

MESSAGE FROM GARLAND D. ANDERSON, M.D.

As you know, the School of Medicine Commencement Ceremony took place this past Saturday, May 31st. I would like to thank the Chairs and faculty members who attended the ceremony and participated in this very special day for our students. You can hear the speeches of our [Commencement speaker, Dr. Bernie Morrey](#), and our [student speaker, Dr. Brian Gilmer](#), and read more about [Commencement here](#).



Thanks to the clinical physicians who filled out the Physician Satisfaction Survey. We are at a 70% participation rate (for those physicians who were surveyed). If you received an email from Press Ganey [today](#), please complete the survey. The deadline to complete the survey is tomorrow. If you have questions, please call Dorothy Pearrow at ext. 76710 or Dr. Peter Hoffmann at ext. 25108.

Last Friday we held the first of two forums on UTMB's new Conflict of Interest Policy. I wanted to address two issues that seemed to be of major concern. First, the new policy does not in any way impact our current Patient Assistant Program. The new policy only applies to samples left by pharmaceutical representatives. The policy also does not state anything about faculty members attending professional conferences and visiting vendor booths while they are at conferences. You can view the [first forum here](#) and the [policy here](#).

The second forum will be held on June 11 from noon to 1 p.m. in Levin Hall. All are invited to attend. Please email me with any questions or concerns you have about the policy.

I want to thank all of the School of Medicine departments who are working hard to keep expense and salary costs down. I am cautiously optimistic that if we keep up the good work of managing expenses and maximizing the revenue cycle, we will meet or exceed our adjusted margin for fiscal 2008. Let's keep our eye on the bottom line as we head into the end of the fiscal year.

I am pleased to report that the new After Hours Pediatric Urgent Care Clinic in League City saw 83 patients in its first week of operation. The clinic is located at [3023 Marina Bay Drive](#), Suite 101, in League City. The conditions treated include falls, cuts, scrapes, coughs, colds, earaches, abdominal pain, dehydration, fever, minor sports injuries, vomiting, and sore throats. The clinic also provides X-rays and on-site laboratory tests. The clinic will be open evenings, weekends and holidays. For more information, visit <http://www.utmbstarchild.org/> or call 281-334-6578.

UTMB also opened a new Blood Center Facility at 2441 FM 646, Suite A, in Dickinson, Texas. The facility looks like a Starbucks, and you can enjoy gourmet coffee and tea while donating blood and supporting our mission to provide our patients with blood and blood components. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 281-534-8836.

Thanks to all of you for all that you do for our students and patients, and to advance our research mission. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Garland D. Anderson M.D." The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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