It has been a busy time for McGovern Medical School faculty and staff serving at LBJ Hospital. We have focused on patient care improvement through the initiation of the SafeDay LBJ patient safety program (LifeWings®) and our inaugural Quality CME Lecture series, survived rising waters and torrential rains, and congratulated over 60 physician faculty at LBJ Hospital for being recognized by the dean of McGovern Medical School for their teaching excellence.

LBJ Faculty and staff have also been participating in county-wide mass casualty drills so we remain at the ready in the Northeast part of our community.

We are privileged to provide care to our community regardless of socioeconomic status; we teach others to do the same.

Greetings from the LBJ campus
DR. NILESH S. TANNU
Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences

Nilesh S. Tannu, M.D. is a board-certified psychiatrist with an interest in addiction psychiatry. Dr. Tannu currently is a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth). His outpatient practice and his practice at LBJ Hospital offer care for general psychiatry as well as dually diagnosed patients with substance abuse disordered (addiction).

His research interests include understanding the neurobiological mechanisms of cocaine pharmacotherapy that are currently being proposed, and at the same time develop the bio signatures reflective of subset of patients ranging from dependence to treatment outcomes during treatment. Some of his past studies have utilized targeted proteomic approaches to determine changes in protein networks and biochemical cascades as a function of drug history and putative treatment strategies. [https://med.uth.edu/psychiatry/faculty/nilesh-s-tannu/](https://med.uth.edu/psychiatry/faculty/nilesh-s-tannu/)

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW

UTHealth Designated Huntington’s Disease Center of Excellence by National Organization

The comprehensive Huntington’s disease program at McGovern Medical School, part of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth), has been named one of the HDSA Centers of Excellence for 2016 by the Huntington’s Disease Society of America.

The new HDSA Center of Excellence at UTHealth/UT MOVE is one of just 39 across the country and the only one in Texas to receive the prestigious designation. UT MOVE is the UTHealth Movement Disorders & Neurodegenerative Diseases Program in the Department of Neurology.

We are proud to recognize the excellence in HD care made possible by Dr. Erin Furr Stimming and the team at UTHealth.

Story by Deborah Mann Lake
We are Leaders in Quality

“Quality is an inseparable component of clinical care”

Physicians from McGovern Medical School at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) gathered at Harris Health System Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ) Hospital to listen to presenter Dr. Lillian Kao, professor of surgery at McGovern Medical School at UTHealth and vice chief of surgery at LBJ Hospital, explain how and why to engage in quality improvement.

The Quality Continuing Medical Education series, jointly presented by Harris Health System and UTHealth, is a planned quarterly lecture series that focuses on innovative ways to continuously improve the quality of care for patients. “Quality is an inseparable component of clinical care,” Kao said. “This CME lecture series will be extremely useful for providing tools and resources to physicians who are motivated to improve quality but perhaps do not know where to start.”

“Dr. Kao was absolutely the best choice for the inaugural lecture,” said Dr. Omonele Nwokolo, assistant professor at McGovern Medical School at UTHealth and assistant chief of anesthesia at LBJ Hospital. “She has a proven track record in quality improvement training and execution. She is well published and recognized in this area and is gifted in the ability to impart this knowledge to an audience.”

The initiative to bring quality focused continuing medical education to LBJ Hospital has been championed by both the Harris Health and UTHealth leadership. Dr. Carmel Dyer, associate dean for Harris Health Systems for UTHealth and LBJ Hospital chief of staff; Dr. Peter Doyle, assistant dean of Harris Health Programs for UTHealth and chief of Anesthesiology at LBJ Hospital; and Dr. Alan Vierling, senior vice president and administrator for LBJ Hospital, were in attendance to kick off the inaugural lecture.

“What we’ve discovered, especially here at Harris [Health] with UTHealth support, is that the physicians are incredibly helpful in driving the quality mindset,” Dr. Vierling said during his opening comments.

The lecture was simultaneously streamed at McGovern Medical School. The lecture can be viewed in its entirety here.

Story and photos by Philip J Boedeker
“All around situational awareness, all around shared decision making, and being truly patient-centric”

Creating an expert team from a great group of experts is the goal of LifeWings® Partners, an organization brought on board to help Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) Hospital improve patient care quality.

More than 70 physicians from McGovern Medical School at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) perioperative team located at Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) Hospital met recently to hear how LifeWings® Partners LLC Patient Safety system was implemented at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

Susan Moffatt-Bruce, MD, PhD, cardiothoracic surgeon and chief quality and patient safety officer at the Ohio State University Medical Center, explained the process that the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center went through to implement crew resource management, beginning with perioperative services and systematically spreading throughout the entire hospital system. Moffatt-Bruce emphasized the importance of debriefing in order to assess how to improve for the next patient. “Patients are becoming more and more complex,” she said, “and the challenges continue to evolve.”

SafeDay LBJ, the local implementation of LifeWings®, is a collaborative effort between the Harris Health System and UTHealth to continuously improve the quality of patient care at LBJ Hospital. The training will begin with the perioperative team and will include physicians, nurses, technicians and every member of the team that has a hand in patient care.

The point of the program is to “create an expert team from your already great group of experts,” said Steve “Monty” Montague, executive vice president of LifeWings®. “It’s part of how we go about our business.” Montague continued. “It is not about personalities. It’s whether or not we can effectively work together. Do we have operating principles that we can fall into that make us more effective?” He went on to express that it is a change in the culture based on the behavior of the professionals that make up the team.

Dr. Tien Ko, chief of surgery at LBJ Hospital and vice chief of staff for UTHealth Affiliated Harris Health programs, closed the meeting by stressing the importance of SafeDay LBJ. “How do we get from 95% to 100%?” he challenged. “Even one incident is too much.”

Dr. Carmel Dyer, chief of staff at LBJ Hospital, gives opening remarks to begin the Physician 2 Physician brief.

Mr. Steve “Monty” Montague explains the LifeWings® implementation process.

Mr. Steve “Monty” Montague and Dr. Tien Ko discuss the implementation of SafeDay LBJ throughout the entire Perioperative Team.

Over 70 physicians came to hear Mr. Montague and Dr. Moffett-Bruce speak on Crew Resource Management.

Dr. Susan Moffett-Bruce explains the Crew Resource Management principles implemented at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

Story and photos by Philip J Boedeker
Residents and students with McGovern Medical School at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) “brainstorm” under the tutelage of Dr. Gabriel Aisenberg, assistant professor of general internal medicine at McGovern Medical School at UTHealth and director of general internal medicine at LBJ Hospital, on May 17, 2016 as part of an initiative at Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital to encourage scholarly studies and research. Photos by Philip J Boedeker

Daniel J Freet MD | Benjy F. Brooks, MD Outstanding Clinical Faculty Award
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Rukma Govindu, MD | John P McGovern Outstanding Teacher Award
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On behalf of the McGovern Medical School faculty, residents and staff located at LBJ Hospital, we extend our condolences to the family and friends of E. Dale Wortham.

Mr. Wortham was dedicated to this community. He tirelessly served in numerous positions with the focus on improving the lives of those around him.

Mr. Wortham served on the Harris County Board of Managers (Harris Health System) since 1998. He had an immense impact during his twenty years of service to the Harris Health System. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union #716 since November 1979. Mr. Wortham also served as President of the Harris County Labor Assembly for over twenty years and Vice-President of the Texas American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO). He also served on the Board of the Greater Houston American Red Cross.

Our Condolences

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Other Suggestions: We’re Better Together

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