



JOHN P. AND KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN MEDICAL SCHOOL  
COMMENCEMENT 2020



In light of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Class of 2020 Match Day and Commencement activities were cancelled. While the decisions were made with careful consideration of the health and safety of our community, the collective disappointment of not convening to recognize and celebrate these milestones is significant. The commencement procession and program contained herein represent the order of the ceremony had it taken place. Additionally, because Dr. Auñón-Chancellor is on the frontline caring for patients with COVID-19, Dr. Stoll delivered the commencement address.

This year, the podium, and pomp and circumstance may be gone, but the recognition of all that our graduates have achieved the past four years is not. We may not be able to come together as a group but we still honor each graduate and his/her accomplishments to collectively mark this moment as they move into the next chapter of their training.

In earning their doctor of medicine degrees, the Class of 2020 endured substantial sacrifices of time and resources along with overcoming unpredictable challenges of life and Mother Nature. This class of graduates has a uniquely developed resolve and will be invaluable resources to the profession of medicine and their communities at large.

We congratulate the Class of 2020 and their families for their resilient efforts and accomplishments and extend the best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

## THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION

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THE CHIEF MARSHAL . . . . . GARY ROSENFELD, PH.D.  
*Associate Dean, Educational Programs*

THE FACULTY MARSHAL . . . . . IAN J. BUTLER, M.D.  
*Professor, Department of Pediatrics*

THE STUDENT MARSHAL . . . . . EUGENE TOY, M.D.  
*Assistant Dean, Educational Programs*

THE STUDENT HOODERS . . . . . SASHA ADAMS, M.D.  
*Associate Professor, Department of Surgery*

JENNIFER SWAILS, M.D.  
*Associate Professor, Department of Internal Medicine*

### THE GRADUATING CLASS

CLASS REPRESENTATIVE . . . . . LUKE KENNEDY  
*President of the Graduating Class of 2020*

## FACULTY OF MEDICINE (STAGE PARTY)

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RICHARD ANDRASSY, M.D.  
*Executive Vice Dean, Clinical Affairs*

PHILIP R. ORLANDER, M.D.  
*Associate Dean, Educational Programs*

JOHN BYRNE, PH.D.  
*Professor, Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy*

NANCY O. MCNIEL, PH.D.  
*Associate Dean, Administrative Affairs*

MARTIN CITARDI, M.D.  
*Vice Dean, Clinical Technology*

THOMAS COLE, PH.D.  
*Director, McGovern Center for Humanities and Ethics*

LEN CLEARY, PH.D.  
*Associate Dean, Educational Programs*

PATRICIA M. BUTLER, M.D.  
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REBECCA GIRARDET, M.D.  
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KEVIN A. MORANO, PH.D.  
*Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs and Development*

SHEELA L. LAHOTI, M.D.  
*Associate Dean, Admissions and Student Affairs*

BELA PATEL, M.D.  
*Vice Dean for Healthcare Quality*

LATANYA J. LOVE, M.D.  
*Associate Dean, Admissions and Student Affairs and  
Associate Dean, Diversity and Inclusion*

JOHN HANCOCK, M.B., B.CHIR.,  
PH.D., SC.D.  
*Vice Dean for Basic Research*

CHARLES MILLER, PH.D.  
*Associate Vice President, Clinical Research and  
Health Care Quality*

WILLIAM SHRADER, J.D.  
*Director, McGovern Foundation*

ERIC THOMAS, M.D., PH.D.  
*Associate Dean, Health Care Quality*

WALLACE A. GLEASON, M.D.  
*Associate Dean, Admissions and Student Affairs*

JON TYSON, M.D., M.P.H.  
*Vice Dean, Clinical Research and  
Health Care Quality*

MARGARET C. MCNEESE, M.D.  
*Vice Dean, Admissions and Student Affairs*

MARGARET O. UTHMAN, M.D.  
*Associate Dean, Educational Programs*

## FACULTY OF MEDICINE (CONT.)

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MICHAEL R. BLACKBURN, PH.D.

*Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer,  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston*

KEVIN DILLON

*Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Operating and Financial Officer,  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston*

PRISCILLA ALFARO, M.D.

*Class of 1989, President, Alumni Association*

RONALD WALTERS, M.D.

*Representative, Harris County Medical Society*

DAVID FLEEGER, M.D.

*Representative, Texas Medical Association*

GIUSEPPE N. COLASURDO, M.D.

*President,  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston*

SERENA AUÑÓN-CHANCELLOR, M.D.

*Clinical Associate Professor, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center*

BARBARA J. STOLL, M.D.

*Dean, McGovern Medical School*

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## THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION

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The Commencement processional includes members of the academic community of McGovern Medical School at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, honors recipients, and distinguished guests.

The Chief Marshal leads the processional which includes: Student Marshal; candidates for the Doctor of Medicine degree; Faculty Marshal; members of the Medical School faculty; President of the graduating class; the speaker; Vice Deans and Associate Deans; Dean; and President of the Health Science Center.

The wearing of academic costume by those in the processional is a tradition preserved from medieval universities. Originally, the gowns were worn for warmth in unheated buildings, and the hoods covered the tonsured head.

Academic dress, adopted by American institutions during the last century, follows a code of regulations which makes it possible to distinguish the degree received and the institution awarding the degree. The doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves banded in velvet. Its color is black or can be the academic color of the degree granting institution. All hoods are lined in the institution's colors. (The academic colors of The University of Texas are burnt orange and white.) The bindings of the hood designate the degree earned, for example, green for medicine or golden yellow for science.

The Chief Marshal, who is the senior member of the McGovern Medical School faculty, carries the Health Science Center's mace.

## PARAGON BRASS ENSEMBLE

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The Paragon Brass Ensemble was formed in September of 1980. Active in Houston's symphony, ballet, opera and Broadway productions, the members of the Ensemble have also toured and performed throughout the United States, as well as in Europe, Mexico and South America.



## PROGRAM

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PRESIDING.....	BARBARA J. STOLL, M.D.
NATIONAL ANTHEM.....	REBECCA GIRARDET, M.D.
WELCOMING REMARKS.....	GIUSEPPE N. COLASURDO, M.D.
GREETINGS FROM THE TEXAS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.....	DAVID FLEEGER, M.D.
GREETINGS FROM THE HARRIS COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.....	RONALD WALTERS, M.D.
GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ..	PRISCILLA ALFARO, M.D.
RECOGNITION OF AWARDS.....	DR. STOLL
GREETINGS FROM THE CLASS PRESIDENT .....	LUKE KENNEDY
INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER.....	DR. STOLL
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....	SERENA AUÑÓN-CHANCELLOR, M.D. <i>Clinical Associate Professor, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center</i>
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE ..	WALLACE A. GLEASON, M.D.
CONFERRING OF DEGREE.....	DR. COLASURDO
AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS	
PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL HOODS .....	SASHA ADAMS, M.D. JENNIFER SWAILS, M.D.
THE OATH OF HIPPOCRATES.....	DR. STOLL
THE EYES OF TEXAS	
RECESSIONAL	

## SERENA AUÑÓN-CHANCELLOR, M.D., PH.D.

### BIOGRAPHY

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Dr. Serena M. Auñón-Chancellor joined Johnson Space Center in August 2006, employed as a Flight Surgeon under the UTMB/Wyle Bioastronautics contract. She was selected in July 2009 as one of 14 members of the 20th NASA astronaut class. A 2011 graduate of Astronaut Candidate Training, a program that included scientific and technical briefings, intensive instruction in space station systems, spacewalks, robotics, physiological training, T-38 flight training and water and wilderness survival training, she went on to spend two months in Antarctica from 2010 to 2011 searching for meteorites as part of the ANSMET expedition. Most of that time was spent living on the ice 200 nautical miles from the South Pole. In 2012, Dr. Auñón-Chancellor operated the Deep Worker submersible as part of the NEEMO 16 mission. She subsequently served as an Aquanaut aboard the Aquarius underwater laboratory during the NEEMO 20 undersea exploration mission. Currently, Dr. Auñón-Chancellor spends most of her time handling medical issues for both the International Space Station Operations branch and Commercial Crew Branch. She is also certified as an International Space Station CAPCOM and served as the lead Capcom for the SpaceX-4 and SpaceX-8 cargo resupply missions.

