Texas Health: Research Collaboration Drives Innovation

We are living in interesting times – consumers expect more, resources are stretched and the winds of change are constantly blowing.

By all accounts, the perfect storm in health care is about to land. As reform legislation evolves and the economy has everyone tightening purse strings and rethinking spending, change has become a constant. But instead of being blown off course, Texas Health is embracing these changes as we continue to execute our 10-Year Strategic Focus – a journey we call “climbing Transformation Mountain.” We are fulfilling our commitment to transform health care in North Texas.

Texas Health believes that collaboration will be the key to transforming the delivery of health care in our region. Truly effective health care reform must be collaborative, starting with people in the community engaging with one another in discussions and sharing ideas. All of the stakeholders in health care delivery must be willing to come together to find workable solutions.

Texas Health Research & Education Institute believes strongly in the power of collaboration. And we are putting it into action. Through Texas Health Research & Education, Texas Health’s research scope continues to expand, reaching out to more physicians and building partnerships with academic institutions and incubator organizations.

We are seeing the results of effective collaboration through powerful, innovative initiatives such as the Medical Technologies Consortium.

To encourage research in North Texas, the consortium was formed last year by UT Arlington, UT Dallas, Texas Instruments, and Texas Health Research & Education.

Working for months behind the scenes to make this collaboration a reality were Marsha Brown, Texas Health Research & Education’s director of research development, and Ron Isaacson, Ph.D., director of grants and contracts. They worked tirelessly to achieve this unprecedented collaboration between the academic, technology and health care worlds in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

And the collaboration is bearing fruit. The research partnership recently awarded seven grants to Dallas-Fort Worth area researchers for development of medical technologies in critical health care areas.

We all know someone who has benefited from innovation in medical technology. Effective procedures such as angioplasty and joint replacements were developed by researchers who had an idea and ran with it. The consortium grant provides the “seed money” to get ideas off the
STREAMING OFFERS FLEXIBILITY FOR BUSY PHYSICIANS

Grand Rounds at Texas Health Dallas Goes Live

Medical grand rounds is a tradition in medicine dating back to the 1800s where actual patients were once wheeled into the lecture hall and discussed among the physicians and attending residents. Over the decades grand rounds have shifted to multimedia presentations given by visiting professors, while still offering opportunities for important continued medical education as well as social networking.

Wednesday Internal Medicine Grand Rounds at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas have gone high-tech with live streaming. Live streaming was initiated in February of this year. With packed patient schedules, live streaming enables physicians and other health care professionals to stay connected and up-to-date on important information.

Promoting active learning
“We have also added the audience response system (ARS) – the computerized handheld keypads used to poll the audience similar to what’s seen on popular television game and reality shows,” said Carrie Cantrell, Texas Health Research & Education director of preclinical research and training.

“This is another way to promote active learning and audience engagement. It also is a good tool to gather data, including anonymous surveys within Texas Health. Our physicians are very sophisticated with their technology and we strive to provide technology that will save them time and help them be more efficient.”

ARS is used in other continuing education programs. ARS use requires pre-planning and software adjustments. Requests for ARS need to be made in advance.

For more information, contact Carrie Cantrell, 214-345-5383 or CarrieCantrell@TexasHealth.org.

Research Collaboration, cont.

You can read more about this and other exciting and transforming examples of collaboration in this issue of Perspectives. You will also see the latest examples of life-saving programs and services taking place at our hospitals, made possible by the generosity of our community.

“These pilot programs have the potential to improve health care quality and patient safety, not just for North Texas, but around the world.”

While the winds of change keep blowing, our footing is solid. We look forward to advancing health through research and education in 2010 through collaboration and new partnerships.
If physicians are learning as they work together on a Texas Health Resources clinical information project, why shouldn’t they get continuing medical education (CME) credit?

This simple but effective concept won the Alliance for Continuing Medical Education’s Great Idea Award for Texas Health Research & Education Institute. Marilyn Peterson, M.A., CCMEP, Texas Health Research & Education's CME director, accepted the award on behalf of her team at the Alliance’s Annual Conference in New Orleans on January 27.

