MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Adam Adler, M.D., Assistant Professor, Orthopaedic Surgery & Rehabilitation
- Lisa Ayoub-Rodriguez, M.D., Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, Immediate Past-President
- Daniel Bustamante, M.D., Assistant Professor, Pathology
- Jose Castro-Garcia, M.D., Assistant Professor, Surgery
- Jorge Cervantes-Gonzalez, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Medical Education
- Fabrizzio Delgado-Ramos, M.D., Assistant Professor, Psychiatry
- Abhizith Deoker, M.D., Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine
- Alok Dwivedi, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Molecular and Translational Medicine
- Jose Gavito-Higuera, M.D., Associate Professor, Radiology
- Wayde Miller, M.D., Assistant Professor, Anesthesiology
- Stormy Monks, Ph.D., M.P.H., Associate Professor, Emergency Medicine, President-Elect
- Steven Raddke, M.D., Assistant Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Gerardo Vazquez, M.D., Assistant Professor, Family and Community Medicine
- Anantha Vellipuram, M.D., Assistant Professor, Neurology, President
- KoKo Aung, M.D., M.P.H., Vice President for Faculty Success, TTUHSC El Paso, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, PLFSOM, Ex-Officio, Non-Voting

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mary Josephine Amaro Esparza, D.O., Assistant Professor, Family Medicine – Transmountain
- Olufemi Aduroja, M.D., M.P.H., Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine – Transmountain
- Richard Lange, M.D., M.B.A., President, TTUHSC El Paso, Dean, PLFSOM, Ex-Officio, Non-Voting

GUESTS:

- David Fallah, D.D.S., Associate Professor, Surgery
- Sanja Kupesic, M.D., Ph.D., Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Ibiye Owei, M.D., Assistant Professor, Family Medicine – Transmountain
- Sarah Walker, M.D., Assistant Professor, Surgery
- Miranda Alvarez, M.A., Associate Director, Office of Faculty Affairs
- Michelle Brown, Analyst II, Office of Faculty Affairs
- Cindy Camarillo, Sr. Director, Office of Faculty Affairs and Recruitment

I. CALL TO ORDER

Anantha Vellipuram, M.D.
PLFSOM Faculty Council President

The Faculty Council meeting took place on October 18, 2021, via WebEx Events. Anantha Vellipuram, M.D., Faculty Council President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Anantha Vellipuram, M.D.
PLFSOM Faculty Council President

Having met quorum, the Faculty Council meeting minutes from September 20, 2021 were reviewed and approved as presented.
III. FACULTY AFFAIRS UPDATE

KoKo Aung, M.D., M.P.H.
Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, PLFSOM

Dr. Aung provided a brief update:

A. AAMC Standpoint Faculty Engagement Survey Update
   - The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) survey for the PLFSOM closed on May 28, 2021. The PLFSOM had a final response rate of 83% (253 responses out of 305 eligible participants) which was much higher than the cohort medical school response rate of 58% (18,800 responses out of 32,500 eligible participants for the last three years). Dr. Lange met with AAMC survey staff for a brief review of the results. Dr. Lange and Dr. Aung began an in-depth review of the data, and were able to see a general picture, but more review is required. Results will be reviewed with assistant and associate deans, and then with department chairs. Dr. Aung will then present an overview of the results to the Faculty Council. Over the next few months, the Dean will work with the department chairs to develop a plan based on a more in-depth review of department-specific data.

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Anantha Vellipuram, M.D.
Representative, Department of Neurology

Dr. Vellipuram provided an update from the Department of Neurology:

*Please see attached report

Q&A

Q: You mentioned that there is only one open faculty position in your department. Is this the position you were referring to regarding issues with recruitment of a specialist?

A: The department needs additional specialties as well as general neurology. A child neurologist is needed so that residents don't have to travel to Houston. Also, patient volume is large, and more faculty are needed. If the department will be opening fellowships, one more faculty member might not suffice with the amount of patients being seen.

Dr. Aung also noted that once a faculty position has been opened, recruitment efforts can be directed to attract the qualified candidates who fit the needs of the department.
Dr. Dwivedi commented that he and his department would be happy to help with the Department of Neurology’s research pursuits. There are experts in his department who can work on umbrella review, meta-analysis, a collaborative research approach, and moving review articles to better channels.

It was noted that Dr. Clegg recently joined the institution, and is very passionate and working on improvements to clinical research. Dr. Vellipuram mentioned the department of Neurology has great interest in clinical research, but they find it difficult to capture data from the EMRs in the Clinic and at the University Medical Center (UMC) of El Paso. He stated the data critical for research is not able to be effectively captured.

Dr. Dwivedi mentioned that training is underway for the eHealth Network, which will facilitate the sharing of data from electronic health records through 80 institutions. The training will help with data extraction for planning of studies.