Board certified in Internal and Aerospace Medicine, Dr. Auñón-Chancellor recently served as Flight Engineer on the International Space Station for Expeditions 56 and 57. During her time on orbit, the crews contributed to hundreds of experiments in biology, biotechnology, physical science and Earth science aboard the International Space Station. Investigations were led into new cancer treatment methods and algae growth in space. The crew also installed a new Life Sciences Glovebox, a sealed work area for life science and technology investigations that can accommodate two astronauts. She currently covers medical issues and on-orbit support in the Astronaut Office.

Dr. Auñón-Chancellor received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from The George Washington University, Washington, D.C., in 1997 and a Doctorate of Medicine from The University of Texas - Health Science Center at Houston in 2001. She completed residency in internal medicine at The University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston, Texas, in 2004, and then completed an additional year as Chief Resident in the Internal Medicine Department in 2005. She also completed an aerospace medicine residency at UTMB as well as a Master of Public Health in 2007.

Among her awards and honors are the United States Air Force Flight Surgeons Julian Ward Award (2009), the Outstanding UTMB Resident Award (2007), the William K. Douglas Award (2006), membership in Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society (2005), and the Thomas N. and Gleaves James Award for Excellent Performance by a Third-Year Resident in Internal Medicine (2004). She holds active membership in the American College of Physicians; the American College of Preventive Medicine; the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society; the Aerospace Medical Association and Tau Beta Pi, the National Engineering Honor Society.

## WALTER G. STERLING AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

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The Walter G. Sterling Award for Excellence is given annually to the outstanding graduating senior of the Medical School as chosen by the faculty. The award recipient is the student who has exhibited scholastic superiority, outstanding interpersonal relations, and energy and one who has earned the respect and affection of his or her patients. The award was made possible by a gift from the late Mr. Sterling.

**Recipient: Anish Patnaik**

## LEONARD TOW HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD PRESENTED BY THE ARNOLD P. GOLD FOUNDATION THE TRUMAN G. BLOCKER, JR., M.D. GOLD-HEADED CANE AWARD

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The Gold-Headed Cane Award was founded at The University of Texas Medical School at Houston in 1979 by Dr. Truman G. Blocker, Jr., Acting President of the Health Science Center, 1977 and 1978, as a vital memorial to medicine's ideals and ethics embodied in the young physician. Derived from an old English custom that was inaugurated in 1689 by a physician named John Radcliffe, the first Gold-Headed Cane in the United States was awarded in 1929. The Gold-Headed Cane is engraved with the name of the recipient of the award and the words, "Humility, Humanity, and Fidelity." It is clear that the purpose of this award is to honor the *art* of medicine. The award was and continues to be based on the student's interest in the welfare of the patient. The recipient is selected by the graduating class.

**Recipient: Christle Kamtochukwu Nwora**

## HITOSHI C. NIKAIKDOH, M.D. AWARD FOR HUMANISM IN MEDICINE

This award was established in memory of the 2003 recipient of the Gold-Headed Cane, Hitoshi C. Nikaidoh, who tragically died in an accident in August, 2003, two months after beginning his residency training. Dr. Nikaidoh was known for his exemplary interpersonal skills, ever-present smile, and caring, giving nature toward patients, colleagues, and everyone he encountered. This award honors those qualities in a graduating student selected by the faculty.

**Recipient: Yesul Tina Kim**

## JOHN FREEMAN FACULTY TEACHING AWARD

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The John H. Freeman Award is given annually to the outstanding basic science faculty member as chosen by the senior class. The recipient exemplifies enthusiasm and drive toward effective teaching, personal interest in students' problems and their educational goals and whose example serves as a high standard for the students. The award was made possible by a gift from the late Mr. Freeman.

