.

Dr. Marcos I. Restrepo joined on January 31, 2007 as an Assistant Professor in the Division of General Medicine. Dr. Restrepo received his medical degree from Instituto de Ciencias de la salud – CES, Medellin, Colombia in 1991.

**Neurosurgery**
Dr. Viktor Bartanusz joined on January 15, 2007 as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Bartanusz received his medical degree from Comenius University Medical School, Bratislava, Slovakia. He completed his residency in Neurosurgery from Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois, Lausanne, Switzerland.

**Surgery**
Ms. Yvonne E. Franco joined on February 1, 2007 in the Division of Emergency Medicine as Faculty Associate. Ms. Franco received her Master of Physician Assistant Studies in 2002 from the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Mr. James R. Schmid joined on February 1, 2007 in the Division of Emergency Medicine as Faculty Associate. Mr. Schmid received his Master of Physician Assistant Studies in 2005 from the University of Nebraska.

Mr. Richard Anschutz joined on February 1, 2007 in the Division of Emergency Medicine as a Faculty Associate. Mr. Anschutz received his Master of Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2000.

Mr. George A. Barbee joined on February 1, 2007 in the Division of Emergency Medicine as a Faculty Associate. Mr. Barbee received his Master of Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2001.

Ms. Sharon L. Rosser joined on February 1, 2007 in the Division of Emergency Medicine as a Faculty Associate. Ms. Rosser received her Master of Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Nebraska in 2004.

Mr. Dale Weaver joined on February 1, 2007 in the Division of Emergency Medicine as a Faculty Associate. Mr. Weaver received his Master of Physician Assistant Studies from Oklahoma University in 1994.
Announcements:

**Center for Integrative Health**
invites you to participate in:

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**Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program**

A program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program was established to increase the number of faculty from historically disadvantaged backgrounds who can achieve senior rank in academic medicine and who will encourage and foster the development of succeeding classes of such physicians. To be eligible, applicants must be physicians who are from historically disadvantaged backgrounds; are citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. or its territories at the time of application; and are now completing or have completed their formal clinical training. Up to 12 four-year awards will be funded in this grant cycle. Scholars will receive an annual stipend of up to $75,000, complemented by a $29,139 annual grant toward support of research activities. For complete program information and application procedures, go to www.rwjf.org.

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The **AAMC** is soliciting nominations for the annual Herbert W. Nickens Award, as well as nominations for the Nickens faculty fellowship and medical student scholarships. Nominations for all three awards must be received by April 2.

The **Herbert W. Nickens Award** is given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to efforts that promote justice in medical education and provide equal health care for all Americans. The recipient will receive a $10,000 award at the AAMC's 2007 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Nominees may come from the fields of medicine, education, law, nursing, public health, or social sciences. Please send nominations through Dr. Henrich.

The **Herbert W. Nickens Faculty Fellowship** recognizes an outstanding junior faculty member, committed to a career in academic medicine, who has demonstrated leadership in addressing inequities in medical education and health care. The fellowship recipient will receive a $15,000 grant to support his or her academic and professional activities over a two-year period. *A medical school may nominate one current faculty member per year for this award.*

The **Herbert W. Nickens Medical Student Scholarships** are awarded to five outstanding students entering their third year of medical school who have demonstrated leadership in addressing the educational, societal, and health care needs of minorities. Each recipient will receive a $5,000 scholarship. *A medical school may nominate one current student per year for this award.*

* For nominations for the Faculty Fellowship and the Medical Student Scholarships, please send a nomination letter to Dr. Henrich via wilsonjm0@uthscsa.edu by March 1, 2007
Announcements continues:

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology is soliciting nominations for the PAUL C. WEINBERG SCHOLARSHIP Awards will be given to a third and fourth year medical student who best meet the following criteria:

1. The student has a strong social conscience
2. The student is an advocate for women’s rights
3. The student takes a respectful, caring and ethical approach to patients

Students should be nominated by fellow students or faculty. Nominations should be sent to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, attention to Drs. Rochelle Shain and Craig Witz, care of Javette Sheppard-Dukes (sheppardj@uthscsa.edu, 210-567-4924).

Students will be informed that they have been nominated and will be required to provide two brief letters of recommendation (approximately 250 words) either from two faculty members, or one faculty member and one representative of a medical or humanitarian organization. Also, students will be asked to submit a brief statement outlining their participation in activities that support their application for the scholarship. Although Paul Weinberg was an obstetrician-gynecologist, this award is not limited to that discipline. Each scholarship provides the student with $2,000.00.