V. NEW BUSINESS
Anantha Vellipuram, M.D.
PLFSOM Faculty Council President

Dr. Vellipuram provided an update:

A. PLFSOM Academic Council Appointments
   - Congratulations to the following faculty members who have been appointed to the PLFSOM Academic Council:
     - Lisa Ayoub-Rodriguez, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics
     - Daniel Bustamante, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology
     - Mingtao Zeng, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Molecular and Translational Medicine

VI. OLD BUSINESS
Anantha Vellipuram, M.D.
PLFSOM Faculty Council President

Dr. Vellipuram provided an update on the following items:

- **Nominations for Committee on Medical School Admissions (2 seats)**
  - The PLFSOM Faculty Council is soliciting for nominations to fill two (2) vacant seats on the Committee on Medical School Admissions.
  - The committee is charged with selecting members of the medical school entering class based on the screening assessments and interview evaluation reports, and to fill vacancies that may occur in any of the medical school classes. Details including eligibility, terms of service, charge, and nomination procedure were distributed to all faculty members via email.
  - Please submit nominations to the Office of Faculty Affairs by October 29, 2021.

- **Nominations for Curriculum and Educational Policy Committee (1 seat)**
Old Business Continued...

- The PLFSOM Faculty Council is soliciting for nominations to fill one (1) vacant seat on the Committee on Curriculum and Educational Policy. Per the bylaws, this vacant seat is to be filled by a current PLFSOM Basic Sciences faculty member.

- The committee is charged with the development, design, implementation, management, monitoring, integration, review, evaluation, and revision of the undergraduate medical education curriculum to ensure continuous quality improvement. The term of service is four (4) years. Meetings occur monthly.

- Please submit nominations to the Office of Faculty Affairs by October 29, 2021.

VII. EL PASO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

Sarah Walker, M.D.
EPCMS – PLFSOM Representative

Dr. Walker reported on the El Paso County Medical Society (EPCMS):

*Please see attached report

- The following topics were discussed at the El Paso County Medical Society meeting on October 12, 2021:
  - El Paso Health Authority, Dr. Hector Ocaranza, mentioned the decrease in student/staff COVID-19 cases at local schools for the month of September compared to August. He also promoted the flu vaccine for those six months of age and older. Any patients who are uninsured and would like to get the flu vaccine can visit https://www.bepowerflu.com/ to register.
  - Those interested in writing resolutions for the Texas Medical Association (TMA) for their Winter Meeting were asked to contact Dr. Roxanne Tyroch.
  - Dr. Joel Hendryx of the University Medical Center (UMC) of El Paso discussed several items including: the pass for the joint commission; Tenet’s continued efforts to administer the monoclonal antibody for COVID-19; research of the antibody by the UMC of El Paso Emergency Room; and current staffing/nursing workforce challenges. Dr. Hendryx also reported that the UMC of El Paso and El Paso Children’s Hospital (EPCH) have continued to care for refugees from Afghanistan, and most have received the COVID-19 vaccine.
  - A virtual event, eligible for CME credit, will be held on October 28, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., hosted by Dr. Lina Villareal, TMA President. The event will highlight the wins and losses of the 87th legislative session. Registration is available online at: https://www.texmed.org/Events/ViewSeminars.aspx?eventcode=EPCMSRPL.
VIII. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Anantha Vellipuram, M.D.  
PLFSOM Faculty Council President  
N/A

IX. FACULTY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anantha Vellipuram, M.D.  
PLFSOM Faculty Council President

Dr. Vellipuram announced the following:

A. 2022 Piper Professor Award Nominations
   - An email was sent to all faculty members with details regarding nominations for the 2022 Piper Professor Award. The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation will award recipients with a certificate, a $5,000 cash honorarium, and a gold commemorative pin. Each Texas institution may submit only one nomination per year. Official announcement of candidates chosen by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation Selection Committee will be made May 2, 2022.
   - Faculty may nominate themselves or colleagues who have made significant and outstanding contributions to the teaching profession. Past recipients of the award are not eligible.
   - Please submit a completed form and CV to the Office of Faculty Affairs by October, 18, 2021 for review by the Faculty Senate Piper Award Ad Hoc Selection Committee

B. Faculty Issues with EMR
   - Dr. Diego De la Mora, Chief Health Informatics Officer for TTUHSC El Paso, will be available to address any questions or issues faculty may be experiencing in the clinics with the EMR system at the November Faculty Council meeting. Please email any questions or issues with the EMR system to Dr. Anantha Vellipuram or Dr. Stormy Monks.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Anantha Vellipuram, M.D.  
PLFSOM Faculty Council President

Dr. Vellipuram adjourned the meeting at 12:32 P.M.
Department Report

PRESENTATION TO THE FACULTY COUNCIL
BY: ANANTHA RAMANA VELLIPURAM MD
DATE: OCT 18, 2021

Department Breakdown

- Number of Assistant Professors: 6
- Number of Associate Professors: 3
- Number of Professors: 3
- Faculty Nurse Practitioners: 2
- Staff Nurse Practitioners: 6
Leadership

▶ Chair: Salvador Cruz-Flores MD
▶ Residency Director: Paisith Piriyawat MD
▶ Clerkship Director: Sushma Yerram MD
▶ Clinic Director: Darine Kassar MD

