

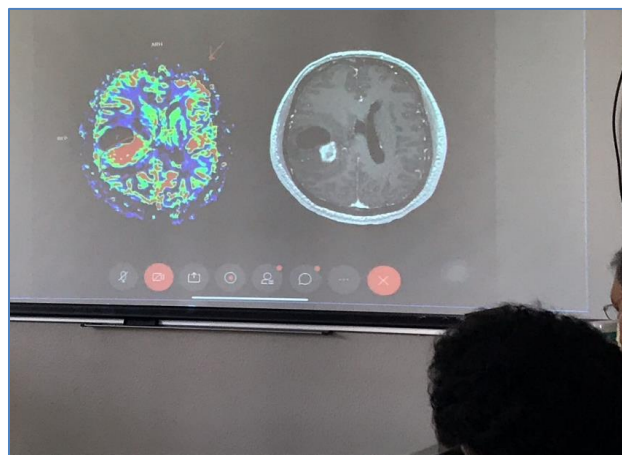
UMC's Neurosurgery Team Ushers in Brain Tumor Board

Physicians interested in taking part, observing are encouraged to join

If you ever sought a second opinion on a medical case, whether it was yours or someone else's, you know how valuable it can be. An innovative board was recently created by UMC's Neurosurgery Department that takes getting a "second opinion" to a new level by getting opinions from many of the best neurosurgeons in the region.

"Our UMC - Texas Tech Brain and Spine Tumor Board takes a close look at each patient's clinical situation with a multifaceted input from various specialties including neurosurgery, neurology, critical care, oncology, radiation therapy, radiology, rehabilitation and social work. It utilizes knowledge of all specialties together, to come up with a unified approach for best patient care," said Akshay Gupte, M.D., one of UMC's Neurosurgeons.

The first Brain and Spine Tumor Board took place in June at UMC. The second board grew in participation, nearly doubling, and took place at Texas Tech



Neurosurgeons review a patient's brain tumor case.



UMC's team of neurosurgeons, above, comprise the largest, most experienced neurosurgery team in the region. No other hospital or organization in our region has the depth and range of specialty and surgical care as provided by UMC's neurosurgeons.

University Health Sciences Center. The third Brain and Spine Tumor Board is scheduled for the second week of August at the TTUHSC Library, behind UMC's main campus. "We want this board to continue to grow through the examination of more cases, but also through the participation of more physicians," added Dr. Gupte.

Brain surgery can be an exceptionally complicated and difficult procedure. "Having more voices from neurosurgeons at UMC, Texas Tech Physicians, other El Paso hospitals, and private practices can translate to a more positive outcome for our patients, said Luis Vasquez, MD, Director of Neurosurgery. "We are also encouraging interested residents and students to witness the Brain Tumor Board."

During the Brain Tumor Board, physicians will present a series of images of their respective case and discuss actions taken and planned with particular patients. "What makes this so valuable to the patient and to referring community physician, is sharing of experiences from various disciplines of neurosciences that could chart a new path or protocol of care, that may be a more effective option than presently offered," added Gupte.

Surgeons or other physicians wanting to attend or take part in the August Brain Tumor Board should call Charlie Dominguez, at (915) 521-7731, by Aug. 4, to sign up to present a case or to attend and watch.

Congratulations to the 2nd Quarter DAISY Award Winners

Congratulations to our DAISY Award Winners for the 2nd Quarter of 2020: April: Elizabeth Navarro, Medical Oncology; May: Paul McDonald, ICU; and June: Samuel Wong, ICU!

The DAISY Award is given to extraordinary nurses in honor of the outstanding work they do! They are nominated by patients who received

care at our hospital. University Medical Center of El Paso is honored to have these exceptional nurses as part of our organization!



Elizabeth Navarro, RN



Paul McDonald, RN



Samuel Wong, RN

Throughout our hospital, patients complete a nomination form and outline the exceptional care they received while at UMC. DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System, and it was established by the DAISY Foundation in memory of J. Patrick Barnes who died at 33 of an autoimmune disease.

CARES From the Heart To Emphasize Values, Performance

CARES from the Heart is an initiative to bring us back to the basics of our C.A.R.E.S. Values and Standards of Performance and what truly make us UMC - we care from the heart!

This initiative is based on 3 "C's": Courtesy and Respect, Connection and Communication.

