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**GIM CLINICS SELECTED AS TX ACP  
MEDICAL HOME PILOT SITE**

The Texas chapter of the American College of Physicians (TACP) recently approved the application of the GIM Division's outpatient clinics to serve as a pilot site for their Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) initiative.

Dr. Lynne Kirk, who has long championed the establishment of the PCMH as a tool to improve patient care and make health care more accessible, has spearheaded efforts to develop the model in the GIM clinics. The designation as a pilot site for the initiative is a stepping stone toward accomplishing the ultimate goal of implementing

**Dr. Lynne Kirk**

the PCMH model here.

Dr. Kirk said that while the full impact of the TACP designation is not known at this point, it is hoped that part of the benefit will be the availability of "resources to move toward NCQA (National Committee on Quality Assurance) certification as a PCMH and the practice redesign" that will be necessitated.

Medical Director of Outpatient Services Dr. Temple Howell-Stampley has worked hand-in-hand with Dr. Kirk for the past several months, meeting biweekly with a six-member commit-

**Dr. Temple  
Howell-Stampley**

tee to gather and analyze data, research health information technology capabilities and plan clinic redesign.

"Our selection as a pilot site for the Texas Medical Home Initiative is truly a leap in the right direction. This opportunity will also bring further recognition to UT Southwestern Medical Center as a premier place to receive health care, as we expand our focus on providing quality patient care and improving patient education and access. Studies have repeatedly borne out that improvements in patient care and how we deliver that care are realized through the PCMH model. These are two of the fundamental goals of our

GIM clinics," said Dr. Howell-Stampley.

And while the designation by the TACP brings the Division one step closer to its goal of establishing a PCMH model, there is still much that needs to be done.

"We're continuing to work hard to complete the onerous application for medical home accreditation from the NCQA. We think both these steps will help us further improve the quality, patient-centeredness and coordination of care we deliver," said GIM Chief Dr. Ethan Halm.

UT Southwestern PCMH Initiative committee members are Dr. Kirk, Dr. Howell-Stampley, Kim Batchelor, Deepa Bhat, Katherine Coffey, and Ewa Henderson, R. N.

***HOSPITAL CONSULT SERVICES EVOLVE*****NEW DIRECTOR, HOSPITALIST TEAM  
EXPAND ZALE/PARKLAND SERVICES**

A new director and team of experienced hospitalist faculty are transforming the consult services offered by the GIM Division at Zale-Lipshy University Hospital and Parkland Hospital.

Under the leadership of newly appointed Director Dr. Reeni Abraham, the GIM consult service is expanding its coverage to both Zale and Parkland hospitals.

The new consult service, which begins July 1, is comprised of eight academic hospitalist physicians who will form the core personnel for the consult services. They also

will participate in teaching services, hospitalist services, and teaching wards throughout the year.

Division Chief Dr. Ethan Halm said the new consult service will help provide a safety-net presence of a general internist available throughout the day at Zale, as well as providing the resident-driven Parkland GIM consult service with hospitalist faculty supervision seven days a week.

"This also creates additional academic opportunities for our hospitalist faculty to be more involved in teaching

residents inpatient consult skills and implement an evidence-based medicine consult curriculum that Dr. Abraham has developed," said Dr. Halm.

The Division is extremely grateful to Dr. Brett Moran for his many years of excellent leadership of the Zale consult service. Dr. Moran relinquishes his role

in this capacity to focus on his growing responsibilities as the Chief Medical Informatics Officer for PHHS.