**Recipient: Phillip B. Carpenter, Ph.D.**

*Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*

## JOHN P. MCGOVERN AWARD

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The John P. McGovern Award is given annually to the outstanding clinical faculty member as chosen by the senior class. This award is made possible by an endowment from the McGovern Foundation. The late Dr. McGovern, founder of the McGovern Allergy clinics, maintained a deep interest in excellence in teaching at the Health Science Center, where he held faculty appointments.

**Recipient: Steven B. Eisenberg, M.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery*

## LEONARD TOW FACULTY HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD PRESENTED BY THE ARNOLD P. GOLD FOUNDATION

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Sponsored by the Gold Foundation, the Leonard Tow Award for Humanism in Medicine honors a faculty member judged to be exemplary in his or her compassion and sensitivity in the delivery of care to patients and their families. Nominations were solicited from students, residents and faculty, and the final selection was made by a committee of faculty, resident and student representatives.

**Recipient: Jennifer Swails, M.D.**

*Associate Professor, Department of Internal Medicine*

## HERBERT L. AND MARGARET W. DUPONT MASTER CLINICAL TEACHING AWARD

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This award, established in 2001, was made possible by a gift from Dr. and Mrs. DuPont to recognize and preserve the essence and quality of the master clinical teacher. Dr. DuPont is the Mary Kelsey Professor in the Medical Sciences in the Medical School's Department of Internal Medicine. The DuPonts hope to ensure a legacy of skilled clinical educators at the Medical School, reflecting the school's top priority of quality clinical medical education.

**Recipient: Robby Wesley, D.O.**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Internal Medicine*

## DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

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OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN ANESTHESIOLOGY  
**Grace Guvernator**

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN DERMATOLOGY  
**Allison Lynn Limmer**

AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT IN DIAGNOSTIC AND  
INTERVENTIONAL IMAGING  
**Kirbi Christine Sullivan**

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN DIAGNOSTIC AND  
INTERVENTIONAL IMAGING  
**Saagar Nitin Patel**

EXCELLENCE IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE  
**Joseph Ponce**

THE HENRY W. WITHERS MEMORIAL AWARD FOR  
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEDICINE  
**Vanessa Renae Chen**

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN INTERNAL MEDICINE  
**Saumil Sandeep Datar**

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN NEUROLOGY  
**Meaghan Roy O'Reilly**

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WILLIAM E. PASTEUR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN NEUROLOGY  
**Ryan Coburn**

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN PEDIATRICS  
**Katherine Nicole Bastie**

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND  
REHABILITATION  
**Ashley Nicole Sanchez**

HELEN AND WILLIAM GYNN AWARD IN PSYCHIATRY AND  
BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES  
**Yesul Tina Kim**

## ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA HONOR MEDICAL SOCIETY

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Alpha Omega Alpha is the only national honor medical society and has chapters in all but five U.S. medical schools. Members are selected on the basis of academic achievement, public and school service accomplishments, and demonstrated professionalism.

Reid Michael Andrews	Arjun Gaurang Merchant
Andrew Patrick Bain	Madison Elizabeth Milhoan
Katherine Nicole Bastie	Austin B. Miller
Ashley Elizabeth Brown	Joseph Kevin Moffitt
Cameron Donald Bruner	Kelsey Barlow Montgomery
Jennifer Bush	Victoria Morris
Qingzheng Chen	Kimberly Nguyen
Ryan Coburn	Justin Matthew Olivas
Saumil Sandeep Datar	Victoria Lehrmann O'Neil
Brandy Drozd	Conner Alexander Patrick
Grant Matthew Fischer	Marina Petsalis
Samuel Floren	Zoe Pilares
Zacharia Grami	Aaron Benjamin Poliak
Andrew Gulde	Taylor Riggs
Matthew Robert Hays	Lindsey Schwartz
Jacob Anthony Heiner	Kristen Brooke Slaughter
Hunter Hinman	Shanna Leslie Sowell
Anita Phuong Mai Hoang	Stephanie Nicole Wythe
Levi Holland	Daniel Yo
Grant Christopher Hopping	Anna Marie Zanut
Nicholas E. King	
Kendall James Kiser	
Allison Lynn Limmer	
Claudia Ilissa Martinez	
Lauren Elizabeth Mellor-Crummey	



