

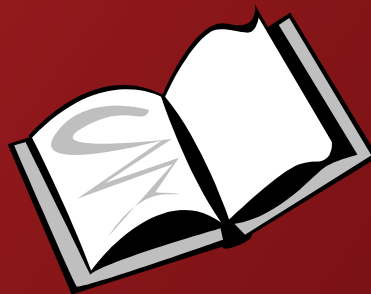
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PAUL L. FOSTER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COURSE XIV**

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# DIRECTORY OF COURSE LECTURERS



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## FACULTY/STAFF BIOGRAPHIES

### MEET THE FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COURSE LECTURERS

This directory has been compiled to acquaint course participants with the faculty and staff who will present classes during the Faculty Development Course series. Participants are encouraged to foster professional relationships with course lecturers and utilize these contacts as resources in support of academic responsibilities in the areas of teaching, clinical service, scholarly, and academically-related public service. Please feel free to contact the lecturers by phone or e-mail.



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Mr. Aranda joined Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso in 1995 and joined the Center for Advanced Teaching and Assessment in Clinical Simulation (ATACS) in 2008. He was appointed Assistant Director in 2012 for the Technical Division, and was appointed Faculty Associate for the department of Internal Medicine in 2015.

Education: B.S.; Information Technology, University of Phoenix. Mr. Aranda was awarded the Quality Service Award in 2010.

**Courses:** *How to Use SharePoint in Faculty Development Course, Introduction to the Microsoft PowerPoint Presentation Software, Use Simple Technology to Enhance your Teaching Effectiveness, Basics and Advanced of Audience Interactive Response System, Camtasia: Make a Great recording and Cyber Security: How to Avoid Computer Viruses*



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Dr. Aung joined Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso in 2016 and is currently the Associate Dean for the Faculty Affairs. Dr. Aung is a Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine

Education: M.D.; Rangoon University Medical College, Burma. Residency; Internal Medicine Temple University/ St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. MPH; Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health, Baltimore, Maryland. Formal training on the conduct of systematic reviews and meta-analysis at Tufts University School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health, and U.S. Cochrane Center. Dr. Aung received training on outcomes research at Harvard School of Public Health

**Courses:** *How to Prepare for Tenure and Promotion*



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**Courses:** *Workshop on Interpretation of Urinalysis*

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*Courses: Radiology Interpretation Skills*



**Paul Casner, M.D.**

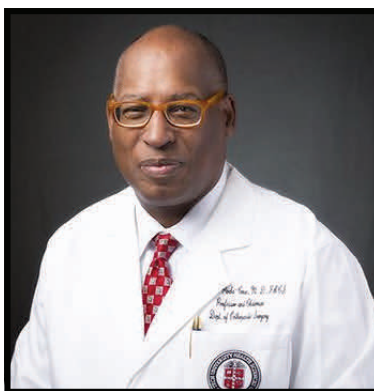
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Dr. Casner joined Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso in 1983 and is currently a Professor of Medicine, Chief, Division of Geriatrics and Associate Professor of Pharmacology. His specialties include Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, and Pharmacology. In addition, Dr. Casner is the Chairman of the Institutional Review Board at TTUHSC El Paso.

Education: M.D., New York Medical College; Residency, Internal Medicine, Westchester County Medical Center, Valhalla, NY; Fellowship, Pharmacology, New York Medical College; Ph.D., Pharmacology, New York Medical College.

Dr. Casner was awarded the President's Excellence in Teaching Award in 2013.

*Courses: IRB and research ethics*



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Dr. Pirela-Cruz joined Texas Tech University Health Sciences at El Paso in 2001 and is currently a Professor in the department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation. His specialties include Hand and Micro Vascular Surgery.

Education: M.D., Temple University, Philadelphia, PA; Residency, Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center/ SUNY Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY.

