



UMC Associate Garners National Interpreter Certification

When it comes to medical interpretation, the translation and interpretation from one language to another can bring understanding and clarity for patients and families. UMC's Carlos Ramos recently showed another reason why UMC continues to set the standard for patient care and interpretation by being awarded the National Certified Healthcare Interpreter certificate.



Carlos Ramos

Having local and national certified healthcare interpretation professionals can be the difference in a patient feeling comfortable and knowledgeable enough about the procedures, diagnosis and treatment plans that a doctor may have. It is also a patient's right to have interpretation available. UMC's qualified medical interpreters comprise a group of nearly 160 volunteer Associates. UMC is the only hospital in El Paso with two professional on-site medical interpreters and translators. Carlos was nationally certified and recognized by the Certification Commission for Healthcare Interpreters.

Congratulations, Carlos!

UTEP, UMC Partner To Support Students With Pharmacy Services

UTEP and UMC recently announced a partnership that will bring new and greater access to pharmacy services to thousands of UTEP students. UTEP students will be able to have their prescriptions filled at all UMC pharmacies throughout El Paso -- at student rates.



Jacob Cintron, President & CEO, and Diana Natalicio sign the pharmacy partnership agreement at a press conference Dec. 20.

UMC, El Paso Healthcare Community Step Up For Migrant Screening

In yet another example of why El Paso is a community that stands together for the betterment of regional health, UMC, El Paso Children's Hospital, Tenet Healthcare, HCA Healthcare and the BorderRAC (Border Regional Advisory Council), met Dec. 26 to address healthcare screening for migrant children and others.

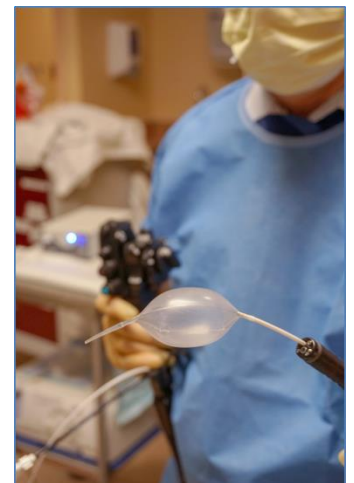
El Paso's healthcare leaders and the community agreed to coordinate with U.S. Customs and Border Protection regarding certain healthcare screening and care for migrants. Some of the screening has included treatment of colds, flu, immunizations and other healthcare issues. All participating El Paso hospitals agreed to share the treatment of any unanticipated surge in the need for screening of migrant children, families and individuals.



UMC's Endoscopy Department Receives Recertification

UMC received notification in December that our Center for Diagnostic and Advanced Endoscopy was officially recertified by the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.

UMC continues to lead our region in endoscopic and advanced endoscopic care. The unit specializes in traditional endoscopic care while also providing services such as the treatment of Barrett's Esophagus that is only available at UMC. No other hospital in El Paso has similar certification or is staffed by equally trained nurses, techs and physicians.



Newly Elected Samaniego, Robinson Join 2019 Commissioners Court

On New Year's Day, Judge Ricardo Samaniego and Commissioner Carl Robinson were sworn-in to their newly elected positions.

Judge Samaniego replaces Ruben Vogt, who completed his appointed position; while Commissioner Robinson replaces Andrew Haggerty, who completed a full term of elected office.



Ricardo Samaniego



Carl Robinson

Congratulations Leadership UMC 2019 Class Selectees

The following Associates have been accepted into Leadership UMC 2019. Thank you for your feedback and input in the selection of the candidates. We are building on our succession planning and look forward to working with this team.

- Veronica Almeida, Ultrasound Supervisor
- Monica Armendariz, Training Specialist
- Vanesa Cruz Armendariz, Assistant Nurse Manager
- Baltazar Banning, Quality Management Manager
- Stephanie Bettis, Food & Nutrition Supervisor
- J. Moises Burke, Network Service Supervisor
- Cesar Delgadillo, RN, SPI
- Carmen Escobedo, Nurse Home Visitor
- Ana L. Garcia, Nurse Manager, Medical Oncology/Infusion
- Francisco Garcia, Physical Therapy Supervisor
- Lina Chiszar Gomez, Assistant Nurse Manager, Medical Oncology/Infusion
- Shannon C. Jordan, Infection Control Manager
- Jesse Holguin, Assistant Nurse Manager, Surgical Unit
- Angel Licerio, PFS Supervisor
- Roxann Contreras Lopez, Trauma Service Coordinator
- Leslie Lujan, Public Affairs Specialist
- Kathleen McAlarney-Wilhite, Coordinator of Medical Staff Services
- Nancy McGrail, Nurse Manager, ED
- Veronica H. Orozco, Supervisor of Phlebotomy
- Mary H. Perez, Supervisor of Imaging Services
- Monica Portillo, Point of Care Supervisor
- Diana V. Ramirez, Accounting Supervisor
- Araceli Rodriguez, Nursing Informatics Specialist
- Angelica Serna, Supervisor of Security
- Alexa Timbrook, Nurse Manager, CVICU
- Rocio Torres, Contracts Administrator
- Joshua Tovar, Intern
- Gabriela Vidal, Trauma Services Coordinator
- Jenny Weathers, Nurse Manager, ACE/GI

HealthStart 2019 Family Event Set For Feb. 2 at UMC West Clinic

Hundreds of UMC Associates, community members, families and others will take part in UMC's 2nd Annual HealthStart event Feb. 2 at the UMC West Clinic (6600 North Desert Blvd.).

The event will feature a 5k run and a 1-mile walk, fitness and healthy food/nutrition/vitamin vendors and displays.

The purpose of the event will be to stimulate and create healthy lifestyles for families and individuals, while also exposing them to UMC's clinic location. UMC will also have representatives from partners at El Paso Children's Hospital and Texas Tech.



Click on this link to register today at www.RaceAdventuresUnlimited.com.

Cost is \$15 per person; only \$10 per person for groups/teams of four or more.

First 300 registrants will receive a swag bag of goodies and a long-sleeve T-shirt!

About The Pulse:

The Pulse newsletter is a product of the UMC Public Affairs office and features news briefs and updates from around our campus. It is distributed to our El Paso community. If you have an item that you would like to have considered for The Pulse, email it to [Ryan Mielke, UMC Director of Public Affairs](#).