## GOLD HUMANISM HONOR SOCIETY

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The Arnold P. Gold Foundation's Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) recognizes students, residents and faculty who are exemplars of compassionate patient care and who serve as role models, mentors, and leaders in medicine. GHHS members are peer nominated and are the ones who others say they want taking care of their own families. Inspiration for GHHS came from medical educators and residency program directors who expressed a need for a way to identify applicants to residency training programs who had outstanding clinical and interpersonal skills.

Radhini Elizabeth Abeysekera

Amanda Actor

Yakira Rose Alford

Omar Islam Alnatour

Reid Michael Andrews

Andrew Patrick Bain

Ashley Elizabeth Brown

Jennifer Bush

Ryan Coburn

Saumil Sandeep Datar

Cameron Troy Dodd

Michael A. Eisenberg

Ryan Charles Ellis

Grant Christopher Hopping

Stephanie Amarachi Ihezue

Maha Khalid

Luana Kohnke

Nancy Jane Landez

Kristine McAndrews

Katherine Elizabeth McElroy

Ramzy Ikechi Meremikwu

Alia Nazir

Kimberly Nguyen

Crystal Ezinne Nwannunu

Christle Kamtochukwu Nwora

Shrina Kashi Parikh

Sneha Patel

Anish Patnaik

Marina Petsalis

Cooper Joel Quiroz

Tiffany Amber Robles

Aditya Srinivasan

Marc Andrew St. Cyr

Amanda Noel Stevens

Dylan Supak

Gabrielle Lauren Taper

Stephanie Nicole Wythe

## SCHOLARLY CONCENTRATION PROGRAM SCHOLARS 2020

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The UTHealth Scholarly Concentrations Program is designed to enrich the student experience through educational activities specific to an interdisciplinary, health-related topic of their own choosing. Students are provided an opportunity to receive an expanded experience in a non-specialty-based area of emphasis while completing their medical degree, including completion of an independent, scholarly project guided by a faculty mentor.

The following graduates have completed the requirements of the Scholarly Concentration:

### ADVOCACY AND CHILD HEALTH

Anita Phuong Mai Hoang

### CLINICAL QUALITY, SAFETY, AND EVIDENCE - BASED MEDICINE

Crystal Ezinne Nwannunu

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

Lisa Bird

Megan Taylor Mont

### GLOBAL HEALTH

Carlos Andres Flores

Smridhi Mahajan

Madison Elizabeth Milhoan

Andy Phan

Faiez Kalim Saiyed

### MEDICAL EDUCATION

Qingzheng Chen

Julia Miriam Chernis

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## MEDICAL HUMANITIES

Amanda Actor	Victoria Morris
Nicole Bucaro	Amber Janee' Navy
Brina Bui	Christle Kamtochukwu Nwora
Ryan Michael Cassidy	Ludovic Pao
Datonye Okorite Charles	Nicola Park
Maneera Chopra	Pooja Kishor Patel
Meenakshi Awasthi Darden	Carmen Diane Purvis
Amber Sue Darr	Tiffany Amber Robles
Kim Chi Du	Ashley Nicole Sanchez
Nadia Muktar Gidia	Lindsey Schwartz
Stephanie Amarachi Ihezue	A. Nicole Somani
Sarah Moin Kamal	Amanda Noel Stevens
Yesul Tina Kim	Gabrielle Lauren Taper
Nancy Jane Landez	Tammy Trinh
David Matthew Magness	Grace Truong
Tejaswi Marri	Jing Yi Wang
Kristine McAndrews	David Grant Wideman
Katherine Elizabeth McElroy	Melissa Jo Zamora
Laura Victoria Moore	