*Courses: Workshop on Musculoskeletal Examination Skills*



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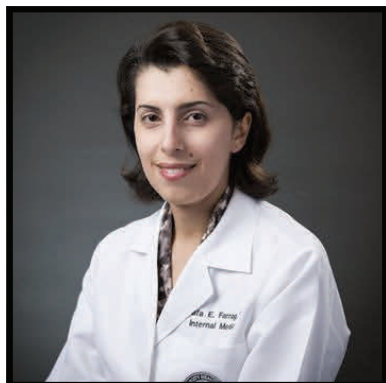
Dr. Dwivedi joined Texas Tech University Health Sciences at El Paso in 2012 and is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Biostatistics and Epidemiology.

Education: B.Sc.; Statistics and Computer Science, Deen Dayal Upadhaya Gorakhpur University, Uttar Pradesh, India, 2002; M.S.; Statistics, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Uttar Pradesh, India, 2004; Ph.D., Biostatistics, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi, India, 2009.

*Courses: Manage Your Research Data*

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Dr. Farrag joined Texas Tech University Health Sciences El Paso in 2013 and is currently an Assistant Professor in the department of Internal Medicine and Clerkship Director for MSIV.

Education: M.D., Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, Tanta University, Egypt; Residency, Internal Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Science Center, El Paso, TX.

*Courses: Workshop on Hand Held Ultrasound Scanner*



**Hoi Ho, M.D.**

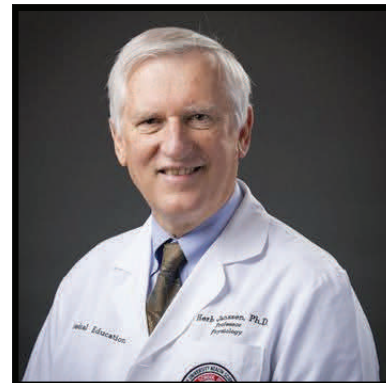
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Dr. Ho, Professor of Medicine, joined the faculty of Texas Tech Health Sciences Center at El Paso in 1986 and was named Assistant Dean of Faculty Affairs and Development in 2002, Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs and Development in 2008, and appointed Director of the Advanced Teaching and Assessment in Clinical Simulation Center (ATACS). His practice specialties include Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, and Geriatrics. Dr. Ho went on sabbatical to establish an educational exchange program with medical schools in Vietnam, effective November 2015.

Education: M.D., University of Saigon School of Medicine; Residency, Internal Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Science Center, El Paso; Fellowship, Hematology/Oncology, Wadley Institute of Molecular Medicine, Dallas, TX.

Dr. Ho has received various TTUHSC teaching awards, including the Internal Medicine Department Residents Outstanding Faculty Award for 15+ consecutive years; "Clinical Faculty Award for Clinical Excellence", 1988-2002; President's Excellence in Teaching Award for the School of Medicine, 1990, 2004; and Students "Lifetime Teaching Award" 1999, 2000, 2002, 2007. El Paso's Best Doctors, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and Best Doctors in America, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013.

*Courses: How to Improve Your Oral Presentation/Deliver a good lecture, Cardiovascular Examination Skills and Workshop on Harvey Simulator and Echocardiography*



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Before joining the faculty at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, Dr. Janssen was a Professor in the department of Orthopaedic Surgery/Physiology at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, TX. Dr. Janssen is currently a Professor of Physiology in the Department of Medical Education.

Education: B.S.E.; Midwestern University; M.Ed.; Texas Tech University; Ph.D.; Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Janssen was the recipient of the Teacher of the Year—Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock 2007, 2002, 2000, 1991.

*Courses: Proctor for participants oral presentation, Workshop: Principles of Negotiation and Conflict Resolution and Professionalism, Team Building and Laws of Teamwork*

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Dr. Kupesic joined Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso in 2007 as a Visiting Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and in 2008 named Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Radiology in the Department of Medical Education. In 2008 Dr. Kupesic was appointed as Associate Chair for the Clinical Medical Education at Paul L. Foster School of Medicine and Director of Clinical and Translational Research in 2009. Dr. Kupesic was appointed Assistant Dean for Faculty Development in 2012. Dr. Kupesic was appointed Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Director for the Center for Advanced Teaching and Assessment in Clinical Simulation in 2015.

