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MEMBER spotlight

Jeff McNeil, MD
Cardiothoracic Surgeon

Jeff and Shannon McNeil visiting the beautiful island of Kauai. The NāPali Coast as seen from the Kalalua Lookout in the background.

Don’t confuse success with fulfillment—meaning merely being successful and acquiring material things does not necessarily lead to a fulfilling career or life. Good advice, right? Cardiothoracic surgeon, Dr. Jeff McNeil thinks so—he says this is the best professional advice he has ever received. Practicing what he preaches, Dr. McNeil travels with his family—experiencing other cultures and sites as well as spending as much time outdoors exploring as his schedule allows. In addition, he is passionate about medical mission work. His time in Nigeria with VOOM Foundation has allowed him to aid in the development of a cardiac surgery program as well as provide surgical procedures for the local people. **Read more.**

Member Applicants

View information and photos of new TCMS members.

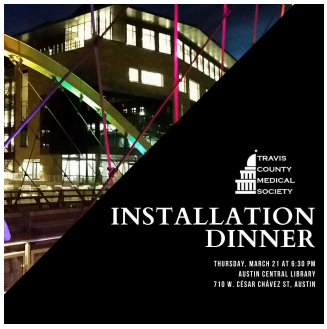




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RSVP for the Annual TCMS/TCMA Installation Dinner on March 21

Date: Thursday, March 21
Time: 6:30 PM
Place: Austin Central Library, 710 W Cesar Chavez St, Austin

Join us as we celebrate the installation of the 2024 TCMS President, Dr. Tina J. Philip and 2024 TCMA President, Karin Foster at the beautiful Austin Central Library.

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Virtual Business of Medicine Presentation: Medicare Payment Update

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services annually updates its Medicare physician fee schedule, which establishes current payment rates, payment policy, and other provisions for services under the Medicare program. Changes take effect on Jan. 1 each year following a proposed update released for comment, typically in July of the previous year.

This session will address changes in payment, coding, and other policies resulting from the latest Medicare physician fee schedule update.

Date: Tuesday, March 26
Time: Noon to 1 pm
Virtual-Zoom

Register

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Starting this month, the Physician Wellness Program will launch a new ethics CME program. Every month or two we'll host a speaker who will present a topic of interest followed by an interactive discussion.

The new program will combine a CME presentation with a Meaning in Medicine type community-based discussion. And it's free to TCMS members!

"In Search of a Safe Harbor: Evolving Concepts of Physician Wellness"
Date: Wednesday, March 27
Time: 8 pm to 9 pm
Zoom

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CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION
The Texas Medical Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. TMA designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*™ . with the ethics designation Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. The Texas Medical Association designates this activity for up to 1 hour in the area of ethics and/ or professional responsibility education.



Retired Physician's Organization (RPO):

A Visit from Dr. Veena Patel, Interim Chief Clinical Officer, UT Health Austin

Join us for lunch and a conversation with Dr. Veena Patel, Interim Chief Clinical Officer at UT Health Austin.

Date: Tuesday, March 19
Time: 11:30 am
Place: Tarrytown Methodist Church, 2601 Exposition Blvd. Austin 78703
Cost: $25 per person (non refundable)
Guests welcome

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AHRQ Safety Program for Telemedicine: Improving Antibiotic Use

Is your practice interested in improving appropriate use of antibiotics in telemedicine? The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is currently recruiting practices for a no-cost, 18-month program beginning in June 2024 to promote appropriate antibiotic use while maintaining patient satisfaction and reducing potential side effects in patients seen via telemedicine.

Practices will receive training and one-on-one expert coaching to implement sustainable improvements in the diagnosis and treatment of infections in the telemedicine environment. Practices will learn how to improve workflow efficiencies and participants will be eligible for continuing education units (CEUs), continuing medical education (CME) credits, and American Board of Internal Medicine maintenance of certification (MOC) points.

Learn more and sign up for an informational webinar on the program website:

Program Website

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