## MOLECULAR AND TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE

Nicholas E. King  
Arjun Gaurang Merchant

## NANOMEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING (NBME)

Conner Alexander Patrick

## NEUROSCIENCES

Claudia Ilissa Martinez

2020 CANDIDATES FOR  
THE DOCTOR OF MEDICINE DEGREE

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**RADHINI ELIZABETH ABEYSEKERA**

B.S., University of Houston  
Graduate Program: McGovern Medical School  
Pediatrics, Houston, TX

**AVERY ACKER**

B.B.A., Southern Methodist University  
Graduate Program: University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
Emergency Medicine, Dallas, TX

**AMANDA ACTOR**

B.A., Bryn Mawr College  
Graduate Program: McGovern Medical School  
Psychiatry, Houston, TX

**STEVEN CAMEEL AJLUNI JR.**

B.A., Rice University  
Graduate Program: Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine-University  
Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center  
Internal Medicine, Cleveland, OH

**YAKIRA ROSE ALFORD**

B.A., Rice University  
M.S., University of North Texas Health Science Center  
M.P.H., UTHealth School of Public Health  
Graduate Program: McGovern Medical School  
Emergency Medicine, Houston, TX

**MAUREEN L. ALIRU**

B.S.E., Rice University  
Ph.D., The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth Graduate School  
of Biomedical Sciences  
Graduate Program: HCA Houston Healthcare  
Transitional Year, Kingwood, TX  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
Radiation Oncology, Dallas, TX

## OMAR ISAM ALNATOUR

B.S., University of Houston

Graduate Program: McGovern Medical School  
Anesthesiology, Houston, TX

## MOHAMMAD ALSHEIKH-KASSIM

B.A., Rice University

Graduate Program: McGovern Medical School  
Internal Medicine, Houston, TX

## REID MICHAEL ANDREWS

B.S., Oral Roberts University

Graduate Program: The University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine  
Surgery-Preliminary, Knoxville, TN  
The University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine  
Diagnostic Radiology, Knoxville, TN

## ELENA CORINA ANDRIESCU

B.S., University of Pittsburgh

Graduate Program: Baylor College of Medicine  
Child Neurology, Houston, TX

## ANDREW PATRICK BAIN

B.S., The University of Texas at Austin

Graduate Program: University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
General Surgery, Dallas, TX

## ALEXANDER BAREIS

B.A., University of Notre Dame

M.S., Columbia University

Graduate Program: New York University Grossman School Of Medicine  
Medicine-Preliminary, New York, NY  
New York University Grossman School Of Medicine  
Anesthesiology, New York, NY

## KATHERINE NICOLE BASTIE

B.S., Oklahoma State University  
Graduate Program: McGovern Medical School  
Pediatrics, Houston, TX

## CHRISTOPHER BERTINI

B.S., University of Notre Dame  
Graduate Program: McGovern Medical School  
Internal Medicine, Houston, TX

## LISA BIRD

B.S., The University of Texas at Dallas  
Graduate Program: Good Samaritan Hospital  
Obstetrics and Gynecology, Cincinnati, OH

## MEREDITH LYNN BRIM

B.A., Case Western Reserve University  
Graduate Program: John Peter Smith Hospital  
Emergency Medicine, Fort Worth, TX

## ASHLEY ELIZABETH BROWN

B.S., McGill University  
Graduate Program: McGovern Medical School  
Medicine-Preliminary, Houston, TX  
McGovern Medical School  
Dermatology, Houston, TX

## CAMERON DONALD BRUNER

B.S., Brigham Young University  
Graduate Program: Ohio State University Medical Center  
Medicine-Preliminary, Columbus, OH  
Ohio State University  
Ophthalmology, Columbus, OH

## NICOLE BUCARO

B.S., Boston College  
Graduate Program: McGovern Medical School  
Psychiatry, Houston, TX