We are happy to congratulate our first class of CARES from the Heart Ambassadors:



UMC's CARES From The Heart

- *Veronica Almeida*, Ultrasound
- *Jose Amaro*, Patient Access
- *Eric Blacksher*, IT
- *Chris Celaya*, Safety
- *Karen Davidson*, Compliance
- *Marily Dominguez-Cisneros*, Diabetes Mgt
- *Sandra Espinosa*, Legal
- *Pedro Esquivel*, Food Services
- *Krystal Garcia*, Pharmacy
- *Luz Garcia*, Scheduler
- *Eilene Gutierrez*, NHC
- *Gina Guzman*, Pharmacy
- *Alison Kennedy*, Care Mgt
- *Enrique Lopez*, Lab
- *Gabriel Ortiz*, Pharmacy
- *Gabriela Palomino*, PFS
- *Elizabeth Ramirez*, NHC Admin
- *Fabiola Ramos*, Guest Services
- *Marcos Rey*, HR
- *Araceli Rodriguez*, Nursing Informatics
- *Eduardo Romero*, Supply Process/Distribution
- *Ceci Salas*, Mother Baby
- *Joanna Silva*, Observation Unit
- *Vanessa Teran*, Rehab
- *Rocio Torres*, Materials Mgt
- *Madison Trimbath*, Ortho Trauma
- *David Valtierra*, Transport
- *Cesar Valadez Jr.*, Rehab
- *David Wierson*, Business Development
- *Carolyn Williams*, Foundation

These Ambassadors, along with our CARES Leaders, are our champions to help us remember that everything we do has a direct impact on our patients, visitors and co-workers and are going to help us provide positive interactions each day! Keep an eye out for more information from your department leaders!

ICU Staff Receive 'Thank You' From Friends of Patient

Joni Gutierrez is a patient in UMC's Neuro Intensive Care Unit and has been requiring care for multiple weeks after a fall left her with neurological complications. This week her friends from Arizona, North Carolina, and other parts of the U.S. wanted to thank the ICU department for their dedication and care for their best friend.

The friends sent the ICU floor 200 cookies with the an attached note reading “Thank you for taking such great care of our friend Joni Gutierrez From, Susan, Ron, Irene, Lori, Lowell, and Srill.”

Thank you ICU staff for your constant care for our patients! UMC continues to receive many donations from people and organizations who are grateful for the service and compassion our Team UMC provides.



UMC's ICU Staff Poses with the Cookie Donation

Congratulations to our Leadership Award Winners

With a different approach to honor our Associates for their years of service as well as the positive impacts they had on our hospital for the last year, a virtual award ceremony was created. This years Emerging Leader Award was presented to Christopher Morales, Director of both ICU and IMCU. This years Impact Leader Award was presented to Salvador Baeza, Director of West Texas Regional Poison Center. Congratulations to both of these award winners!



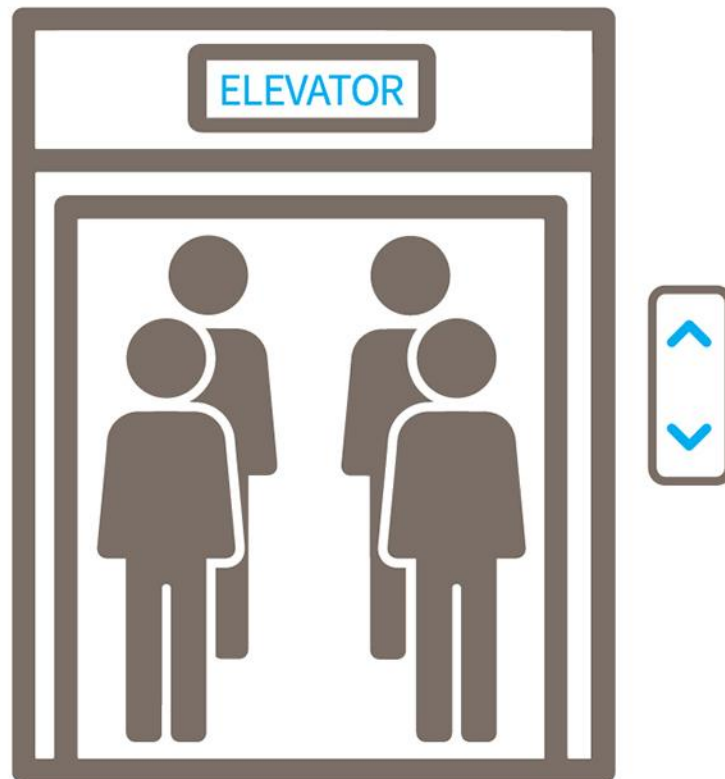
Salvador Baeza Elected to AAPCC Board of Directors

Salvador Baeza, Director of West Texas Regional Poison Center, was recently elected as Director-at-Large for The American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC). The AAPCC is a national non-profit organization representing each of the 55 poison control centers in the United States, with more than 1,700 professionals throughout these centers, as well as other poison-related organizations. AAPCC's mission is to actively advance the health care role and public health mission of its members through information, advocacy, education, and research. Congratulations, Sal, we know you will represent UMC in the best way!



Sal Baeza

**No More Than Four People
Per Elevator
SOCIAL DISTANCING
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**Màximo De Cuatro Personas
En El Elevador
ES OBLIGATORIO MANTENER
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