

PEDIATRICS & Women's Health

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From the Desk of Professor & Chair

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has approved changing the name of our TCOM Department of Pediatrics to the Department of Pediatrics and Women's Health. We requested the change to better represent the group's functions, which also include OB/Gyn medical education and Women's Health research and community programs. I would like to remind you that many of our OB/Gyn providers and faculty members were included in the transition to Acclaim, when several components of the UNT Health clinical practice were merged into the JPS Health Network in 2016. However, TCOM continues to provide excellent medical education to our students through efforts led on campus, at JPS, and in the community by Jackie Garda, DO, and Christine Hoang, MD. Also, Martha Felini, PhD and Amy Raines-Milenkov, DrPH, who are faculty members in the Department of Pediatrics and Women's Health, are conducting numerous funded research projects in women's health. I felt that our identity as a department should broaden to better represent who we are and what we do. We need to remember that a mother's health is integral to the health of her infants and children, creating a continuum of care that opens the doors to increased collaboration within the department and the university.



W. Paul Bowman, MD

Clinic Updates

The Pediatric practice consists of 6 pediatricians and 2 physician assistants. We emphasize delivery of quality care to patients in a comprehensive clinic that is also dedicated to education and research.

Clinic is open 8-5 Monday – Friday (after hours on-call service is available).

Clinical leadership committees convene monthly to discuss clinical practice, operations and quality improvement.

The clinic is the foundation for these activities and relationships:

- TCOM Clerkship year 3 students core rotation and elective students (year 3 and 4)
- Dietitian and social work interns and pharmacy residency rotation
- Base of operations for Pediatric Mobile Unit, Shriners' Burn Telemedicine Clinic, Healthy Start and Healthy Steps Programs



Priya Bui, DO
Clinic Chief



Sarah Matches, DO
Medical Director

Clerkship/Inter-professional Education

We are training TCOM and PA students in our clinic and off campus facilities. Students rotate for 3 weeks in clinic and 3 weeks in a hospital. Students will have the opportunity to attend Morning Report, Meet the Professor, CLIPP cases/Quizzes, Inter-professional Education, and Catch 1 program.

Rotation Sites	Students/rotation	Students/year
DFW/TCOM	18-21	157
Remote affiliated Driscoll--Corpus Christi Texas Children's - Conroe, Good Shepherd - Longview Medical City - Weatherford	6-7	49
ROME	1-3	10

Rotation exams for Year 3 TCOM students are completed at the end of six weeks.

Students have attained 100% pass rate in Pediatrics (consistently since 2014).

Our department initiated an *inter-professional educational program* in 2014, partnering with Texas Christian University and Texas Women's University. This program facilitates the training of dietetic interns in a clinical setting and facilitates to improve patient outcomes through inter-professional collaboration.



Nusrath Habiba, MD
Clerkship Director



Welcome to New Employee

Joanna García, MPH: Joanna graduated from Baylor University and continued her education at the University of Texas at El Paso where she earned her Master of Public Health degree. She is a Texas native and the mother of an energetic little boy. She was working in the Institute for Patient Safety and moved to the Department of Pediatrics & Women’s Health in November, 2018.

Joanna Garcia, MPH
Sr. Research Associate

Team (faculty) Member in Spotlight

Education/Training:

- 1999 *DO:* University of North Texas Health Science Center, Fort Worth, TX
- 2002 *Residency in Pediatrics:* University of Arkansas Medical Sciences, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, Little Rock, AR
- 2002 *Pediatric Emergency Helicopter and Ambulance Transport,* Arkansas Children’s Hospital, Little Rock, AR
- 2002- *Certification:* American Board of Pediatrics

Awards/Recognition:

- Ross Pediatric Award
- Doctor’s Hospital Scholarship
- Has been voted Top Docs several years in a row

Professional Interests:

Clinical practice, teaching, supervising medical and physician assistant students and community work.

Philosophy/Hobbies:

My philosophy is to focus pediatric care on patient education and preventative medicine. I love children, understand the fears and concerns of parents, and provide excellent patient care in an efficient manner.

Team (non-faculty) Member in Spotlight

Education/Training:

- 2015 *LVN:* North Central Texas College, TX
- 2016 *Certification:* Nursing License

Professional Interests:

I have always enjoyed working with children and would like to continue working in Pediatrics.

Hobbies:

listening to audio books, painting, hiking, and swimming but only in the summer, I also enjoy cooking. If I am able to find the time I would love to start a fruit and vegetable garden.

Family/Other:

I have been married to my amazing husband and best friend for 8 years and have 2 incredibly handsome boys, the oldest is Saul 11yrs who loves to play soccer and the little one Lionel is 3yrs old and loves to pretend he is a T-rex also enjoys playing soccer with his big brother.

I have lived in Fort Worth most of my life and absolutely love it, I can’t imagine living anywhere else.



Toyya Goodrich, DO
Assistant Professor



Rosa Amaya, PN
*Supervisor,
Clinical Nurse*

Research

Faculty Achievement Award Finalist for TCOM: Amy Raines-Milenkov, DrPH, Assistant Professor was chosen as the finalist from TCOM for the faculty achievement award in 2018.

