



Editorial Comment

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Then sing, young hearts that are full of cheer, with never a thought of sorrow; the old goes out, but the glad young year comes merrily in tomorrow.

—Emily Miller (1833-1913; author, poet, educator)

Well, it is the end of the year again. How did we get here so fast? What did we achieve individually or as a Society this year? For what are we thankful? I think that a few things we can be proud of are local successes such as the El Paso Children’s Hospital, the implementation of the DocBook application, and the beginning of EHR reimbursements to local practices.

Through TMA, we have minimized Medicaid cuts, improved immunization requirements, improved the TMB disciplinary practice with reform measures and protected tort reform in Texas. I think we can be happy with those achievements even though we continue to fight on other fronts.

This issue is packed with news and information. We have two articles related to the anticoagulant dabigatran, two academic abstracts related to Ob/Gyn cases, two fascinating and educational pediatric quizzes and 1 excellent essay by a third year medical student at PLFSOM describing his mission trip last spring. Please sit back by a cozy fire with a cup of hot chocolate (or preferred warm beverage) and curl up with this issue of the El Paso Physician.

Happy New Year!! See you in 2012.

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CHOLUTECA MEDICAL MISSION HONORED

Dr. Andres Enriquez received the Option for the Poor Award from Bishop Armando X. Ochoa, during the El Paso Diocese Peace and Justice Ministry’s Option for the Poor Dinner at St. Raphael Parish, Sept. 29, 2011. The award was presented to the medical mission that brought assistance to residents of Choluteca, Honduras, early this year. Dr. Enriquez is joined by other members of the medical mission, Erica Alvarez, Monica Rettenmier, Norma Valdez and Dr. Jose Manuel de la Rosa in celebrating reception of this year’s award.

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