Accomplishments

REGIONAL
1. Comprehensive stroke center status for UMC by JC (Combined effort of UMC and Texas Tech) – Stroke volumes are up.
2. Mobile Stroke Unit (Combined effort of UMC, El Paso Fire and Texas Tech)
3. Epilepsy monitoring unit in UMC
4. Neurology Subspecialty clinics at Texas Tech – ALS, Epilepsy (Spot and Ambulatory EEGs), Headache
5. Lone Star Stroke Consortium
6. Leadership roles at TTUHSC and UMC
7. Secured State sponsored grant ($201,344.00) to serve qualified uninsured El Paso population with Epilepsy (Sept 2021)
8. Secured two Rural Telehealth grant ($5000 $ and 35,000 $) to start Epilepsy Telehealth services and community education in West Texas Region (Nov 2020 and Sept 2021)
9. Jim and Julie Cardwell Announced $100,000 Gift to TTUHSC El Paso’s Epilepsy Center in March 2021
10. Collaborating with TTUHSC, El Paso USDA Grant recipient Dr. De La Mora for additional Telehealth services in West Texas Region.
Accomplishments

NATIONAL

- American Academy of Neurology
  - Vascular Neuro Self Assessment Examination Working Group
  - AAN Michael Pessin Award selection Workgroup
  - Inpatient and Emergent Measurement Set Working Group
  - Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation Measurement Set Working Group
  - Executive Committee, “Training in Research for Academic Neurologists to Sustain Careers and Enhance the Numbers of Diverse Scholars (TRANSCENDS)” in response to the NIH-NINDS’s PA (PA-13-256—“NINDS Neuroscience development for Advancing the Careers of a Diverse Research Workforce”
  - Ethics, Humanities and Law Committee
  - AAN Ethics Law and Humanities Committee
  - Planning Committee for “Health Equity and Actionable Disparities in Stroke: Understanding and Problem-solving Symposium (HEADS-UP)”
  - Career Leadership Development Subcommittee
  - AAN Neurology Chair Work Group

- American Stroke Association Advisory Committee
- AHA: International Committee
  - Scientific Publishing committee
  - Minority Committee
  - Stroke Leadership Committee
  - Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke in Special populations Committee
  - Latin American Initiative and Summit
- Neuro-critical Care Society
  - Ethics Committee
  - Clinical Trials Research Committee
6. SVIN – Society of vascular and interventional Neurology

Accomplishments

INTERNATIONAL
International Society of Interventional Neurology (ISIN)

EDITORIAL SERVICE
1. World Journal Of Radiology
2. Journal of Stroke and Neurology
3. SOJ Neurology
4. Journal of Neurological Sciences
5. Journal of Stroke and Cerebrovascular Diseases
6. BMC Public Health
7. Frontiers Interventional Neurology
Scholarly Activity
Neurology Publications 2019 - Present


- Maud A, Khatri R, Chaudhry MRA, Vellipuram A, Cruz-Flores S, Rodriguez GJ. Transradial access results in faster skin puncture to reperfusion time than transfemoral access in posterior circulation mechanical thrombectomy. JVIN. May 2019:10. PMID:31308872


Scholarly Activity


Scholarly Activity


Residency Program

- Continuous accreditation status with ACGME
- Nine current residents
  - Requesting an increase in resident complement
    - Room for expansion on faculty, residents, subspecialty (fellowship) and training sites
- Program updates:
  - Possibility for increasing funding from both the University Medical Center as well as the State of Texas education fund for higher education (THECB).
  - Increase in resident research participation
- Off-campus sites:
  - Child Neurology Section at Texas Children’s Hospital
Issues/Concerns

Clinical
- Recruitment
- Workspace
- Ancillary staff
- Efficiency

Residency
- Faculty
- Subspecialty exposure
- Fellowship

Research
- Collaboration
- Local IRB’s

Questions?
EL PASO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

Sarah Walker, M.D.
EPCMS – PLFSOM Representative

EPCMS Report
Sarah Walker, MD
October 18, 2021
EPCMS Meeting

• Dr. Ocaranza-City of El Paso Public Health
  • Schools students/staff positive decreased in September compared to August
  • Promoting Flu vaccine for 6 months and up
  • https://www.bepowerflu.com/ for uninsured
• Lone star Caucus will be entertaining resolutions for Winter TMA meeting
  • Can contact Dr. Roxanne Tyroch if interested
• Dr. Joel Hendryx of UMC
  • Passed Joint Commission
  • Highlighted that Tenet continues to administer monoclonal antibody
  • ED researching Covid monoclonal antibody
  • Highlighted challenges of staffing/nursing workforce
  • Reports Dona Ana Village ~9000 migrants, temporarily housed until greencard, willing and receiving COVID vaccine

TMA Review 87th legislative session

• Oct 28 5:30 Linda Villareal, President of TMA
• https://www.texmed.org/Events/ViewSeminars.aspx?eventcode=EPCMSPRL
• Learn about TMA’s physician-led legislative accomplishments and earn free 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ With Ethics