The award recognizes an initiative to provide CME credit for physicians who serve on committees that develop order sets for Texas Health’s electronic health record (EHR) implementation. By 2012 all of Texas Health’s 14 facilities will be using the EHR, which is a computer-based family of systems for collecting, organizing, sharing, and managing clinical and administrative patient information. The ultimate goal is improved quality of care and patient safety.

“The Alliance, an international organization for CME professionals, presents the award for innovative contributions related to the field of CME and specific to a member type such as hospitals and health systems. The award recognizes a best practice, great idea or program that promotes sharing in learning.

“It’s a tribute to Texas Health’s spirit of innovation in CME and information technology to receive this prestigious recognition,” said Ferdinand T. Velasco, M.D., chief medical information officer at Texas Health Resources. “The order set CME program helps not only physicians, but also the millions of North Texans who are benefitting from Texas Health’s EHR implementation.”

The EHR uses order sets – groups of medical protocols to help the physician manage a disease state or for a procedure – to reflect the latest evidence-based medicine findings and help support work flow between primary care physicians, specialists and the hospital to achieve optimum patient care. Committee members across the system meet virtually via a Web conferencing tool to discuss order sets for a given procedure that will ultimately be loaded into the EHR.

Physicians serving on the committees play a key role in reviewing the evidence-based medicine literature and determining how the protocols should be applied. The Texas Health Research & Education initiative enables the physicians to receive CME credit for the committee learning they do in helping prepare the EHR protocols.

“This award recognizes how our CME program is integrated into the process for improving professional practice,” said Peterson. “As a CME provider, it’s gratifying to collaborate with physicians, IT professionals and other stakeholders to support quality improvement throughout Texas Health.”

Team members in addition to Peterson and Velasco include Sandra Pinkerton, Ph.D., CCMEP, director of curriculum development and distance learning, and Jessica Johnson, CME program specialist, both with Texas Health Research & Education; and Luis Saldaña, M.D., M.B.A., FACEP, medical director, and Cheryl Skinner, R.N., P.M.P., M.B.A., B.S.N., manager, both with Clinical Decision Support, Innovative Technology Solutions, Texas Health Resources.
Innovation has always been considered a major driver of the economy, especially when it leads to new product categories or increasing productivity. Innovation is especially critical in health care.

A nationally recognized health care system must keep innovation on the front burner and strongly emphasize research. This means being able to compete for top-level federal research grants from agencies such as the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

Texas Health Resources recently took a major step toward this goal through the creation of the Medical Technologies Consortium. The consortium was founded in September 2009 as a collaborative research partnership between The University of Texas at Arlington, The University of Texas at Dallas, Texas Instruments and Texas Health Research & Education Institute.

“This is a win-win consortium that will allow the participating institutions to leverage private gifts for the enhancement of research productivity and development. Ultimately, patients in North Texas will win because they will have access to advanced medical research and technology more quickly,” said Marsha Brown, Texas Health Research & Education Institute’s director of research development. “It’s an exciting endeavor because we have the potential to have an impact around the world.”

With a vision for the future, the Medical Technologies Consortium in January awarded seven grants to Dallas-Fort Worth area researchers for development of medical technologies in critical health care areas. The seven awards total $750,000.

The research focus will be in the areas of cardiovascular, breast and prostate cancer, falls reduction, pressure ulcer prevention, obstructive sleep apnea and children’s cerebral palsy. Pilot programs will be developed by the consortium’s team of academic, industry and health care researchers. Research projects will be aimed at attracting sustained funding from external sources, such as the top-tier federal agencies as well as state and private groups. Each of the projects will be overseen by physicians affiliated with Texas Health hospitals to guide relevance to health care needs.

“We look forward to working with these talented teams on innovative projects that will advance health care quality and patient safety,” added Michael J. Deegan, M.D., E.D.M., executive vice president and chief clinical and quality officer for Texas Health Resources.

“UT Arlington is privileged to be a partner in this consortium with Texas Health, Texas Instruments and UT Dallas,” said Ron Eisenbaumer, Ph.D., UT Arlington’s vice president for research and federal relations. “We firmly believe that this caliber of high-profile collaboration is essential for tackling the real-world medical issues of our time.”

