



Research shows TCOM and osteopathic approach making a difference

Osteopathic medicine's emphasis on physician empathy and understanding leads to higher patient satisfaction, a study by researchers at UNTHSC's Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine indicates.

The two-and-a-half-year study, conducted by the PRECISION Pain Research Registry and TCOM's John Licciardone, DO, MS, MBA, reaffirmed the importance of empathy and better interpersonal manner when treating patients with chronic pain.

Third-year TCOM student Monika Schmitt, a PRECISION Clinical Research Fellow, helped craft the article published in *The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association*.

Focusing on interpersonal manner, empathy and communication style, the results of the study showed that patients treated by osteopathic physicians had more favorable perceptions of their treatment.

In keeping with many of the foundational osteopathic tenants, such as the body is capable of self-regulation and self-healing, the study illustrated that DOs were less likely to prescribe opioids.

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Dr. Ross and Dr. Severance Honored for Work in Geriatric Education

Dr. Sarah Ross, DO, and Jennifer Severance, PhD, were both honored at the 27th Annual TAGS Summer Forum for their tireless work with Tarrant County's older adults. Dr. Ross received the Mildred Hogstel Award for excellence in Geriatrics Education while Dr. Severance received the Harriett Griffin Award For Excellence in Public Policy for older adults. Well done!



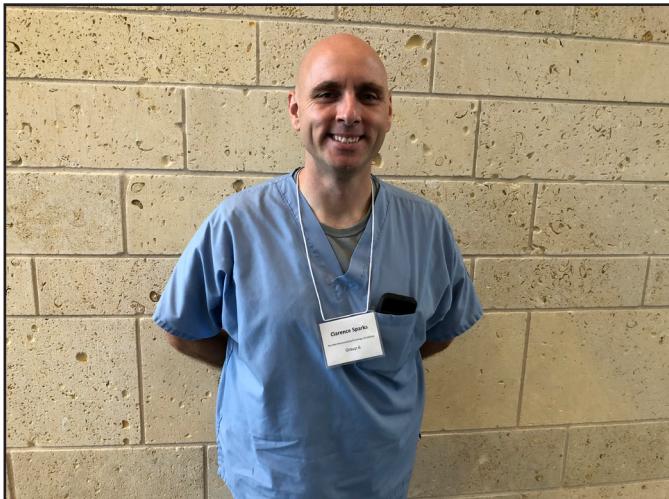
Dr. Yurvati Presents to Strathclyde University in Scotland

Dr. Albert Yurvait had the opportunity to present overseas as he is a visiting professor with the University of Strathclyde in Scotland. He presented to a group of 45 faculty members, research staff and PhD students about the History of Surgical Chest Drains, Past to Present Innovations. Dr. Yurvati is the only DO faculty member in the 223-year history of the university.

Faculty Development Center Welcomes new Class

Our TCOM Faculty Development Center welcomed the newest cohort to start the Graduate Certificate in Academic Medicine Fellowship. This nine-month program has on-campus training sessions to help develop and refine teaching skills for faculty members from across the nation. We were thrilled to welcome the 11 new members to the class, the largest ever, and look forward to their accomplishments throughout the year.



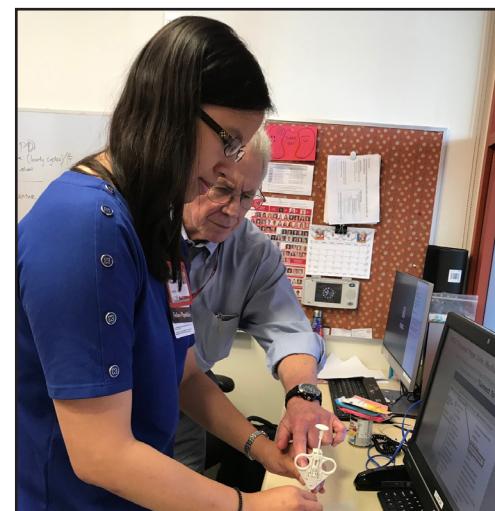


PCPP student travels an unconventional road to TCOM

A fresh wave of new medical students arrived at UNT Health Science Center in July, all from a variety of backgrounds and traveling on different paths. One of the new faces belongs to Clarence Sparks, 36, a one-time college dropout who entered the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine as a first-year medical student. Sparks is part of the first cohort of students to arrive at UNTHSC via the Primary Care Pathway Program, an innovative partnership between the Health Science Center, Midland College and the University of North Texas in Denton that accelerates students' medical education and relieves some of the stress of applying to medical school. [Read More](#)

TCOM Graduate Starts Unique Pediatric Fellowship at Stanford Children's Health

Nationwide, interest in the study of pediatric nephrology, which focuses on kidney disease in children, is declining. In 2017, 40 percent of the available fellowships in the specialty went unfilled. That didn't faze Dr. Kim Piburn, a 2016 Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine graduate. She had always had a passion for children, and recently she began a three-year nephrology fellowship with Stanford Pediatrics at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. [Read More](#)



All Hail the "WE HAIL" Program

Our "WE HAIL" program was recognized by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. "WE HAIL" was honored with the Innovators in Aging award. This is the first time the HHSC has presented the award, which honors programs that have made a positive impact on the lives of older Texans. "WE HAIL" is among five recipients honored for developing innovative programs. In addition, the "WE HAIL" program received \$3.75 million of funding for five more years of great work with our older adult population. This is great recognition and work by Dr. Janice Knebl and her team!



Class of 2023 Receives their White Coats, Alum Honored



It was a great morning to celebrate as the Class of 2023 received their white coats in front of family and friends. TCOM also had a chance to honor a distinguished alum from the Class of 1986. Dr. Paul Saenz received the Mary E. Luibel Distinguished Service Award for his decades of work in osteopathic medicine in the San Antonio area.

New GME Program for Hood County on the way

The THECB awarded TCOM and the UNTHSC a \$250,000 grant to establish new Family Medicine residency programs in Hood County. Dr. Lisa R. Nash, Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and her staff helped spearhead this effort, which will be implemented at three locations, Lake Granbury Medical Center, Lakeside Physicians and Ruth's Place Clinic. Great team effort to make this happen! [Read More](#)

TCOM Starts World's First Performing Arts Fellowship



Ten years in the making, Dr. Sajid Surve's dream of creating the world's first Performing Arts Medicine Fellowship has come true. The program welcomed its first fellow, Dr. James Aston, who will work under Dr. Surve and will learn the knowledge and skills he needs to take care of performing artists across a broad spectrum. The program will be built on osteopathic principles and practices that Dr. Surve has been using to care for the performing arts community his entire career.

Memory of longtime TCOM faculty member honored

UNT Health Science Center recently celebrated the Dr. T. Eugene Zachary Endowed Scholarship with family and friends of the longtime Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine faculty member. The scholarship will be used to assist third and fourth-year students in the Rural Osteopathic Medicine Education Program, better known as ROME, a program that Dr. Zachary was instrumental in getting off the ground and running. [Read More](#)

