

# Health Matters

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## Message from the Dean



As the community welcomed the third-class of 56 medical students to the UTRGV School of Medicine, I reminded our students that an important goal of our new school is to prepare them to provide exemplary care to diverse patients and improve the health of families across the Rio Grande Valley. The recent White Coat Ceremony marks the start of their journey to becoming physicians. But, more than a celebration, the cloaking marks a solemn day in which our students pledge to uphold the highest ethical and moral standards as medical practitioners in training and take their oaths to care for all patients, not only those in positions of privilege or power, but also those without voices or means, and without ready access to medical care.

Our medical students will learn the skills of being a doctor early in their first year, including elements of the physical examination, interviewing and listening to patients, integrating knowledge gained in the clinic into treatment plans and strategies, and most critically, the importance of being in the present, acting humble, and providing

compassion and understanding to every patient under their care.

I am most grateful to the community for having the vision, enthusiasm and dedication through 70 years of hard work to start a medical school that is now educating 155 medical students for a career in medicine. It is my sincere hope that our students will follow the example of Dr. Arnold Gold, a world-renowned pediatric neurologist who created the White Coat Ceremony, by promoting compassion and humanism in healthcare throughout their medical careers.

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

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## News and Events

### [UTRGV School of Medicine, community celebrate opening of UT Health RGV Primary Care at Laguna Vista](#)

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine, Valley dignitaries and the community on Wednesday, July 25, celebrated the grand opening of its UT Health RGV Primary Care clinical site in Laguna Vista at 723 Santa Isabel Blvd.



### **Dr. Jamal joins SOM, will lead Graduate Medical Education**

Dr. Nausheen Jamal, MD, joined UTRGV on August 1 as Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education and the SOM's Designated Institutional Official. Dr. Jamal also will start an otolaryngology - head and neck surgery clinical and education program.

Dr. Jamal comes to UTRGV from the Lewis Katz School of Medicine where she has served as Associate Professor of Otolaryngology and Director of the residency program. She received her medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine and completed her residency training in Otorhinolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine Affiliated Hospitals in New York.

[UTRGV School of Medicine welcomes Class of 2022 with White](#)

## Coat Ceremony

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine welcomed its newest students Saturday, July 28, with a White Coat Ceremony at the Performing Arts Center at Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District.



## SOM to offer dual degree programs to medical students



The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley is partnering with The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) School of Public Health to offer two new dual degree programs: Doctor of Medicine/Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics (MD/MSBMI) and Doctor of Medicine/Master of Public Health (MD/MPH).

Classes will start in the Spring 2019 semester.

## SOM medical residents, students participate in Operation Lone Star at PSJA High School



Family medicine residents provided screenings and other health care services to patients and medical students observed and assisted health care providers at Pharr-San Juan-Alamo (PSJA) High School during Operation Lone Star, which ran from July 23-27.

## UT Health RGV to launch employee health sites this fall

UT Health RGV will begin providing employee healthcare services in Edinburg and Harlingen this fall.

Visit the [UT Benefits page](#) for more information.

## Opportunities for future physician scientists

The School of Medicine is committed to educating a diverse group of medical students and future biomedical scientists.

To learn more about research opportunities for medical students, visit the Office of the Associate Dean of Research [webpage](#).

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**Your gift to the School of Medicine supports our mission to educate a diverse group of medical students and future scientists to benefit the Rio Grande Valley and the world.**

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