- Ron Eisenbaumer, Ph.D.
  UT Arlington

Texas Instruments executives emphasized the collaborative nature of the research program between engineering universities and medical centers.

“The Medical Technologies Consortium and these initial projects show great promise for creating useful implementations of bio-medical electronics for improved medical care,” said Allen Bowling, Manager of Research and Consortia, TI Analog Technology Development.

To learn more about the Medical Technologies Consortium contact Marsha Brown, 682-236-6750 or MarshaBrown@TexasHealth.org.
Winning proposals and team members:

**Nanoporous Membrane Based Blood Oxygenator and Monitoring Device**

**Cardiovascular**
- **Brian Dennis**, Ph.D., UT Arlington
  (lead principal investigator)
- **Zeynep Çelik-Butler**, Ph.D., UT Arlington
- **Digant Davé**, Ph.D., UT Arlington
- **Richard Billo**, Ph.D., UT Arlington
- **Dinesh Bhatia**, Ph.D., UT Dallas
- **Gary Weinstein**, M.D., medical staff of Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas
- **Teresa Turbeville**, Texas Health Research & Education Institute
- **David Fosdick**, M.D., medical staff of Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas
- **Thomas Russell**, M.D., medical staff of Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas

**Smart Bed Design for Pressure Ulcer Prevention**

**Pressure Ulcer Prevention**
- **Mehrdad Nourani**, Ph.D., UT Dallas
  (lead principal investigator)
- **Alan Bowling**, Ph.D., UT Arlington
- **Susann Land**, M.D., chief quality officer, Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital
  Hurst-Euless-Bedford
- **Deborah Behan**, Ph.D. (c), nurse researcher,
  Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital
  Hurst-Euless-Bedford

**Haptic Guidance for Breast Biopsy System**

**Oncology**
- **Venkat Devarajan**, Ph.D., UT Arlington
  (lead principal investigator)
- **B. Prabhakaran**, Ph.D., UT Dallas
- **Katherine Hall**, M.D., medical staff of Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas

**WAfMS: Wireless Automated Inpatient Monitoring Systems**

**Falls Reduction and Patient Safety**
- **Roozbeh Jafari**, Ph.D., UT Dallas
  (lead principal investigator)
- **Christopher Ray**, Ph.D., UT Arlington
- **Michael Motes**, Ph.D., UT Dallas
- **David Keller**, Ph.D., UT Arlington
- **John Hart**, M.D., UT Dallas

**A Breakthrough Probe Technology for Translating Near-Infrared Brain Imaging into a Routine Clinical Tool for Assessing Motor Deficits in Children with Cerebral Palsy Women, Infants and Children**
- **Georgios Alexandrakis**, Ph.D., UT Arlington
  (lead principal investigator)
- **Duncan MacFarlane**, Ph.D., UT Dallas
- **Mauricio Delgado-Ayala**, M.D., Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children
- **Fillia Makedon**, Ph.D., UT Arlington
- **Hanli Liu**, Ph.D., UT Arlington

**Microfluidic Assays Embedded with Silicon Nanowire Sensors for Assessment and Prognosis of Prostate Cancer Metastasis**

**Oncology**
- **Jung-Chih Chiao**, Ph.D., UT Arlington
  (lead principal investigator)
- **Walter Hu**, Ph.D., UT Dallas
- **Sanjay Awasthi**, M.D., medical staff of Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital
- **Jinming Gao**, Ph.D., UT Dallas

**Wireless Home-based Sleep Apnea Detection and Sleep Quality Monitoring**

**Obstructive Sleep Apnea**
- **Hlaing Minn**, Ph.D., UT Dallas
  (lead principal investigator)
- **Lakshman Tamil**, Ph.D., UT Dallas
- **Larry Ammann**, Ph.D., UT Dallas
- **William Brock**, M.D., chief quality officer,
  Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano
- **Ishfaq Ahmad**, Ph.D., UT Arlington
- **Vassilis Athitsos**, Ph.D., UT Arlington

*Doctors on the medical staff practice independently and are not employees or agents of the hospital.*
If women in North Texas can’t go to hospitals and clinics for breast cancer screenings and follow-up, take the potentially life-saving diagnostics and treatments to them. That’s the concept behind the Breast Screening & Patient Navigation (BSPAN) program operated successfully in Tarrant County for more than two years by UT Southwestern’s Moncrief Cancer Institute and Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth.

