

## Norfleet Forum Tackles Diabetes, Obesity

Do you work in an area that deals largely with the healthcare issues of diabetes and obesity? If so, mark your calendar for the Norfleet Forum's session on Friday, November 14 at the Park Vista Hotel (formerly the Adam's Mark).

Friday's meetings will kick off at 8 a.m. with an opening address from John Nance, a national expert on safety in healthcare. Afterward, action plan recommendations from Thursday's closed sessions will be presented, with guest faculty making observations. In the final summary, Don Berwick, MD, president and CEO of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and clinical professor of pediatrics and healthcare policy at the Harvard Medical School, will present an overview and analysis. The meeting will adjourn at 12:15 p.m. after the presentation of the L.M. Graves Award.

According to Denise Bollheimer, UTMG Vice President of Marketing and Managed Care, "This year's fo-

rum is undertaking a new approach toward contributing to the improvement of the health of Mid-Southerners. The event has been designed to give healthcare providers the opportunity to come together with ALL segments of the community to map out a strategy to tackle obesity and diabetes, a problem growing in epidemic proportions in this region."

The outcome of the 2003 forum will be to provide a specific set of action statements that will be implemented by coordinated efforts of the Healthy Memphis Common Table coalition. It is expected that the 2003 Norfleet Forum will produce, not only an innovative and creative set of actions that will improve the health of Memphians, but will also serve as a model for community action across the U.S.

To register for Friday's free event, call the UTHSC special events office at 448-4976; or go to the website at [www.utmem.edu/specialevents](http://www.utmem.edu/specialevents) and click on Norfleet Forum.

## Runyan Award Recipient Named

Florence (Flo) Patton, BSN, RN, PNP, nursing supervisor of community health nursing programs at the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department, is this year's recipient of the John W. Runyan Community Nursing Award. Patton will be presented her award at the Tennessee Nurses Association Awards Luncheon Saturday, Nov. 15, in Chattanooga, Tenn.



*Flo Patton*

At the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department, Patton is responsible for developing, coordinating and mentoring 10 community health nurses as they provide home visits to young mothers, the elderly, the chronically ill and others who have social or behavioral risk factors that threaten their health outcomes. Additionally, she coordinates the implementation of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

Highly involved in community activities, Patton is a member of the Metropolitan Interfaith Association Senior Companion Program, the Department of Children Services Child Abuse Review Team, the Child Abuse Prevention Coalition and the Regional Health Council's Infant Mortality Subcommittee. She is also coordinator of the Shelby County Child Fatality Review Team.

The award is named in honor of John W. Runyan, Jr., MD, University Distinguished Professor Emeritus in UTHSC's department of preventive medicine. It was established in 1979 to recognize a nurse who has made significant contributions to the development and promotion of community health nursing.

## UTHSC Recognized by AHA

At a recently held American Heart Association Heart Walk Awards Breakfast, UTHSC was honored with the Rookie of the Year award, thanks to your strong support.

UTHSC had over 300 participants in this year's annual event, which attracted more than 5,300 walkers.

"The thing that stood out most in the minds of every participant was seeing so many orange "heartbeats" walking side by

side for this great cause," said Pat VanHoozer, event coordinator.



*UTHSC volunteers at the 2003 Heart Walk*

Keep up with the search for a permanent UT president by visiting [www.utmem.edu](http://www.utmem.edu) and clicking "UT Presidential Search" under Quick Links



*Joe Johnson, EdD, interim UT president, spoke at UTHSC on Oct. 28 about the university's desire to find both a permanent chancellor here, as well as a permanent president.*

## The Record

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## UT Presidential Search Open Forums Set

The University of Tennessee Presidential Search Committee and the UT Presidential Search Advisory Council will hold a series of open forums at all the UT campuses to discuss the search with faculty and staff.