## KRISTIN BUDD

B.S., The University of Texas at Austin

Graduate Program: McGovern Medical School  
Psychiatry, Houston, TX

## BRINA BUI

B.A., The University of Texas at Austin

Graduate Program: University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
Pediatrics, Dallas, TX

## MICHAEL ARON BURKE

B.S., The University of Texas at Austin

Graduate Program: McGovern Medical School  
Medicine-Preliminary, Houston, TX  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Dallas, TX

## JENNIFER BUSH

B.S., Cornell University

Graduate Program: Stanford University Programs  
Internal Medicine, Stanford, CA

## DALTON EMILE CARTER

B.S., Louisiana State University

Graduate Program: McGovern Medical School  
Family Medicine, Houston, TX

## NICOLAS CASSATA

B.S., Wake Forest University

Graduate Program: University of Louisville School of Medicine  
General Surgery, Louisville, KY

## RYAN MICHAEL CASSIDY

B.A., The University of Texas at Austin

Ph.D., The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth Graduate School  
of Biomedical Sciences

Graduate Program: Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
Psychiatry, Nashville, TN

## ISAAC CASTILLO

B.S., St. Mary's University

Graduate Program: University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston  
Orthopaedic Surgery, Galveston, TX

## DANIEL CASTRO-ALVARADO

B.S., The University of Texas at El Paso

Graduate Program: University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
Anesthesiology, Dallas, TX

## GREGORY CERVENKA

B.S., The University of Texas at Arlington

Graduate Program: University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
Emergency Medicine, Dallas, TX

## CATHERINE CHANG

B.A., Austin College

Graduate Program: McGovern Medical School  
Psychiatry, Houston, TX

## ILIANA CHAPA

B.S., University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Graduate Program: University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine  
Family Medicine, McAllen, TX

## DATONYE OKORITE CHARLES

B.S., Tulane University

M.S., Tulane University

Graduate Program: Baylor College of Medicine  
Psychiatry, Houston, TX

## VANESSA RENAE CHEN

B.S., The University of Texas at Austin

Graduate Program: Memorial Hermann Hospital  
Family Medicine, Sugar Land, TX



## QINGZHENG CHEN

B.S., Texas A&M University

Graduate Program: Stanford University Programs  
Internal Medicine, Stanford, CA

## JULIA MIRIAM CHERNIS

B.S., The University of Texas at Austin

Graduate Program: McGovern Medical School  
Internal Medicine, Houston, TX

## JAMIE CHOI

B.S., The University of Texas at Austin

D.D.S., University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Dentistry

Graduate Program: McGovern Medical School  
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Houston, TX

## MANEERA CHOPRA

B.S., The University of Texas at Dallas

Graduate Program: McGovern Medical School  
Internal Medicine, Houston, TX

## ERIC CHRISTENSEN

B.S., The University of Texas at San Antonio

Graduate Program: Naval Medical Center San Diego  
Transitional Year, San Diego, CA

## RYAN COBURN

B.S., Texas A&M University

Graduate Program: Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education  
Neurology, Rochester, MN

## SANDRA JANE COKER

B.S., Baylor University

Graduate Program: University of Chicago Medical Center  
Emergency Medicine, Chicago, IL

## JACOB DANGERFIELD

B.S., Brigham Young University

Graduate Program: University of Utah Health  
Anesthesiology, Salt Lake City, UT

## MEENAKSHI AWASTHI DARDEN

B.A., Rice University

M.S., University of Southern California

M.P.A., LBJ School Of Public Affairs, The University of Texas at Austin

Graduate Program: Baylor College of Medicine  
Pediatrics, Houston, TX

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## THE EYES OF TEXAS

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The eyes of Texas are upon you  
All the livelong day,  
The eyes of Texas are upon you  
You cannot get away,  
Do not think you can escape them,  
At night or early in the morn,  
The eyes of Texas are upon you  
Till Gabriel blows his horn.