The innovative program recently received nearly $1 million in funding from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. Texas Health Research & Education Institute will work with UT Southwestern, Moncrief Cancer Institute and Texas Health Fort Worth’s cancer program to expand BSPAN into Denton, Hood, Johnson, Parker and Wise Counties. The funding will help enable the program to reach uninsured and underinsured women in one of two regions in the state with the highest age-adjusted rates for female breast cancer.

The program provides comprehensive mammography and follow-up services using mobile health units. Outreach coordinators work with community and business leaders to offer culturally appropriate educational services. Patient navigators aid access to screening and diagnostic services. Texas Health Fort Worth and Moncrief Cancer Institute will collect data from the screenings that will help identify trends in diagnosis and treatment. The hospital will implement the research with support from Texas Health Research & Education.

“Working with UT Southwestern, Moncrief Cancer Institute and Texas Health Fort Worth, we are honored to help women receive screenings and treatment that may save their lives,” said George Pearson, acting president of Texas Health Research & Education. “This is a great example of the role of research in being a provider and coordinator of care.”
HELPs PROVIDERS PLAN THEIR NEXT MOVES IN THE CRITICAL BATTLE AGAINST RESISTANT BACTERIA

National CME Program Now Available Online

Philip Barie, M.D. (left), and Edward Goodman, M.D., participate in “A Call to Action,” a national continuing medical education program. Dr. Barie is professor of surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College and an attending surgeon at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. Dr. Goodman is medical director of infection control at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas.

Texas Health Research & Education Institute’s “A Call to Action: Advancing Appropriate Antimicrobial Use and Infection Prevention through Partnership and Shared Knowledge,” a national six-part educational program, is now available online at www.texashealth.org/calltoaction.

“Because it affects all of us, health care providers should take advantage of this convenient means to gather the latest information from experts on this global problem of bacteria resistance,” said Marilyn Peterson, M.A., CCMEP, Texas Health Research & Education’s CME director. “Nearly 2 million patients annually in the United States acquire an infection in the hospital, with about 90,000 of those patients dying as a result.”

“A Call to Action” originally aired via webcasts Nov. 3, 2009 – Feb. 4, 2010. The programs are archived and available as enduring materials for a one-year period. Through health care education company CRM Healthcare, Texas Health Research & Education offers a variety of learning technologies to match providers’ preferred learning styles. Instructional media-rich delivery methods include webcasts, podcasts and DVDs.

Slowing the spread of superbugs

Hospitals nationwide are increasingly dealing with bacteria that have developed a resistance to antibiotics, resulting in hospital-acquired infections in patients. Superbugs - like hazardous shape-changing objects from a science fiction horror movie – continually alter their structure, leaving antibiotics powerless. As one superbug seems to fade, another one appears on the scene. Two of the most well known and deadly superbugs are Clostridium difficile (C. difficile) and Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA). Today MRSA is almost a household name. From high school locker rooms to hospital halls, superbugs present countless problems.

“Antibiotic-resistant bacteria and resulting infection are serious challenges for the health care system, and that’s why we hosted a national discussion on strategies to help curb further bacterial resistance,” said Linda Gerbig, R.N., M.S.P.H., vice president of performance improvement for Texas Health Resources. “We want to start a dialogue that leads to real and rapid change in clinical behavior.”

The series examined patterns of susceptibility and resistance to antibiotics among existing and new bacteria, explored current control of antimicrobial resistance in the hospital, and examined considerations for antimicrobial programs. The programs, which feature nationally renowned experts in the field, are intended for physicians, nurses, pharmacists, microbiologists, respiratory therapists and other health care professionals who treat infectious disease.

“Resistant bacteria, or ‘superbugs,’ are growing rapidly at the community level — in fact, about 70 percent of the bacteria that cause infections in hospitals are now resistant to at least one of the drugs most commonly used for treatment,” said Edward L. Goodman, M.D., medical director of infection control at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas. “This means all clinicians must play a role in dealing with this complex issue. This education series will help providers plan their next moves in the critical battle against resistant bacteria.”

