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## Message from the Dean



Welcome to the first issue of your UTRGV School of Medicine e-newsletter. As dean, I want to share news, updates and key information with you, given the rapid growth of our organization, and the development of new programs, innovative research and quality patient services across the Rio Grande Valley.

I am grateful to lead an exceptionally talented, diverse and growing team that is committed to teaching our students, discovering new cures and healing patients. As we prepare to receive our third class of 56 medical students, as well as 60 new residents, we wish the best success to the medical students of our charter class, who will serve the community and gain valuable clinical experience in their third year of preparation for a career in medicine. We also congratulate the 33 residents who recently completed their training as physicians at our partner hospitals.

It is my hope that you enjoy learning about the progress of our students and faculty as we continue to build a first-class school and expand clinical care through UT Health RGV. We are proud to serve the Rio Grande Valley.

Sincerely,  
John H. Krouse, MD, PhD, MBA  
Executive Vice President, Health Affairs  
Dean, School of Medicine

## News and Events

### Introducing UTHealth RGV

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine is launching its much-anticipated practice plan UTHealth RGV, which will provide patients throughout the Valley more access to primary and specialty care. [Learn more](#)



### Welcome, Class of 2022

The University of Texas School of Medicine welcomed its Class of 2022 Monday, July 9, at its Medical Education Building in Edinburg. [Read more](#)

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### SOM graduates 33 residents from 4 GME programs



The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine and its partner hospital systems graduated 33 residents from the School of Medicine's Family Medicine and Internal Medicine residency programs.

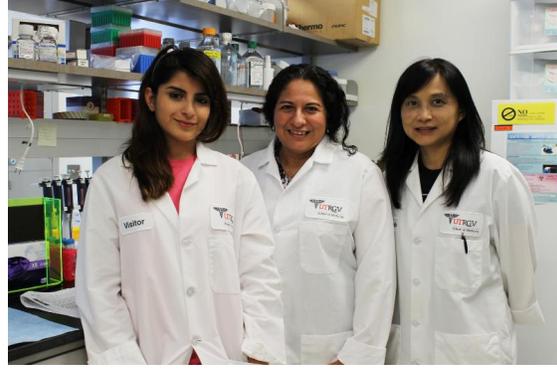
### SOM among most affordable schools for out-of-state students

### Kogan joins SOM, leads Institute for Bioethics and Social Justice



Rabbi Claudio Kogan, M.D., M.B.E., M.Ed., has been named director of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine's new Institute for Bioethics and Social Justice. [Read more](#)

### Reyna receives more than \$400,000 in grants from the NIH



The U.S. News & World Report has listed The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine as one of the most affordable medical schools in the country for out-of-state students. With tuition for full-time, out-of-state students listed at \$31,398 for the 2017-2018 academic school year, UTRGV School of Medicine is ranked the third most affordable medical school in the country for out-of-state students in the 2017-2018 school year.

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Dr. Sara M. Reyna, assistant professor in the Department of Biomedical Sciences at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine, has received a three-year grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) totaling \$435,900 to research the role of the protein, extracellular signal regulated-kinase (ERK), in macrophages, which are white blood cells, in relation to inflammation in the skeletal muscle.

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### SOM Research Symposium

The deadline to register and submit abstracts for the 2018 SOM Research Symposium is 5 p.m. Monday, July 16. The Symposium will be held Saturday, Sept. 15, at the McAllen Convention Center. [More info.](#)

### White Coat Ceremony

Join us as we welcome the Class of 2022 to the medical profession at the SOM White Coat Ceremony, 10 a.m. Saturday, July 28, at the Performing Arts Center at Harlingen CISD.

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