UT Southwestern
Medical Center
Department of Internal Medicine

Mission:

Educate: teach trainees about relevant public health and policy that intersects with health care with the goal of keeping our community up-to-date on important issues

Innovate: collaborate with faculty and administrators to solve pressing health care delivery and public health issues with the goal of providing efficient, timely healthcare

Advocate: speak up on behalf of our patients with the goal of restoring equity and justice

Accomplishments:

Education

Carnaval de Salud: volunteered at T.J. Rusk middle school to help with annual health screenings, counseling high-risk patients, and promote healthy living

Journal Watch, Health Policy section: We're proud to contribute 4 articles to date on Rx drug pricing, Medicare for All, Safety Net Hospitals, and the Coronavirus Response

Health Policy 'mixer': an interdisciplinary group of 30+ trainees and faculty met to learn about our group, network with likeminded colleagues, speed-date, and share ideas

Virtual meeting – we hosted our first virtual meeting on Zoom to breakdown the nitty-gritty in the federal response to COVID-19 and how it affects us and our patients

Noon conference: we shared resident update talks on health policy and are working with chief residents on a Public Policy Curriculum and policy literature battle for next year

Innovation

Parkland Center for Innovation (PCI): collaborating with PCI and attracting trainees of all levels to work together on important research and health care delivery projects

Parkland's Building Trust Challenge: we submitted an innovative idea to build trust with inpatients via face-sheets with team members pictures, names, and roles clearly noted

Advocacy

Civic Engagement: helped 400+ residents and community members register to vote, providing important election information and education

Bike Helmet Give-Away: partnered with Texas Medical Association and BikeDFW to give away 100 free helmets while promoting e-scooter and bicycle safety in Deep Ellum

Texas Medical Association: actively involved in committees to serve trainees/patients

Future Goals:

- *Educate***:** start noon-conference Public Policy curriculum, have a policy Lit-battle
- *Innovate***:** increase resident involvement in Parkland/UT's innovation groups and publish work
- *Advocate***:** grow engagement in medical societies; host 2 advocacy events annually for patients
- Grow the size of our group by reaching more trainees and faculty across various specialties

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Public Health and Policy Interest
Group

2018-2020