

# Health Matters

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June 2019

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## Message from the Dean

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As we close out another school year and prepare for a new class at the School of Medicine, I would like to congratulate all the students, residents, faculty and staff for their hard work in contributing to the successful year we have had.

Most recently, our student chapter of the Texas Medical Association was named Chapter of the Year and two of our students, Amanda Arreola and Sarah Miller, were appointed to the association's Medical Student Section's Executive Board. I am extremely proud of our students for their dedication in serving the community. Over the past year, the students spearheaded several community health events, including an immunization drive at our student-run clinic in Peñitas and bicycle helmet giveaways at local health fairs. They also offered CPR and wound care trainings throughout the Rio Grande Valley. Their work exemplifies the mission of the School of Medicine to engage with and provide excellent care to the communities we serve.

In addition, our faculty members continue to receive well-deserved accolades for their work at the School of Medicine and in the health care professions. Andrew Dentino, MD, vice dean for Academic Affairs, was recognized recently by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education for his service as a member of the ACGME's Review Committee. Adrian Sandoval, PharmD, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine, received the 2019 Outstanding Early Career Alumni Award from Texas A&M University for his significant contributions to the field of pharmacy.

Our School of Medicine is young, but we have made strides in fulfilling our mission to train a diverse group of physicians and biomedical scientists, engage the communities we serve and provide them excellent care and participate in research that advances the quality and accessibility of health care to the Valley and Beyond.

This year, we will continue that momentum. Our cancer immunology team joins us this month and our research enterprise continues to grow. I look forward to sharing with all of you our future achievements and am confident to say that the School of Medicine's vision to become a leader in the creation of a diverse and representative workforce, the stimulation of biomedical innovation and the delivery of patient-centered care in the Valley is becoming a reality.

Kind Regards,

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

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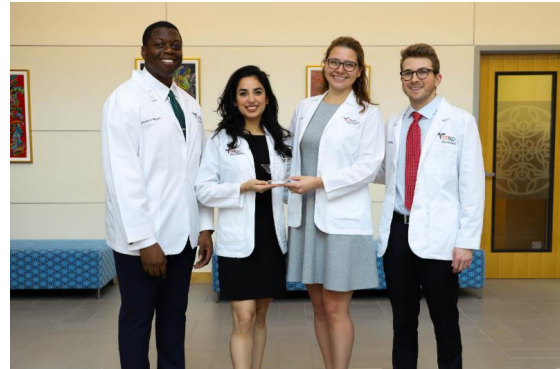
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## News and Events

### **UTRGV School of Medicine wins TMA student chapter of the year**

**The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine** has won the **Texas Medical Association-Medical Student Section (TMA-MSS) 2018-2019 Chapter of the Year Award** for its efforts in community service and recruitment of TMA members.

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### **UTRGV School of Medicine holds 2nd Annual Family Medicine Research Symposium at KMC Conference Center**



The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine's three Family Medicine residency programs had their second annual Family Medicine Research Symposium Friday, May 17, at the KMC Conference Center in Weslaco.

Medical residents from the School of Medicine's three family medicine residency programs presented their quality improvement projects to a panel of physicians who critiqued and ranked their work. This event included the training programs at McAllen Medical Center, Doctors Hospital at Renaissance, and Knapp Medical Center.

This year's event also featured keynote speaker James W. Tysinger, Ph.D., Distinguished Teaching Professor who holds the Leonard G. Paul, MD Professorship in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

This symposium fulfills a requirement for residents who are completing their training and offers those who are still training an opportunity to showcase their work. Quality improvement projects are especially important because they allow the residents and the hospitals where they train an opportunity to apply evidence-based medicine to clinical decision-making that leads to better care for patients.

The symposium concluded with an awards ceremony.

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## **UTRGV School of Medicine, DHR Health to offer Internal Medicine Review Course June 5-9**

The UTRGV School of Medicine and DHR Health are offering an Internal Medicine review course from Wednesday, June 5, to Sunday, June 9, at the Edinburg Conference Center at Renaissance.


The course will provide an intensive review of internal medicine, based on the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) blueprint, to prepare

participants for the internal medicine board certification examination. Participants will also qualify for two hours of ethics credit and 30 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ and points in the ABIM's Maintenance of Certification program.

Attendees will learn to incorporate Choosing Wisely® recommendations to their clinical practice, about updates in treatment and management of common medical problems, to improve confidence in evaluating vignette style questions, and more.

This event is offered to residents at no cost and at affordable tuition rates for medical professionals.

For more information via email contact [a.badillo@dhr.com](mailto:a.badillo@dhr.com). or call (956) 362-3241.



The poster features a central image of a hand holding a stethoscope, surrounded by icons of a heart, lungs, and a microscope. Logos for UTRGV School of Medicine and DHRHealth are at the top. Two circular callouts on the right indicate '30 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ Points' and '2 Hours of Ethics'. The main title is 'Internal Medicine Review Course' with the subtitle 'Ideal for Board Review and Staying Current'. The dates are 'Wednesday-Sunday June 5-9, 2019' at the 'Edinburg Conference Center at Renaissance, 118 Paseo Del Prado, Edinburg, TX'. Contact information is provided: '(956) 362-3241' and 'a.badillo@dhr-rgv.com'. A list of learning objectives includes incorporating Choosing Wisely® recommendations, discussing recent updates, evaluating vignette-style questions, and applying evidence-based principles. Accreditation logos for ABIM, CME, and MOC are shown at the bottom.

