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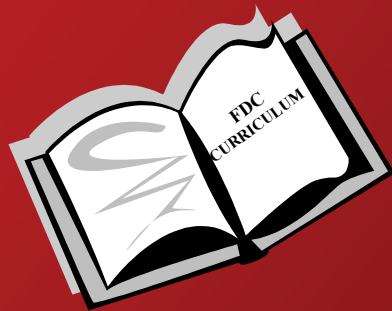
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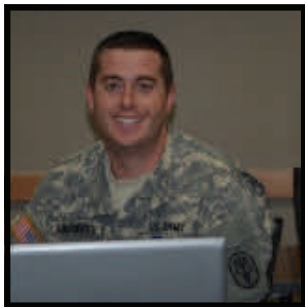
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Scholarly activities and interests:  
Dr. Ainsworth received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan in 2014 and the Joint Service Achievement Medal for outstanding performance as a critical care medicine fellow in 2013.



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Scholarly activities and interests:  
Peripheral Neuropathy: Due to chemotherapy, drug overdose, diabetes, diabetic neuropathic pain, herpes simplex virus vector mediated gene therapy and nerve injury.



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Scholarly activities and interests:  
Dr. Farrag is fluent in Arabic, English and Spanish. She also enjoys listening to music, playing chess and traveling.

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Scholarly activities and interests:  
Dr. Gonzalez is an enthusiastic junior investigator committed to a research career focusing on delineating the pathophysiological mechanisms of bipolar disorder. Dr. Gonzalez has a particular interest in exploring how disturbances in biological rhythms are associated with the illness. Rhythm disruption is a hallmark of bipolar disorder.



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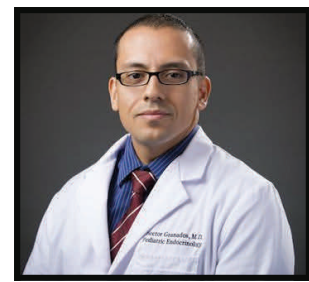
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Scholarly activities and interests:  
Dr. Gonzalez interests are in the field of neuropsychiatric genetics in Hispanic populations. Dr. Gonzalez is particularly interested in understanding how genetic polymorphisms within key physiological pathways translate into clinical endophenotypes of disorders.



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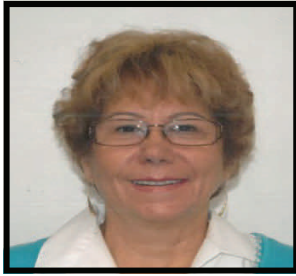
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Scholarly activities and interests:  
Dr. Granados hobbies are sports and healthy living, reading, air cooled motors mechanics and vintage VW restoration.

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Scholarly activities and interests:  
Dr. Gutierrez likes to volunteer and was awarded with two certificates from the Houston Independent School district for outstanding Volunteer Services in 1988 and 1990.



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Scholarly activities and interests:  
Dr. Kassar is fluent in Arabic, French and English and has interests in painting, photography & is interested in "Doctors without Borders".



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Title: Assistant Professor  
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Imaging and Body Imaging Fellowship  
Program Director

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Scholarly activities and interests:  
Dr. Laks is currently in the development of computer assisted detection algorithm for small colorectal polyps in CT colonography.

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Scholarly activities and interests: Dr. Perez is currently studying such proteins from a molecular to a whole animal level promises to identify novel therapeutic targets for the treatment of Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, Multiple System Atrophy, and Dementia with Lewy Bodies, all of which are pathologies collectively referred to as synucleinopathies.



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Scholarly activities and interests: Dr. Piriawat provides care for patients with neurological disorders on both inpatient and outpatient bases with emphasis on cerebrovascular diseases.



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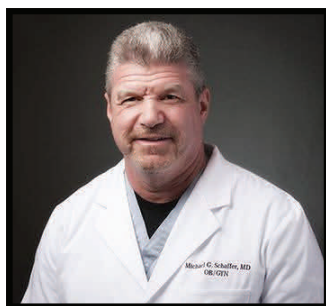
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Year Joined Texas Tech: 2013  
Specialty (ies): Pediatric Endocrinology

Education: M.B.B.S.; Sri Sidhartha Medical College, Tumkur, India, 2001; MRCPCH, U.K., 2007

Scholarly activities and interests: Dr. Rao is currently doing research on "Role of Dietary counselling behavioral modification on Lipid profile and inflammatory mediators associated with Type-1 Diabetes in preschool children and also the Winner of the Marilyn Fishman Grant for Diabetes Research by the Endocrine Fellows society in 2011.

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Scholarly activities and interests: Dr. Vazquez hobbies include weight lifting and watching movies.



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Scholarly activities and interests: Dr. Walker's research interests are in innate immunity and sepsis and HIV elite control and long-term nonprogression