Nominations will be accepted through February 23rd and all applications must be completed by March 16th, 2007.

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Inventing a healthy future for families and communities in San Antonio, South Texas, and beyond.
The Department of Medicine is very pleased to announce the appointment of Reza Ghohestani, MD, PhD, as Chief of Dermatology.

Dr. Ghohestani is Associate Professor and Director of the Immunodermatology Unit in the Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. He obtained his medical degree from Shiraz University School of Medicine in Iran, a Master’s in Science in Immunology and Immunopathology at Claude Bernard University in Lyon, France, a Master’s in Science in Cutaneous Biology and Pharmacology from University of Paris and Claude Bernard University, and his PhD in Cutaneous Biology and Immunology at Claude Bernard University. He completed an internship in General Surgery at The University of Pennsylvania Health System and a Dermatology residency at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. He joined the faculty at Thomas Jefferson in 1998.

Dr. Ghohestani is a physician scientist with research interests including molecular characterization of target antigens in autoimmune blistering skin diseases, development of in vivo models of blistering skin diseases by DNA immunization, immunotherapy of autoimmune skin diseases, and the role of cell/matrix molecules in wound healing. He has presented his work at national and international meetings. He is the recipient of the Physician-Scientist Career Award from the Dermatology Foundation and he is the editor of the European Journal of Dermatology. He has a very exciting vision for the growth of the clinical Dermatology program at UTHSCSA and his skills in immunopathology will be extremely valuable to our institution and the Dermatology community in our region. Dr. Ghohestani will join us in April 2007.

The Department of Medicine is grateful to Dean Henrich for his support in making this recruitment possible and to the members of the Dermatology division who warmed Dr. Ghohestani’s heart and were a major factor in his recruitment. The Department wants to specifically thank Dr. Eric Kraus for his wonderful service as Interim Chief of Dermatology and also to Dr. Ron Grimwood for his previous and continuing service to the division.
Department of Medicine Spotlight

Clinical Mission
The Department of Medicine has initiated new clinical pro-
grams and expands existing programs.
♦ Travel Medicine Clinic opened late fall of 2006.
♦ Expanded provider access for consults and procedures in
  Rheumatology, Cardiology, Gastroenterology, General Inter-
nal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, and Neurology.
♦ Expanded Primary Care services for UT Medicine and
  UTHSCSA employees and their families.
♦ Infusion Center at Christus Santa Rosa Northwest –
scheduled opening in Spring 2007

One Call Scheduling 592-0340

Research Mission
The Department of Medicine continues to excel in its re-
search activities, generating more than $50 million in new
grant awards in FY 2006 (including VA Awards). The re-
search activities of the Department generated more than $5.9
million in indirect cost recovery (institutional).

Administration
The Department of Medicine has recruited two new members
to its management team. Cassie Bale, CPA, MPA joined the
department in September 2006 as the Associate Administra-
tor for Finance and Accounting. Mary Rowe will join the de-
partment in early February 2007 as the Associate Administra-
tor for Sponsored Research. Their respective roles integrate
the financial and research operations horizontally across the
department.

The department is also recruiting two Assistant Administra-
tors positions that will focus on integrating finance and opera-
tions vertically among divisions. These new management po-
sitions will spend a significant portion of their time and energy
supporting the department's expanded clinical activities.

Jan E. Patterson, MD, FACP
Interim Chair of Medicine
Professor of Medicine/Infectious Diseases & Pathology

Education Mission
The Department of Medicine’s February 2007 Research Semi-
nar Series will present the following lectures:

February 6:
“Chemokines and Chemokine Receptors in Rheumatoid Arthritis”, Seema S. Ahuja, MD, Asso-
ciate Professor, Nephrology

February 13:
“Progressive beta cell failure in Type II Diabetes: Can it be pre-
vented?”, Ralph A. DeFronzo, MD, Professor and Chief, Diabe-
tes

February 20:
“Epidemiology of Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infec-
tions”, Pranavi Sreeramoju, MD, Assistant Professor, Infectious
Diseases

February 27:
To be announced, Luci K. Leykum, MD, MBA, Assistant Professor, General Internal Medi-
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