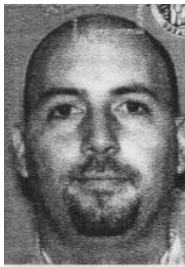
**Dr. Reeni Abraham is  
the new Director of  
GIM Consult Services  
for Zale and Parkland.**

# THE NEW FACES OF GIM

## LATEST HIRES ENHANCE ALL SERVICES



Engi Attia, M.D.  
Hospitalist



Michael Burton, M.D.  
Hospitalist/QI Officer



Kristin Creech, M.D.  
Hospitalist



Christina Desai, M.D.  
Hospitalist



Nainesh Ghandi, M.D.  
Hospitalist



Anupama Goyal, M.D.  
Hospitalist



Roopali Gupta, M.D.  
Geriatrician



Sherif Latif, M.D.  
Hospitalist



Amar Mahgoub, M.D.  
Hospitalist



Anil Makam, M.D.  
Hospitalist/Research



Jessica Masterson, M.D.  
Palliative Care



Mary McCord, M.D.  
Ambulatory Care



Oanh Nguyen, M.D.  
Hospitalist/Research



Kehinde Odedosu, M.D.  
Hospitalist



Ketul Patel, M.D.  
Hospitalist



Vivek Patel, M.D.  
Hospitalist



Kathleen Zeller, M.D.  
Ambulatory Care

Seventeen new faculty join the GIM Division for the coming academic year, enhancing every service area. The group consists of 13 new full-time and part-time hospitalists, two ambulatory care doctors, two part-time research faculty, one geriatric doctor and one palliative care physician.

The addition of the new hospitalists brings the total full-time employee count for that group to 33, an increase of almost 100 percent over the past 18 months. The incoming hospitalists are a mix of graduating residents from UTSW and those with several years' experience working as hospitalists at academic institutions around the country.

Dr. Masterson is a dual-trained palliative care/oncology doctor who will split her time between GIM and Hematology/Oncology. Dr. Zeller and Dr. McCord will provide care in GIM's Aston and St. Paul Clinics, and the newest addition to the geriatrics section, Dr. Gupta, will split her time between seeing patients in the geriatrics clinic and being involved in education research.

Dr. Burton is completing a VA Quality Scholars fellowship at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He will split his time as an academic hospitalist and quality officer at University Hospital St. Paul working with Dr. Gary Reed.

### FAREWELL!

## DR. REED CLICK LEAVES AFTER 15 YEARS IN GIM

Even as new faces begin to fill the halls of UT Southwestern in July 2010, plans are being made to say farewell to long-time GIM physician Dr. Reed Click. Dr. Click, who has seen patients in the Aston Clinic since 1995, leaves UT effective July 30.



Dr. Reed Click

Dr. Click is leaving UT to join a primary care practice in Missouri. A farewell party is scheduled for July 29 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the A. W. Harris Faculty Club.

During his tenure at UT, Dr. Click has served on the Aston Clinical Quality Improvement Committee, the Environmental Health and Safety Committee, the Credentials Committee, and as past Medical Director of the GIM Aston Clinic. He is endowed by the Mr. and Mrs. Bruce G. Brookshire Professorship in Medicine.

## DR. RAMONA RHODES HONORED AS AGS NEW INVESTIGATOR

Ramona Rhodes, M.D., M.P.H., is the recipient of a 2010 Merck/AGS New Investigator Award. The award was presented at the national American Geriatrics Society annual meeting in May.



Dr. Ramona Rhodes

The awards are given to individuals whose original research reflects new and relevant research in geriatrics, and are designed to recognize individuals who are committed to a career in aging research.

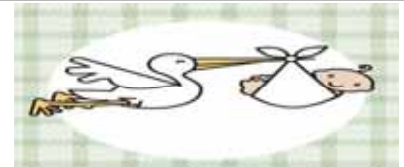
Dr. Rhodes is a geriatrician researcher and KL2 Clinical Scholar whose research focuses on racial disparities in use of hospice services. She received the award for her disparities work with a national hospice survey.

## New GIM Arrivals of a Smaller Variety!

Congratulations from everyone at GIM to:

Dr. Elizabeth Paulk on the birth of her twin daughters, Caroline and Rosemary, born Oct. 17;

Dr. Adrian Salazar on the birth of his first child, Mia, born Oct. 31;



Dr. Min Yi on the birth of his son Lucas, born Nov. 16;

Dr. Linda Calvillo-King on the birth of her daughter, Lily, born Jan. 14.