Education: M.D., University of Zagreb, Croatia; Postgraduate Study of Epidemiology, Medical School University of Zagreb, Croatia; Residency, OB & GYN, Medical School University of Zagreb, Croatia; Fellowship, Reproductive Endocrinology and Human Reproduction, Medical School University of Zagreb, Croatia.

*Courses: Welcome, Course Overview, & House Keeping, Adult Learning & Effective Teaching, Challenges of Bedside Teaching, Providing Feedback & Evaluation, Proctor for participants oral presentation, Closing out & publishing your study: final report to sponsor & publishing the results, Teaching in the Clinic/ On Rounds/ in OR, How to Organize a Simulation Session, Workshop on Female Pelvic Exam & Pap Smear, Workshop on Ultrasound of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Workshop: Digital Measures, Faculty Mentoring: Principles of Effective Mentoring & Faculty Mentoring: Responsibility & Accountability*



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Dr. Lakshmanaswamy joined Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso in 2004. He is currently the Scientific Director, Center of Emphasis in Cancer, Professor of Biomedical Sciences, Dean for the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Education: M.S., University of Madras, Madras, India, 1988; M. Phil., University of Madras, Madras, India, 1990; Ph.D., University of Madras, Madras, India, 1997.

Dr. Lakshmanaswamy was awarded the Achievement Award for Best Poster: Highest Impact on Breast Cancer, for the poster entitled "Breast Cancer Prevention with Estrogen" awarded at the 2005 California Breast Cancer Research Symposium: Research to Action: Seeking Solutions in 2005. He was invited to serve as an expert on the panel advising the Avon Foundation's Breast Cancer Crusade on issues regarding pregnancy and breast cancer in April 2006 in Washington, D.C. Dr. Lakshmanaswamy has been honored with numerous awards which include Young Investigator Award, and Excellent Performance Award.

*Courses: Principal investigator's intellectual & fiscal responsibilities (intellectual property, retention & access to the research data), PLFSOM/ TTUHSC policies & required compliance training, Research ethics & research misconduct*

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Dr. Maud joined Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso in 2010 and is currently the Director of Stroke and Interventional Neurology with a Specialty (ies) in Stroke and Neuro-Interventional Radiology Procedures.

Education: M.D.; Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Facultad de Ciencias Médicas, Córdoba, Argentina; Residency; University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, TX; Fellowship; Vascular Neurology and Endovascular Surgery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

*Courses: Workshop on Central Nervous System Examination Skills*

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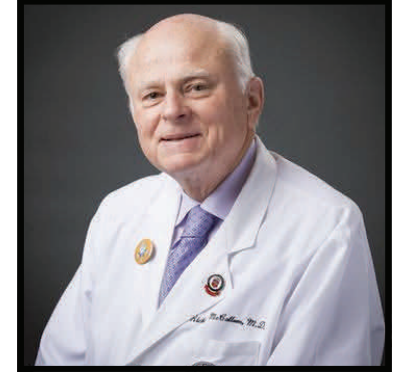
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Dr. Meza joined Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso in 2002. Dr. Meza is currently the Associate Academic Dean for Graduate Medical Education. Prior to this appointment he was the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso Internal Medicine Residency Program Director for seven years.

Education: Dr. Meza graduated from the University of Juarez School of Medicine in Juarez, Mexico. He subsequently trained in internal medicine at TTUHSC El Paso. Dr. Meza underwent his infectious diseases fellowship training at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. He is certified in internal medicine and infectious diseases.

*Courses: ACGME Core Competencies and CLER*

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Dr. McCallum joined Paul L Foster School of Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso in 2009. Dr. McCallum is currently a Professor of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology in the department of Internal Medicine.