To learn more about this CME or others, go to www.texashealth.org/cme.

More Continuing Medical Education in April

32nd Annual Dallas Spring Ophthalmology Symposium, Friday, April 23, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas, Fogelson Forum Auditorium.

This one-day symposium is designed especially for ophthalmologists, technicians, nurses and allied health professionals. Symposium directors include: Rajiv Anad, M.D., Texas Retina Associates; Walter E. Beebe, M.D., Cornea Associates of Texas; and Ronald L. Fellman, M.D., Glaucoma Associates of Texas. www.texashealth.org/cme.

Cancer Management Symposium: Advances in Diagnosis, Treatment and Survivorship of Colorectal Cancer, Saturday, April 24, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas, Fogelson Forum Auditorium.

This half-day cancer management symposium agenda has been designed to educate both colorectal cancer specialists and generalists who encounter colorectal cancer patients in their practices. Symposium directors include: Jefferson B. Hurley, M.D., Texas Colon & Rectal Specialists; and Scott A. Stone, M.D., Hematology and Medical Oncology, PA. www.texashealth.org/cme.

For all upcoming CME events go to www.texashealth.org/cme.
The casual, yet sophisticated style of the new Omni Fort Worth Hotel epitomizes the feel of Fort Worth itself. Standing adjacent to the expanded Fort Worth Convention Center, downtown district and cultural centers, the Omni Fort Worth Hotel served as a grand host to the 14th Leadership Council dinner on October 29, 2009.

Leadership Council members and guests have come to expect an evening of entertainment, relaxation, education and purpose – and this particular evening did not disappoint.

“We cannot thank you enough for being informed and dedicated advocates,” said Jay Bruner, senior regional director of development, Texas Health Presbyterian Foundation, during his opening remarks. “Our Leadership Council members, many who have been with us since the beginning and now include 80 business leaders and influence makers, help us exceed programmatic objectives.”

Addressing a lively full house, Stephen Hanson, Texas Health senior executive vice president of system alignment and performance, provided a view from the top with an update on the 10-year strategic plan. He reminded attendees that Texas Health is the largest health care provider in Texas and that DFW is the fourth largest metropolitan area in the United States, just behind Chicago, Los Angeles and New York City.

“We serve one out of every four patients in North Texas,” said Hanson. “While Texas has the highest uninsured rate in the country at 25 percent, did you know that 36 percent of the people in the Metroplex are uninsured? As the country continues to grapple with health care reform, Texas Health remains committed to finding ways to cover the uninsured and make sure providers are also paid fairly, especially physicians. We will continue to stay focused on medical education programs and more applied and clinical research.”

Without research, medicine does not advance. The benefits of medical research were magnified through the work of keynote speaker Joseph Berman, M.D. An accomplished orthopedic surgeon and former expert contributor to the Fort Worth Star Telegram on sports medicine and orthopedics, Dr. Berman specializes in knees and articular cartilage surgery and practices in Arlington. His practice is instrumental in promoting joint health, offering patients treatment options that may or may not require knee joint replacement.

**From bad joints to new knees**

A modern-day renaissance man, Dr. Berman also holds a first degree black belt from the World Taekwondo Federation. He is a former semi-professional opera singer, having performed with Bob Hope, Petula Clark, The Fifth Dimension, Al Hirt, Pete Fountain, Bob Newhart, Tony Bennett, and for President Richard Nixon, as well as for several governors of the state of Indiana.

Although Dr. Berman no longer sings for his supper, today he has patients singing his praises. A leader in the field of joint restoration and preservation, Dr. Berman was one of the first surgeons in North Texas to perform the autologous chondrocyte implantation (ACI) Carticel procedure, offering an option to knee replacement.

With patients running the gamut from a 15-year-old female to a 42-year-old school teacher to a 36-year-old world-class professional boxer who won an international title following his ACI surgery, ACI is proving to be a winning option with long-term results.

While the perception of a person with knee joint problems is someone more advanced in age, Dr. Berman sees many young athletic patients in the prime of their lives – including teenagers.

