



# *The El Paso* Physician

## Newsletter

April 2018



Welcome the 2<sup>nd</sup> EPCMS newsletter.

### EPCMS Benefits and Services:

#### Advocacy

- Legislative policy development, lobbying on issues that affect your medical practice
- Mental health
- GME funding and slots
- And much much more

### Additional Initiatives

- Border Health Caucus/Conference
- Local Continuing Medical Education
- Student - run clinics overseen by physician members
- Physician leadership and coordination for many community boards
- Representation on the local health information exchange
- *El Paso Physician* television program monthly on PBS
- Quarterly scientific journal with student input, abstracts, and articles
- Membership Application "click on the link"  
<https://www.texmed.org/Membership/>

### TMA news

- New Texas DNR Law
- Keep your EHR safer with these guides
- What you need to know about the TEXAS MOC law
- Access to TMA Insurance Trust for long term disability

All available on the TMA website [www.texmed.org](http://www.texmed.org)

### Upcoming seminars:

- "Pills and Thrills that Kill"-TTUHSC 4 CME's 2 day seminar or one day if you choose, April 12 - 13, 2018, RSVP to <http://elpaso.ttuhsoc.edu/e-commerce/Conference/>
- Free HIPAA training for small providers 6/5/2018, 10:30-2:30 PM- EP Public Library, Sponsored by Dept. Of Health and Human Services, RSVP [Talmon.Hubbard@hhs.gov](mailto:Talmon.Hubbard@hhs.gov)
- Texas Medical Board CME Seminar 7/11/18 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., RSVP to [epmedsoc@aol.com](mailto:epmedsoc@aol.com) or [geisha.soto@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:geisha.soto@ttuhsc.edu)

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Please have the next TMA meeting in San Antonio on your calendar. Dates are May 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Hotel. The Lone Star Caucus and Border Health meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. CME opportunities are there including the Gastric Bypass-Nutrition Complications Symposium. I will be involved with this on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>. Speaking of your calendar please underline Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> which will be the Cocktail

Party- get together hosted by my wife, Mary Beth, and myself at our Residence - 6259 Franklin Hawk Ave, 79912 - from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. This is a chance to see old friends as well as meet new colleagues in practice in El Paso as well as those joining the Transmountain campus and Texas Tech University. Please enjoy some good cheer and fellowship. Recently the Rota Care / Texas Tech Free clinic was honored by our Social Worker, Evon Bradley receiving the El Paso Social worker award and our Medical team being recognized at the Rotary Gala on Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>. Speaking of the Free Clinic, I would greatly appreciate any physicians - both actively practicing or Retired who would like to volunteer for 3 hours on a Saturday morning to help underserved patients and introduce 1ST AND 2ND YEAR Texas Tech students to real patient settings - What a very fulfilling experience! Please contact me directly on my cell phone - 913-706-6746 - or the Montana Ave office -915-533-0940.

March was Colon Cancer awareness month and our TV show on Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> can be viewed through the web site [www.epcms.com](http://www.epcms.com).

Medical student graduation is Friday evening May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Plaza Theater and the White Coat ceremony for the Class of 2022 will be Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Please consider attending the next Society meeting this Tuesday at 5:30 pm and /or inform us about topics or issues you wish to be discussed in future meetings.

There have been 2 important new Leadership appointments at Texas Tech in the past week. Dr. Attilio Orazi will be the new Chair of the Department of Pathology starting in August. He is from the Weil Cornell Medical Center and Cornell University in New York and has expertise in Hematopathology.

The other appointment is Dr. Schuller as Chair of the Department of Medicine at Transmountain Campus. His background is in Pulmonary medicine and Critical Care and has a 20 year experience in Academic Medicine. His appointment is effective this month.

See you at my house for the Cocktail PARTY Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - 4 to 6:00pm.

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