Forum dates, times and locations are:

Monday, Nov. 10, 4-6 p.m., Knoxville, University Center Auditorium

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 4-6 p.m., Chattanooga, Benwood Room/Auditorium, Engineering, Math, and Computer Science Building

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 9-11 a.m., Nashville, War Memorial Auditorium

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Tullahoma, UTSI Auditorium

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 3-5 p.m., Memphis, A203 Auditorium, General Education Building

Thursday, Nov. 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Martin, Watkins Auditorium

All Open Forums will be Web cast and can be viewed at <http://oit.utk.edu/dst/webevents.html>.

Andrea Loughry, who chairs the trustees' Presidential Search Committee, said the events are part of the search committee and council's commitment to an inclusive, open process.

For information on the campus locations of the forums, visit the University of Tennessee System Web site at <http://www.tennessee.edu/system/>.

## Don't Forget

*The Record* is published online on the fifteenth of every month. It can be found at [www.utmem.edu/record](http://www.utmem.edu/record).

# People

**Amanda Kizzee, M-2**, was selected by the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians' Research Committee to present a research presentation titled, "Complementary and Alternative Medicine Use in an Urban Family Practice Clinic" at the TAFP 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Assembly in Gatlinburg, Tenn. The presentation was based on an interdisciplinary research project conducted at UT Family Practice Center at St. Francis with Kristy Flowers, P-2, Andrea Franks, PharmD, BCPS, Elizabeth Byrd, MSSW, MEd, BSN, and Emily Hak, PharmD, BCPS, BCNSP.

**Larry Hak, PharmD** and **Charmayne Akram** were recently chosen to represent the UTHSC campus as members of the UT Presidential Search Advisory Council.

## Nursing Student Invited to Presidential Initiative

UTHSC doctoral nursing student Pat Speck, MSN, APRN, was invited to the unveiling of the Presidential Initiatives on Domestic Violence, Wednesday, Oct. 8, in Washington, D.C.

The invitation is a culmination of years of hard work by the nearly 2,500-member International Association of Forensic Nurses, of which Speck is president. She has also served as a forensic nurse since 1984 and coordinator of forensic nursing since 1988 at the Memphis Sexual Assault Resource Center.

"These are exciting times," said Speck. "I think this invitation confirms the government's realization that forensic nursing is a critical player in the response to violence of all kinds."

**Gabor Tigyi, MD, PhD**, professor of physiology, was a featured speaker at the 9<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Union for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in Toronto. His lecture was titled, "Computational Approaches to Phospholipid Growth Factor Receptor Structure and Function." It featured work he has done in collaboration with Dr. Abby Parrill from the University of Memphis and Dr. Duane Miller from the UTHSC College of Pharmacy.

**Karl T. Weber, MD**, Neuton Stern Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and director of the division of cardiovascular diseases, made two presentations as the visiting National Institutes of Health Professor at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. on Oct. 22-23.

IAFN has been involved in local, regional and national abuse initiatives for over 10 years. Recent activities include work with top-ranking federal offices such as the Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We play a small role when you look at the complete crime team, but it's a very important one," said Speck. "This recognition will ultimately open the door to more collaborative efforts with key agencies and funding opportunities as we continue to focus on justice for the victim and offender in combating violence in our community."

## 2004 Insurance Changes and Annual Transfer Period

University of Tennessee employees who wish to make changes to their insurance benefits must do so no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14. Also, the new increased premiums for all three medical plans will be deducted from the December 2003 paychecks. The changes, effective January 1, are:

- **PPO Blue Cross Blue Shield -** Deductibles increase, individual out-of-pocket maximum expenses increase, pharmacy out-of-pocket maximum expenses increase, pharmacy co-pays increase, and a home delivery prescription program goes into place.
- **POS Blue Cross Blue Shield -** Members are NO LONGER required to choose a Primary Care physician, NO LONGER required to obtain a referral before seeking care from a specialist, co-pays for office visits go up, co-pays for prescription drugs increase, and a home delivery prescription program goes into place.
- **HMO Aetna -** Office visit co-pays increase, prescription co-pays increase and a home delivery prescription program goes into place.