“If we can preserve the joint and preserve the knee, it’s a social positive; no repetitive operations, decreased long-term time off work and school, and increased productivity. ACI lets you repair and restore joint surface and decrease joint replacement,” said Dr. Berman.
According to Dr. Berman, each year more than 5 million Americans injure their knees and more than 2 million require a physician to evaluate cartilage damage. Whatever the cause the result is the same – pain and swelling that makes it difficult or impossible for you to lead the active lifestyle you enjoy.

Some of these injuries are treatable by simple conservative means, but in many cases they require surgery to appropriately evaluate and treat either meniscal or articular cartilage damage. Dr. Berman compares damage or holes in the cartilage to a city street pothole. Over time, they continue to deteriorate and cause more damage. These injuries, if left untreated, can lead to chronic joint changes and may eventually lead to knee replacement.

“Strategies are being developed to treat knee injuries earlier and aggressively,” continued Dr. Berman. “Can a surgeon influence and help avoid the inevitable? We are looking at joint preservation versus joint replacement. There are new treatment options, many of them available only in the last few years. This gives the patient the best chance of avoiding disabling knee problems in the future.”

Welcome to the future

With more than 20 years of solid research to back it up, ACI continues to break new ground. ACI was developed by a post-graduate Harvard researcher, Lars Peterson, M.D., who performed the first human, cultured chondrocyte implantation in Sweden in 1987. The implantation procedure was brought to the United States in 1993 and was FDA approved in 1995. Dr. Berman performed the first ACI in the DFW area in 1998.

“Because there is no blood supply to the articular cartilage, it can’t heal itself,” added Dr. Berman. “There is no intrinsic capability to improve itself, which has been the challenge. So, how do we do the impossible?”

Using Star Trek humor Dr. Berman explained how ACI works. Instead of replacing the knee joint with a piece of metal, the patient’s actual cartilage is regenerated (through bio-technology) and re-implanted in the knee, thus reducing the rejection factor. Cells from the cartilage are grown in a special laboratory and shipped back to the surgeon to implant back into the knee.

According to Dr. Berman the advantages of ACI are numerous. “While other procedures have limitations, ACI is applicable to any size lesion, is applicable to any location including the trochlear and patella, can be used on multiple lesions, has the best long-term results, and heals with hyaline cartilage,” added Dr. Berman. “For patients under 20, studies show a 100 percent return to their pre-injury sport.”

As solid organ and bone marrow transplantation have become more standard in medicine during the last 20 years, so has ACI.

“ACI can be used as a salvage procedure to many lesions of the knee. However, in many cases, ACI can be the first and most conservative procedure,” closed Dr. Berman. “We haven’t solved the problems of degenerative arthritis and avoidance of total knee replacements completely, but we’re on our way there.”
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With strong ties to Texas and Oklahoma, Dave Johns is a graduate of Sooner High School in Bartlesville, Okla., and the University of Oklahoma at Norman. Johns lives and works in Fort Worth. His employer, Chesapeake Midstream Partners, is one of the largest producers of natural gas in the nation and the most active driller of new wells in the United States. In the community, Johns has a 34-year association with the American Association of Professional Landmen and, more recently, the International Right of Way Association. Johns and his wife Mary Beth have three grown children. In his spare time, he enjoys photography and gardening.

MARK MALAY
Sales Director
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The Leadership Council is pleased to welcome Mark Malay, sales director for Wyndham Jade. Wyndham Jade is a travel and event services and support company with offices in Dallas, Phoenix, Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Washington D.C., and New York. Born in New Orleans, Malay graduated from Lewisville High School and received his bachelor’s degree in marketing from The University of Texas at Arlington. Malay and his wife Karen live in McKinney and are the proud parents of two teenagers, Tara, 15, and Stuart, 13. In his spare time, Malay enjoys working out and competing in triathlons.

TODD TERRY
Senior Vice President
Ellen Terry Realtors, an Ebby Halliday Company

Dallas native Todd Terry was raised in Highland Park and graduated from Highland Park High School. While his daytime career in real estate keeps him quite busy, his lifelong passion is acting. Terry continued his education at the Professional Actor Conservatory in Rancho Santiago, Calif. He is currently working on a feature-length independent film called “Beyond the Farthest Star” in which he plays one of the leads. Terry resides in Plano with his wife Anna and their two young children Austin, 11, and Conner, 5. In the community, Terry has served on the Dallas Round Table Screen Actors Guild for the past 20 years and is the local past president.