## Save the Date: 3rd Annual Research Symposium Sept. 13-14 at UTRGV SOM and McAllen Convention Center

With the theme, "Health Disparities: Community Engagement," this year's symposium will showcase research and programs that promote health equality and highlight best practices for how the scientific and medical research community can engage communities, health organizations and workers to address the common goal of eliminating health disparities.

The symposium will be held Friday, Sept. 13, at the UTRGV School of Medicine, 1210 W. Schunior St., Edinburg, and Saturday, Sept. 14, at the McAllen Convention Center, 700 Convention Center Blvd.

Visit the symposium's [website](#) to register and submit an abstract. For more information, call (956) 296-1926 or email [somresearchsymposium@utrgv.edu](mailto:somresearchsymposium@utrgv.edu).

## SOM employees to host book club in Harlingen

Employees of the UTRGV School of Medicine invite UTRGV employees from all campuses to join them for their first book club meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, June 27, at the Clinical Education Building (HECBL) in Harlingen's student lounge, room 1.116. The group will discuss the book, "**The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society**" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

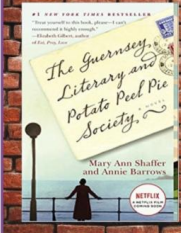
A Zoom link will be made available for employees who would like to participate but unable to attend the meeting in person.

Electronic copies of the book are available through:

- **Internet Archive** (<https://archive.org/>)
- The Libby App—Free app with Harlingen Public Library membership is available for Android, iOS (iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch) and Windows 10 devices
- Amazon Prime members can download the Audible app—Audiobooks by Amazon
- Overdrive app with your local library membership

Hard copies of the book are available at the Mario E. Ramirez, M.D. Library at the HECBL. There are a limited number of books available and will be given on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, contact Monica Tovar at (956) 296-1500 or [monica.tovar@utrgv.edu](mailto:monica.tovar@utrgv.edu) or Elma Vega at (956) 296-1457 or [elma.vega@utrgv.edu](mailto:elma.vega@utrgv.edu).



**The Secret SOM Purple Sweet Potato Literary Society**

Invites you to join us as we discuss our first title  
*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*

Thursday  
June 27, 2019  
12:00 pm—1:00 pm  
Location: HCEBL Student Lounge 1.116

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**List of Resources for ebooks:**

- <https://archive.org/>
- The Libby App—Free app with Harlingen Public Library membership is available for Android, iOS (iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch) and Windows 10 devices.
- Amazon prime members can download the Audible app—(Audiobooks by Amazon)
- Overdrive app with your local library membership
- **Hardcopies available at HCEBL Ramirez Library to first come first serve (limited amount)**

## New Hires

### Weisman joins the SOM as professor of Psychiatry

Henry W. Jonathan Weisman, MD, joins the UTRGV School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso, where he served as attending psychiatrist and, previously, director of the psychiatry residency training program and director of consultation-liaison service at the University Medical Center of El Paso. He also served as medical director of the El Paso Psychiatric Center.

Dr. Weisman earned his medical degree from the University of Monterrey and completed his residency training in Psychiatry and served as chief resident at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York. He also is fellowship trained in Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry from the Metropolitan Hospital Center at New York Medical College.



Photo courtesy of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

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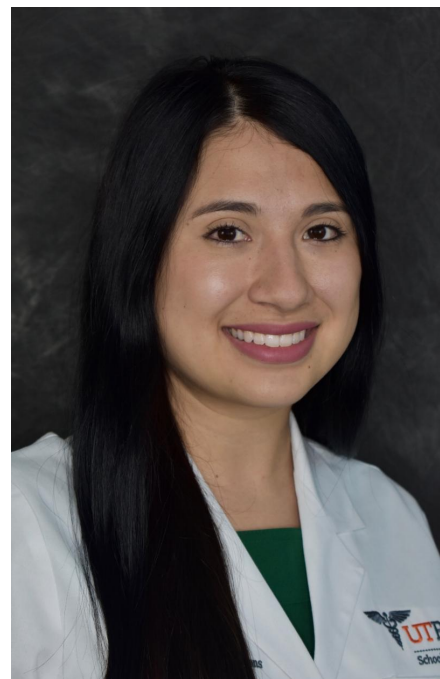
## In the Spotlight

### **Adriana Saavedra-Simmons, Class of 2022**

Adriana Saavedra-Simmons is a second-year medical student from Edinburg, Texas. She serves on the executive board of the UTRGV School of Medicine Student-Run Clinic, is a Student Ambassador, a student representative on the Association of American Medical Colleges' Organization of Student Representatives for the Class of 2022, community service chair of the Latino Medical Student Association and a member of the Minority Advancement in Medicine.

She is interested in hematology and will spend this summer conducting pediatric leukemia research at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital.

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## Giving

**Doctor, Retired Professor Support Students and Research**

## Division of Institutional Advancement

Drs. Subhash and Sarojini Bose are taking their community support and mentoring further by establishing their legacy at UTRGV by naming the UTRGV School of Medicine's Auditorium the Sarojini Bose, M.D., Ph.D. and Ashley Bose, M.D. Auditorium.



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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.

Great things are happening at the UTRGV School of Medicine. Learn more about the SOM Strategic Plan.

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