For additional information and materials about all plans, contact the campus insurance office at 448-5577. If your current medical, dental, disability, long term care or life insurance coverage is satisfactory, NO action is necessary.

# News Bites

Instructors can place videos on the library's streaming video server and can make files available for students to copy.

Bring your VHS videos to the Multimedia Lab. Staff will digitize the videos and will e-mail you the URL to place in your Blackboard course.

Contact John Silver at 448-6817 or [jsilver@utm.edu](mailto:jsilver@utm.edu), or contact Jerome Wilson at 448-6859 or [wjwilson@utm.edu](mailto:wjwilson@utm.edu).

The College of Allied Health Sciences would like to invite you to an open house in honor of the college's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The open house is also an opportunity to introduce the university community, alumni, friends and students to the college's new location on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the 930 Madison Professional Building. The open house will be Friday, Nov. 14 from 3-6 p.m. A short program will be held at 4:30 p.m. Continuous tours will be available, and refreshments will be served.

Anyone may access the library's web page and search the library's online catalog from an off-campus location. However, access to most online journals, books and bibliographic databases is limited to University of Tennessee Health Science Center students, staff and faculty.

For complete information on accessing our many electronic resources, see the fact sheet at <http://opac.utm.edu/screens/wamproxy.html>

The American Heart Association will conduct a Town Meeting on Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Christian Brothers High School (5900 Walnut Grove Road) to discuss cardiovascular disease and stroke issues in Memphis and Shelby County.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Julie Griffin, American Heart Association Tennessee Advocacy Manager, at (615) 340-4114 or e-mail: [julie.griffin@heart.org](mailto:julie.griffin@heart.org).

## November IRIS Training Schedule

Location: GEB B107 Training Lab

### Time Reporting

Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1-4 p.m.

### Electronic Approvals/Document Tracking

Friday, Nov. 7, 8:30-11 a.m.

### Cash Deposits

Friday, Nov. 7, 1-4 p.m.

### Invoices/Internal Transfers

Tue, Nov. 11, 8:30-11 a.m.

**How to Produce a Report in IRIS**  
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

### Purchasing

Thursday, Nov. 13, 1-4 p.m.

### Procurement Card Verification/ Distribution

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

### Effort Certification Reporting

Thursday, Nov. 20, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Location: Link Auditorium

### How to Read Your Ledger Sheets

Thursday, November 6, 9-11:30 a.m.

To enroll, contact Marion Cox at [mcox@utm.edu](mailto:mcox@utm.edu) or call 448-8469.

## SNDA Wins Fourth Consecutive Chapter of the Year Award

The College of Dentistry's chapter of the Student National Dental Association was recently awarded the association's Chapter of the Year Award for the fourth consecutive year.

The chapter also won its second Best Scrapbook award thanks to publisher Nick Fong.

With the impressive growth of the chapter, 2002-03 president Denean Carr assigned Christina Faulkner the duty of devising a plan for restructuring the chapter.

This led to the drafting of the chapter's first constitution and by-laws.

Faulkner, chapter president for 2003-04, will continue the chapter's devotion to outreach activities through SMILES (Serving the Mid-South with Integrity, Loyalty, and Exceptional Service). The chapter will also publish a newsletter, *MoUThing Off*, for chapter members, as well as a brochure for incoming students.

## Hypertension Research Day Scheduled

Jonathan H. Jaggar, PhD, assistant professor in the department of physiology, will be one of four speakers presenting cutting-edge clinical and basic science lectures at the E. Eric Muirhead Hypertension Research Day Wednesday, Nov. 5. Presentations will be held from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the north auditorium of the Coleman College of Medicine building.