For more information about Texas Health Research & Education Institute’s Leadership Council, contact Jay Bruner, senior regional director of development, Texas Health Presbyterian Foundation, 214-597-6370, JayBruner@TexasHealth.org.
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL PROFILE:
Allan Howeth, Attorney, Cantey Hanger LLP

Mr. Howeth is the former managing partner of the law firm Cantey Hanger LLP and is a former section head of the Taxation, Trust and Estates, Small Business Organizations Group in the Fort Worth office. During his distinguished career, he has been named to Texas Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers in America and most recently named recipient of the 2009 Blackstone Award, the most prestigious honor bestowed by the Tarrant County Bar Association.

In the community, Mr. Howeth has been extremely active and currently serves as president of the Exchange Club of Fort Worth, board member of the University of North Texas Health Science Center Foundation, and past chair of the North Texas Commission, Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, and United Way of Metropolitan Tarrant County to name just a few of his civic responsibilities.

Texas Health Research & Education & Leadership Council are greatly appreciative of the ongoing support of Allan Howeth and Cantey Hanger LLP.

Birthplace/childhood: Born in Fort Worth, Texas; a lifelong Fort Worth resident.

Family and hobbies: Wife of 44 years, Sandra Howeth; children, Jerry Howeth, Leslie Howeth Gooch, and Philip Howeth, and eight grandchildren. My hobbies include reading and golf.

Education: Graduated from Arlington Heights High School; Texas Christian University, B.A. Government, 1960; Southern Methodist University, J. D. cum laude 1963.

What drew you to your field? My government professor at TCU and tax and estate courses at SMU Law School.

Best business decision you've ever made? Accepting the offer to be an attorney from Cantey Hanger 47 years ago.

Success strategies: Work hard, act with honesty, loyalty and adherence to ethical standards.

Proudest moment: My marriage to Sandra in 1965.

Best mentor and why: Whitfield Collins, senior tax partner at Cantey Hanger, and other partners at Cantey Hanger over the years.

Best advice: Get a good education and work hard to apply it.

What advice would you give a high school student today? Stay away from bad influences and temptations, but have fun, while working hard to get a good high school and college education.

What are your top passions? Hoping for better governmental leaders who are not drones for hard-line political parties.

What words describe you best? Moderation in all things.

Favorite foods/restaurant: Steak.

What makes Texas Health Research & Education Institute special to you? Providing such great continuing educational opportunities for physicians and other health care providers.

What would you like Texas Health Research & Education Institute to accomplish in the next five years? Remain at the forefront of medical techniques and developments in order that area physicians and other health care providers can provide the best medical care possible.

What are some of the more interesting health care environments you've worked in/visited? Being a trust and estate attorney with many elderly clients, seven of whom in recent years have lived to ages 99 and 101, and seeing their health needs be treated in their advancing years.
The National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists honored Kathy Baldwin, Ph.D., R.N., ACNS, ANP, GNP, CEN, with its Sue Davidson Service Award, a special honor presented to one clinical nurse specialist nationwide each year.

Baldwin, nurse researcher and clinical nurse specialist at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Southwest Fort Worth, recently received the award at a national conference for her numerous contributions to the organization. She served five years in its elected offices, offered five years of volunteer service, promoted widespread use of clinical nurse specialist competencies, and would “gladly take on any task, large or small,” according to the organization. She was co-Principal Investigator for a grant from the New York University Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing used to educate clinical nurse specialists on care of older adults.

“Kathy believes in life-long learning,” said Denice Black, the hospital’s manager of nursing education. “Guiding students and her fellow colleagues toward advancing their practice through continuing education and active involvement in professional nursing organizations is her passion.”

Baldwin is an associate professor and the director of graduate studies in nursing for the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Texas Christian University. She serves on the Texas Nurses Association’s continuing education committee and the Advanced Practice Advisory Council for the Texas Board of Nursing. She also donates her time practicing pro bono as an adult/geriatric nurse practitioner at a local physician’s office.

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