Education: M.D.; University of Queensland, B.S.; Queensland Medical School, Internship at the Charity Hospital in New Orleans LSU service, Residency in categorical internal medicine at Barnes Hospital, Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. McCallum had fellowship training in gastroenterology at the Wadsworth Veterans Hospital and the University of California in Los Angeles.

*Courses: How to get started*

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Education: BA; Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ., 1991; Diploma; Respiratory Technician, Apollo College, Phoenix, AZ., 1992; MSPH; Epidemiology, University of South Florida College of Public Health, Tampa, FL., 1994; PhD; Epidemiology, 2001.

*Courses: Proctor for participants oral presentation, Workshop on How to Organize and Conduct an EBM-format Journal Club*

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Dr. Nahleh joined Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Paul L. Foster School of Medicine El Paso in 2011. Dr. Nahleh is currently Professor of Medicine, Chief, Division of Hematology/Oncology, Hematology/Oncology Co-Director of Texas Tech, Physician's Breast Care Center Cancer Clinic for the department of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Nahleh's research interests, funded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and several scientific agencies, focus on the treatment of breast cancer and other solid tumors with a variety of experimental and traditional cancer therapeutics including bevacizumab, heat shock proteins, and other targeted agents.

Education: M.D.; American University of Beirut, 1995; Fellowship; Hematology/Oncology, The George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, DC., 2000; Residency, Internal Medicine, The George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, DC., 2002; Fellowship; Chief Fellow, Hematology/Oncology, The George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, DC., 2003;

American Association of Cancer Research/American Society of Clinical oncology (AACR/ASCO) workshop "Methods in Clinical Cancer Research", Vail, CO, 2004; Southwest Oncology Group (SWOG) Young Investigators Training Program, San Antonio, TX, 2004.

*Courses: Clinical Trials*

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Education: M.D.; UT Houston Medical School, Houston, TX, 1998; MPH; Tufts School of Public Health, Boston, MA, 2000; Residency; Hermann Hospital, Houston, TX, 1999; Residency; Pathology, Tufts/New England Medical Center, Boston, MA, 2004; Fellowship; Surgical Pathology, Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT; 2005; Fellowship; Hematopathology, Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT; 2006.

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*Courses: Workshop on Interpretation of Peripheral Blood Smears*

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Dr. Rotwein joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso in 2014. Dr. Rotwein is currently Chair and Professor, Department of Biomedical Sciences, Vice President for Research and Associate Dean, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Education: M.D., Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York City, NY, 1975.

*Courses: Reading and analyzing scientific articles, Managing a lab or research team, The ABC's of writing a seed grant proposal, Defining and developing a research project*

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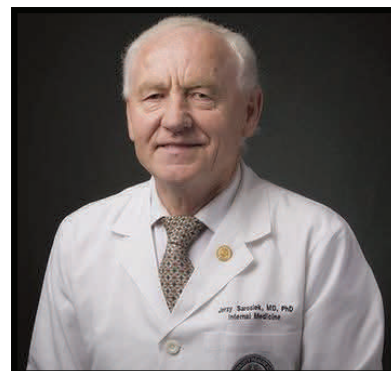
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Dr. Sarosiek joined Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Paul L. Foster School of Medicine El Paso in 2009. Dr. Sarosiek is currently the Associate Professor and the Director of GI Motility Neurostimulation Research in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Education: M.D.; Medical University of Bialystok, 1979; Residency; University Hospital, Medical School, Bialystok, Poland, 1983.

*Courses: Proctor for participants oral presentation, Conducting your study: participant recruitment and enrollment, study tools and forms, regulatory compliance*

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Dr. Sarosiek joined Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Paul L. Foster School of Medicine El Paso in 2009. Dr. Sarosiek is currently Associate Chairman for Research, Professor of Medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine, and Director for the Molecular Medicine Research laboratory

Education: M.D.; Medical University of Bialystok, Poland, 1969; Ph.D.; Biochemistry Institute, Medical University of Bialystok, 1975.

*Courses: Proctor for participants oral presentation, Defining transitional research: Implications for teaching and training*

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