Following is a schedule of events:

**8 a.m. – "Hypertension in Black Populations: New Information?"** Jackson T. Wright, Jr., MD, PhD, professor of medicine and director of clinical hypertension program, University Hospitals of Cleveland

**9 a.m. – (Leonard Share Distinguished Visiting Professor). "Hypertension and Oxidative Stress,"** David G. Harrison, MD, professor, department of medicine, division of cardiology, Emory University

**10:15 a.m. – "Oxidant Signaling and the Regulation of Vascular Function,"** Michael S. Wolin, PhD, professor of physiology, New York Medical College

**11:15 a.m. – "Calcium Signaling in Arterial Smooth Muscle,"** Johnathan H. Jaggar, PhD, assistant professor of physiology, UTHSC



# Campus Calendar

NOVEMBER 2003

- Oct 30-2** College of Pharmacy Alumni Weekend  
Marriott Hotel, Knoxville
- 3** “Structural Insights into Ubiquitin-like Protein Transfer Cascade”  
*Dr. Brenda Schulman*  
4 p.m., Link Auditorium
- 4** “Pyrogenic Signaling: From the Liver to the Brain”  
*Dr. Clark Blatteis*  
Noon, Link Auditorium
- 5** “Cyclic AMP-elevating Agents and Adenylyl Cyclase Overexpression Promote an Anti-fibrotic Phenotype in Pulmonary Fibroblasts”  
*Dr. Rennolds Ostrom*  
8 a.m., Coleman Building Room F306
- E. Eric Muirhead Hypertension Research Day Presentations  
8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Coleman North Auditorium
- “HIV-1 Protease Inhibitors and Endothelial Dysfunction: Role of Cell Adhesion Molecules and Nitric Oxide”  
*Dr. Khrisna Agrawal*  
12:30 p.m., Link Auditorium
- 6** “Endotoxic Fever: Its Pathogenesis”  
*Dr. Clark Blatteis*  
3:30 p.m., Nash Building Room 516
- 7** College of Nursing Alumni Board of Directors Meeting  
Holiday Inn Select at Fogelman Center, Memphis
- Neurology Seminar, title TBA  
*Dr. Raja Khan*  
8:15 a.m., Link Auditorium
- 11** Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting  
*No Neuroscience Seminar*
- 12** “New Concepts for the Pathogenesis of Lupus”  
*Dr. John A. Hardin*  
8 a.m., Coleman North Auditorium
- 12** “A Peer-Review Study of the Quality of Care Provided by Pharmaceutical Care Practitioners in an Ambulatory Care Clinic Setting”  
*Dr. Lawrence Brown*  
10 a.m., 66 N. Pauline Room 400
- 13** “Use of Mass Spectrometry to Study Proteomics”  
*Dr. Kevin Schey*  
3:30 p.m., Nash Building Room 516
- 14-16** UTNAA Board of Governors Meeting  
Marriott, Knoxville
- 14** Neurology Seminar, title TBA  
8:15 a.m., Link Auditorium
- Deadline to make changes to employee insurance benefits
- 17** “Nonenveloped Viruses and Membrane Fusion: Basic and Applied Aspects”  
*Dr. Roy Duncan*  
4 p.m., Link Auditorium
- 18** “The Molecular Basis of Smell and Taste”  
*Dr. Steven Munger*  
Noon, Link Auditorium
- 19** “Hypertension and Stroke Prophylaxis: An ACE Up Your Sleeve?”  
*Dr. William Pulsinelli*  
8 a.m., Coleman North Auditorium
- 20** “Retinoid-response Genes in Vascular Smooth Muscle Cells”  
*Dr. Joseph M. Miano*  
3:30 p.m., Nash Building Room 516
- 21** Neurology Seminar, title TBA  
*Gerry Maitland*  
8:15 a.m., Link Auditorium
- 25** “Inherited Disorders of Voltage-Gated Sodium Channels”  
*Dr. Alfred George*  
Noon, Link Auditorium