## THE OATH OF HIPPOCRATES

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**I**

do solemnly swear, by whatever I hold most sacred:

That I will be loyal to the profession of medicine and just and generous to its members;

That I will lead my life and practice my profession in uprightness and honor;

That into whatsoever house I shall enter, it shall be for the good of the sick to the utmost of my power, holding myself far aloof from wrong, from corruption, from the tempting of others to vice;

That I will exercise my profession solely for the cure of my patients, and will give no drug, perform no operation, for a criminal purpose, even if solicited, far less suggest it;

That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of men which is not fitting to be spoken, I will keep inviolably secret. These things do I swear.

And now, should I be true to this, my oath, may prosperity and good repute be ever mine; the opposite, should I prove myself forsworn.

## HISTORY OF THE OATH OF HIPPOCRATES

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The Oath of Hippocrates, a brief statement of principles, has come down through history as a living statement of ideals to be cherished by the physician. This Oath was conceived some time during the period of Grecian greatness, probably in the fifth century B.C. It protected rights of the patient and appealed to the inner and finer instincts of the physician without imposing sanctions or penalties on him or her. Other civilizations subsequently developed written principles, but the Oath of Hippocrates (Christianized in the tenth or eleventh century A.D. to eliminate reference to pagan gods) has remained in Western Civilization as an expression of ideal conduct for the physician.

The most significant contribution to Western Medical ethical history subsequent to Hippocrates was made by Thomas Percival, an English physician, philosopher, and writer. In 1803, he published his Code of Medical Ethics. His personality, his interest in sociological matters, and his close association with the Manchester infirmary led to the preparation of a "scheme of professional conduct relative to hospitals and other charities" from which he drafted the code which bears his name.

At the first official meeting of the American Medical Association at Philadelphia in 1847, the two principal items of business were the establishment of a code of ethics and the creation of minimum requirements for medical education and training. Although the Medical Society of the State of New York and the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Baltimore had formal written codes of medical ethics prior to this time, it is clear the AMA's first adopted Code of Ethics was based on Percival's Code.

In general, the language and concepts of the original Code adopted by the Association in 1847 remained the same throughout the years. There were revisions, of course, which reflected the temper of the times and the eternal quest to express basic concepts with clarity. Major revisions did occur in 1903, 1912, and 1947.

In December 1955, an attempt was made to distinguish medical ethics from matters of etiquette. A draft of a two-part code seeking to accomplish this was submitted to the House of Delegates at that time but was not accepted. This proposal was, in effect, a separation of then existing statements found in the Principles into two categories. Little or no change was made in the language of the forty-eight sections of the Principles.

Subsequently, in June 1956, a seemingly radical proposal was submitted to the House of Delegates for consideration. This proposal, a short version of the Principles, was discussed at the December 1956 session of the House after wide publication and broad consideration among members of the medical profession. It was postponed for final consideration until the June 1957 meeting of the House of Delegates, when the short version was adopted.

The format of the Principles adopted in June 1957 is a change from the format of the principles promulgated by Percival in 1803 and accepted by the Association in 1847. Ten short sections, preceded by a preamble, "succinctly expresses the fundamental concepts embodied in the present (1955) Principles," according to the report of the Council on Constitution and bylaws. That Council assured the House of Delegates in its June 1957 report that "every basic principle has been preserved; on the other hand, as much as possible of the prolixity and ambiguity which in the past obstructed ready explanation, practical codification and particular selection of basic concepts has been eliminated."

In 1977 the Judicial Council recommended to the House of Delegates that the AMA Principles of Medical Ethics be revised to clarify and update the language, to eliminate reference to gender, and to seek a proper and reasonable balance between professional standards and contemporary legal standards in our changing society. Given the desire of the Judicial Council for a new version of the Principles to be widely accepted and accurately understood, in 1978 the Judicial Council recommended that a special committee of the House be appointed to consider such a revision. This was done in 1980, and the House of Delegates adopted the revision of the AMA Principles of Medical Ethics.

In June 1985, the Judicial Council became the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs.