

THRI Mission

Texas Health Research Institute, in conjunction with other members of Texas Health Resources, their affiliated physicians, and other organizations will conduct medical research, offer educational programs, and undertake development projects that contribute to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease.

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New Neurosciences Initiative

Texas Health Research Institute continues to expand its service area throughout the Texas Health Resources system. Recently, THRI assumed responsibility for the research and education components of the neuroscience program at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas.

"We are very excited about the potential for increasing research efforts at PHD, as well as for the development of a system-wide approach to education and research in neuroscience," says Dr. Tom Franklin, president of THRI. "

Information & Referral Center

An integral part of the neuroscience program is the Information & Referral (I & R) center that is sponsored by the American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA). APDA sponsors fifty-one I & R centers in key medical and research centers around the country, including this one at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas. The North-east Texas Chapter, one of 90 such chapters located throughout the US, is located in Dallas and works closely with the local I & R center to provide services to patients and caregivers throughout North Texas. These services

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What's New

include free physical therapy programs, support groups, symposia, newsletters and other publications designed to provide patients and caregivers with vital information to help them improve their quality of life.

The APDA I & R Center at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas provides counseling and assistance to 37 state-wide support groups, offering literature on Parkinson's disease to approximately 1,500 individuals per year, publishing a quarterly newsletter and hosting approximately 15 education programs per year. Additionally, the I & R Center provides a referral service that serves over 200 patients a year and a 24-hour message center to assist patients, caregivers and physicians with inquiries concerning Parkinson's disease.

On December 5, THRI and the local chapter of the APDA hosted the 10th anniversary celebration of the Dallas I & R center with a holiday luncheon and special dedication of the opening of the Anne C. Slicker Early Detection Center for Parkinson's disease.

Greer Garson Gala

Several THRI staff have been invited to participate on either the advisory council or as committee members for the Greer Garson Gala, an annual special event whose proceeds provide support for the neuroscience program at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas as well as the local APDA chapter. Plans for the upcoming

April 20, 2002 event, to be held at the Fairmont Hotel, are underway. Ms. Bette Perot and Mrs. & Mrs. H. Ross Perot will serve as honorary chairs, while Bill and Phyllis Slicker and Joanne Slicker Mulcahy are serving as co-chairs for the event. More than \$1 million has been raised since the first gala, which was held in 1991 and was attended by Ms. Garson.

For ticket information, please contact that Gala office at (972) 981-3793.



The 2002 Gala has been branded "Greer Garson Goes Country."



Mary Wylie, the Gala's executive director, Bill and Phyllis Slicker, 2002 Greer Garson Gala chairpersons, and Nancy Hamon, member of the 2002 advisory council.

Robert W. Sewell, MD

Dr. Robert Sewell recently received the PIMIT Distinguished Faculty Award for 2001. Dr. Sewell was recognized for his contributions as a member of the PIMIT Advisory Council and his outstanding accomplishments as a course chair in 2001. Dr. Sewell chaired eleven courses, and initiated the PIMIT's remote course schedule by chairing a course in Miami, Florida.



Dr. Robert Sewell receives the 2001 PIMIT Distinguished Faculty Award from Thomas D. Franklin, Jr., PhD, president of Texas Health Research Institute.

Education Events

Course Schedule

Presbyterian Institute for Minimally Invasive Technology (PIMIT)

First Trimester Obstetrical Ultrasound and Prenatal Screening: Nuchal Translucency (NT) Certification: January 31, 2002, HOUSTON, TEXAS, Katherine Thompson, MD, Course Chair

First Trimester Obstetrical Ultrasound and Prenatal Screening: Nuchal Translucency (NT) Certification: February 2, 2002, DENVER, COLORADO, Katherine Thompson, MD, Course Chair

First Winter Forum on Voiding Dysfunction: February 15-16, 2002; Steamboat Springs, Colorado, Brian Feagins, MD, Course Chair

Introduction to Laparoscopic Ultrasound Imaging and Radio-frequency Thermal Ablation of Liver Tumors: March 1, 2002; Robert Sewell, MD, Course Chair

Introduction to Laparoscopic Ultrasound Imaging and Radio-frequency Thermal Ablation of Liver Tumors: March 2, 2002; Robert Sewell, MD, Course Chair

Introduction to Laparoscopic Ultrasound Imaging and Radio-frequency Thermal Ablation of Liver Tumors: March 22, 2002; Robert Sewell, MD, Course Chair (MIAMI, FL)

Laparoscopic Skills & Suturing Techniques: April 6, 2002; Robert Sewell, MD, Course Chair

Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy & Common Bile Duct Exploration Strategies: April 20, 2002; Ronald Aronoff, MD, Course Chair

Dynamic Spine Stabilization: October 11-12, 2002; Barton Sachs, MD, Course Chair

**Call 214/345-5383 or 800/279-8657 for additional information
or visit our website: www.pimit.org for complete 2002 course schedule**

Hospital-Based One-Time Conferences and Symposia

5th Annual Stroke Management Workshop: January 19, 2002; HMFV Robb Rutledge Education Center Armstrong Auditorium; Susan Blue, MD, Course Chair

Primary Care Update XXXIII - Diabetes Mellitus: The Epidemic Continues: February 2, 2002; Fogelson Forum Auditorium; Paul Solomon, MD and Angelique Ramirez, MD, Course Chairs

Hypertension in Diabetics: February 4, 2002; Cacharel; Jesus Ramirez, MD Course Chair

Radiosurgery: Clinical Applications & Updates: February 9, 2002; HMFV Robb Rutledge Education Center Armstrong Auditorium; James F. Wilder, Jr., MD, Course Chair

Eating Disorders Diagnosis and Treatment: February 22, 2002; PHD Fogelson Forum; Urzula Kelly, MD, Course Chair

24th Annual Dallas Spring Ophthalmology Symposium: March 8, 2002; PHD Fogelson Forum; Ronald Fellman, MD, Walter Beebe MD and Rajiv Anand, MD, Course Chairs

Frank Kidd Lectureship: March, 2002; Fogelson Forum Auditorium

Stroke Management Symposium: March 22-23, 2002; PHD Meadows Lab; Michael Vangrow, MD, Course Chair

15th Texas Orthopaedic Pathology Workshop: April 10-14, 2002; PHD Meadows Lab; Gerhard Maale, MD, Course Chair

Primary Care Update XXXIV: May 4, 2002; PHD Fogelson Forum; Paul Solomon, MD and Tony Das, MD, Course Chairs

**For additional information please contact
THR's Continuing Medical Education program
office at 214/345-2323.**

**Get a complete schedule of events at
www.thri.org**

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Communities Foundation of Texas Award Goes to PIMIT

It is with great pleasure that Texas Health Research Institute announces the recent award of a grant in the amount of \$94,783 by the The K.K. Meisenbach Fund of Communities Foundation of Texas. This grant has been awarded for a special program at the PIMIT (Presbyterian Institute for Minimally Invasive Technology), enabling the purchase of instruments and other equipment specifically for use in training surgeons in the area of minimally invasive cardiothoracic procedures.

"It is the goal of the PIMIT to provide the most advanced training available to surgeons as they develop their skills set and gain experience in emerging medical technologies," says Dr. Tom Franklin, president of THRI. "This gift from Communities Foundation of Texas will enable us to reach yet another group of practicing physicians by enhancing our cardiothoracic

equipment and instrumentation."

In June, the PIMIT hosted, in concert with the Cleveland Clinic, a two-day workshop on the off-pump

coronary artery bypass procedure (OP-CAB). This workshop was attended by twenty-four specially-selected cardiothoracic surgeons from across the nation to deliver instruction on this new procedure. The course included several live telesurgical demonstrations, lectures from top nationally-renowned faculty, and hands-on experience in the laboratory.



Participants in the OP-CAB training course at the PIMIT in the skills lab.

THR Activities

The Texas Health Research Institute is a member organization of the Texas Health Resources. Texas Health-related news will be reported here each quarter:

THR Gets a Tour of the PIMIT

During the November 6 System Communication Meeting, Dr. Tom Franklin, THRI president, gave THR staff a tour of the PIMIT. His presentation was videoconferenced to all THR entities so that everyone could learn about one of the system's "best kept secrets." For more information, log on to www.pimit.org.

THRI Hospital-Based CME

- As of October 31, 703 continuing medical education activities have been offered by Texas Health Research Institute, providing over 1,400 hours of CME and serving nearly 23,000 physicians.
- Beginning in March, 2002, THR physicians will receive a comprehensive listing of CME events each month in the *Physician Connection*, THR's physician newsletter. It is also available via the following websites: www.thri.org, www.pimit.org, *Caregate*, or *THR Connection*.
- THRI's CME staff is meeting with staff and physicians of each THR hospital to discuss improvements in the delivery of quality CME to meet their specific needs. So far, the team has visited Walls, Erath County, Kaufman and Plano.

Research Office Activities

THRI is currently helping THR investigators coordinate 107 clinical trials. THRI has research staff located at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, Presbyterian Hospital of Plano and Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital. Physicians on the staff of a Texas Health Resources hospital interested in participating in clinical research trials may contact Dr. Jeanette Ahrens at (972) 981-3746 for additional information.

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