STAR Leadership Program: Two faculty members, Shane Fernando, PhD and Umesh Sankpal, PhD have been selected for the STAR Leadership program offered by Texas Center for Health Disparities in 2017 and successfully completed their grantsmanship training in May 2018. Christina Robinson, MD has been selected for the same program and currently receiving grantsmanship training.

Research Grants: Riyaz Basha, PhD is part of a research grant (\$1,023,832 over 4 years) funded by National Cancer Institute for fostering research and education among minority institutions. Dr. Basha is a Co-Investigator of the project and Core Lead for the Cancer Research Education Core working with the Principal Investigator, Dr. Jamboor Vishwanatha.

Umesh T. Sankpal, PhD has received a pilot project (\$50,000) from the Texas Center for Health Disparities supported by National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Publications: PWH Faculty published (or accepted for publication) 15 articles (Research: 8; Case Reports: 1; Reviews: 5; Book chapters: 1) from January, 2018.

Andras Lacko, PhD is serving as a Guest Editor for a Special Issue on "Lipoprotein Cancer Particles for Cancer Therapy" for the journal, *Internal Journal of Molecular Sciences*.

Pediatric Research Program (PRP): Our department is conducting a summer research program for TCOM students. In summer 2018, total 43 students participated in this program and conducted research at our campus, Cook Children's, and JPS under the supervision of researchers, physicians, and medical staff. PRP has trained 157 TCOM students since 2014. This program was very successful and led to several presentations/publications including, case studies, case series, retrospective studies, and quality improvement studies. Please **click** the link below for more details.

<https://www.unthsc.edu/texas-college-of-osteopathic-medicine/pediatric-research-program/>

Texas Pediatrics Society Awards:

TCOM's Pediatric Research Program Students won two of the three first place awards in the 2018 annual Texas Pediatric Society E-Poster Contest.

Category: Evidence Based Medicine/QI

Presenter: **Tesneem Issa**; Poster Title: **Evaluation of a Sepsis Screen Tool's Impact on PICU Organ Dysfunction**

Authors: **Tesneem Issa, Julian Nguyen, Javier Gelvez, Lorraine Williams, Charity Darnell, Tyler Hamby**

Category: Single or Multiple Case Presentation

Presenter: **James Meiling**; Poster Title: **Recurrent Migraines as the Presenting Symptom in Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis: A Case Report**; Authors: **James B. Meiling, Priya K. Bui**

Please click the link for further details: <https://txpeds.org/2018-e-poster-winners>

TCOM students participated in PRP presented at Cook Children's Research Day:

The abstracts submitted by most of the PRP students have been accepted for presentation (seventeen posters and 3 podium presentations) at Cook Children's Research Day on December 18, 2018.

Upcoming Events

UNTHSC Research Appreciation Day (RAD): RAD is scheduled on March 29, 2019. Please prepare and submit your abstract on time, if you are interested to present at this event. <https://www.unthsc.edu/research/research-development-and-commercialization/funding-development/research-appreciation-day/>

Grand Rounds at Cook Children's: Please click the link below for the interesting topics of the upcoming Grand Rounds: <http://www.cookchildrens.org/education/professionaleducation/Pages/UpcomingEvents.aspx>

2019 Texas Adolescent and Young Adult Conference is scheduled on February 15-16, 2019:

Please visit the link to access the information and register. <https://fwaya.org/2019-aya-conference/>

For questions or to post information, please contact Riyaz.Bahsa@unthsc.edu (or) Joanna.Garcia@unthsc.edu

Team Members Blog

Welcome to New Baby

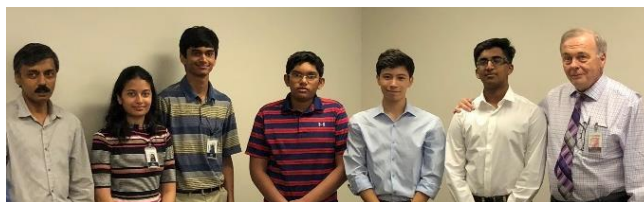
Six weeks old,
Samuel Swanson
is working on his
tummy time!



Dr. W. Paul Bowman receives
Valubility of Year 2018



Departmental meeting to discuss on Employees Engagement



High School Students Participated in
Mentored Research in Summer 2018

Ruhani Ahluwalia, who was trained in **Dr. Lacko's** laboratory won third place and two special prizes in an international science competition in Brazil



Recognizing TCOM students (May 17, 2018).
Pictured (from left to right) **Frank Filipetto, DO**; **Tim Kremer, MD**;
Christina Hoang, MD; **Jackie Garda, DO**; **Menaka Yadav** (*Ralph Anderson Scholarship*); **Emily Zangla** (*Dr. Levine Scholarship*);
Carolyn Anderson; **Todd Sorenson** (*Pediatric Student of the Year*)
and **W. Paul Bowman, MD**