Changing the Face of Medicine Library Programs

The HAM-TMC Library hosted two programs to celebrate women’s success in the field of medicine as part of the exhibit Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America’s Women Physicians, sponsored by the National Library of Medicine in collaboration with the American Library Association.

Dr. Dina Mody, Director of the Cytopathology Laboratory and Cytopathology Fellowship at The Methodist Hospital and Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Weill Medical College of Cornell University, was the keynote speaker at the Open House event.

Dr. Mody recounted her childhood in India and her interest in pursuing a medical career. She came to the United States and was offered a residency in pathology. Dr. Mody talked about how important it is to have good mentors and how they encouraged her to succeed in this field.

When asked what advice she has for women pursuing a medical career, Dr. Mody said “treat everyone with respect, be honest and be nice to people. Get everyone excited and passionate about pursuing an academic career”.

Through her accomplishments Dr. Mody has created a better environment for women because more women have been accepted to residency programs in cytopathology. Dr. Mody is a great role model and one of the outstanding physicians who participated in our programs.

Dr. Mody is also president of the American Society of Cytopathology.
Adventures and Challenges of Women Physicians

A panel of women physicians from different ethnic backgrounds recounted their struggles and hardships to become successful in the medical field. Drs. Rosa Tang, Melba Swafford, Luz Venta and Patricia Chevez-Barrios discussed their childhoods in Peru, the United States, Cuba, and Mexico. Although they came from different backgrounds and have different medical specialties, all of them went through similar difficulties in their successful quest to become doctors.

All the speakers completed pregnancies while doing their residency and accomplished the challenge of balancing family and career responsibilities. These physicians have opened doors to women in the medical field and helped create a better environment to work in the specialty they chose.

The traveling exhibition has been made possible by The National Library of Medicine and the Institutes of Health Office of Research on Women's Health. The Medical Women’s Association provided additional support.

Funding for the Library programs was provided by The Methodist Hospital.

Women Physicians in Early Texas Medicine

Women Physicians in Early Texas Medicine, an exhibit created by the Texas Medical Association, was on display along with the Changing the Face of Medicine exhibit. This exhibit features women physician pioneers in the state of Texas. These physicians registered with the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, supplying information on their education as well as a photograph. The earliest exhibited physician’s birthdate is 1852. The exhibit features early physicians of various ethnicities, as well as a sample Board application. Additionally, a local exhibit of women physicians was mounted in the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library exhibit cases. The exhibits will be on display at the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library during the spring and summer of 2008.

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Health professionals and consumers alike can depend on it for information that is authoritative and up to date. MedlinePlus has extensive information from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other trusted sources on over 750 diseases and conditions. There are also lists of hospitals and physicians, a medical encyclopedia and a medical dictionary, extensive information on prescription and nonprescription drugs, health information from the media, and links to thousands of clinical trials. MedlinePlus is updated daily. There is no advertising on this site, nor does MedlinePlus endorse any company or product. On May 7, 2008, the NLM introduced a new multi-lingual feature of MedlinePlus (www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/languages/languages.html) which provides access to high quality health information in multiple languages, including Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese, Chinese and even Hmong. This new service benefits people who prefer to read consumer health information in their native language. It also helps the information professionals and health care providers who serve them. The new collection contains over 2,500 links to information in more than 40 languages and covers nearly 250 Health Topics. Continuous growth is expected.
EBSCOhost’s New Interface – Coming in July

EBSCOhost will launch a new interface and search enhancements in July. Some of the new features are:

- A “How to Cite” feature will provide citation formatting information for some commonly-used citation styles, like AMA and APA, Chicago and MLA
- The right sidebar will include access to related articles
- Search limiters, expanders and search modes in Advanced Search will be displayed fully, reducing the need to scroll
- Search History will be located directly above the search results
- New display-related thumbnails of images, where applicable, will be displayed adjacent to search results and can be previewed by hovering over them
- Set date limiters for searches with a slider scale instead of using drop-downs or typing
- Clustered search results will include more detailed categories

More information and a Flash demo of EBSCOhost’s enhancements can be found at: http://www.ebscohost.com/thisTopic.php?marketID=1&topicID=969

or by accessing the “New Features!” link while using one of these databases.

HAM-TMC Educational level users have access to EBSCOHost databases, including CINAHL Plus with Full Text.

News in Health

The June issue of News in Health, a publication that includes practical health news and tips based on the latest NIH research, is now available at: http://newsinhealth.nih.gov/

Featured Stories:
- More than a Feeling: How the Arts Affect Your Health
- What Makes Your Head Hurt? Tension is the Most Common Culprit

Health Capsules:
- Fat Cell Numbers Stay Constant in Adults
- Blood Pressure Control and Kidney Disease

Featured Website:
Asian American Health
http://asianamericanhealth.nlm.nih.gov/

May is Healthy Vision Month. Gear Up is a website that encourages kids the use of protective eyewear. Eye injuries are the leading cause of blindness for children in the U.S. Using protective eyewear can prevent 9 of 10 sports-related eye injuries. Learn practical tips for keeping eyes safe while having fun this summer.

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Library Class Schedule

SuperSearcher
Thursday, July 10 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

ABCs of DNA: Unraveling the Mystery of Genetics Information for Consumers
Tuesday, August 12 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Easy to Read Health and Wellness Material for Consumers
Wednesday, August 13 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Classes are free and are offered in the Library classroom.
To view the complete class schedule and to register, check the Library web site:
http://resource.library.tmc.edu/classes/listclasses.cfm

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