



# Travis County Medical Society

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## MEMBER *spotlight*



### Heidi Abraham, MD

Deputy Medical Director  
Austin/Travis County EMS

“Do hard things. Stay dangerous” is how Dr. Abraham signs her messages. And judging by her passion for emergency medicine, she’s one to listen to. As one of the first groups of board-certified EMS physicians, Dr. Abraham explains, “I love being a pioneer! Today I am leading a team that is at the forefront of innovation for the entire EMS industry. EMS is now an essential part of the healthcare system, not simply the transport to healthcare.”

Her role with Austin/Travis County EMS centers around telehealth and urgent care. “Essentially if a patient who calls 911 doesn’t actually need an ambulance and an ER department, I’m responsible for their care,” she explains. Thanks to her ability to match the care needed with the appropriate facility, the county has saved countless dollars and labor hours. “We’ve saved the EMS system hundreds of ambulance hours per month, saved hospitals several hundred ER bed hours, and we’ve saved our patients \$4 million in FY23 alone,” she says proudly. [Read more.](#)

# Member Applicants

View information and photos of [new TCMS members](#).



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## Virtual Town Hall for the Medical Community

An ongoing series presented by

*Travis County Medical Society & Dell Medical School*

Jonathan MacClements, MD  
*TCMS President*

Claudia Lucchinetti, MD  
*Dean, Dell Medical School*



### Save More Lives: Broadening Buprenorphine Access Amid New DEA Controlled Substances Rules

- Date: June 21
- Time: Noon
- Virtual via Zoom

Watch your email for details and registration information.



## Congratulations Dr. Aventa!

During TexMed 2023 in Fort Worth, TCMS past president Dr. Tony Aventa was elected to the TMA Board of Trustees. Watch his campaign video to understand what his priorities will be while in office.

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## Tickets Still Available for Family Movie Event

TCMS physician members are invited to bring immediate family members to a private screening of Disney's new live action film, "The Little Mermaid"

**Date:** Sunday, June 4

**Time:** 3 pm (movie starts at 3, no previews)

**Cost:** \$10 per person (includes admission and a \$10 gift card for concessions)

**Place:** Cinemark Hill Country Galleria (12812 Hill Country Blvd, Bee Cave TX)

*Limit of 5 tickets for immediate family members (children, grandchildren)*

[Ticket Request Form](#)

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## Round Rock Express Baseball Family Theme Nights

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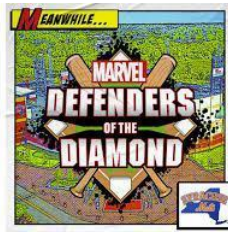
Let your kids to wear their favorite princess and super hero costumes and head to the Round Rock Express ball park! Meet and greets with popular princesses and Marvel characters and more will be part of the fun.

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## A Unique Opportunity: Nights of Grief and Mystery 2023 World Tour

- Date: July 11
- Time: 7:30 pm
- Place: Scottish Rite Theatre, 207 West 18th, Austin

A Night of Grief & Mystery combines stories and observations by author/culture activist Stephen Jenkinson, drawn from his decades of work in palliative care, with original songs/sonics by recording artist Gregory Hoskins.

These two Canadian artists have been exploring the intersection of their work for 8 years, across 3 continents, in 3 recordings and 2 short films. They come to the road now in 2023 as they did in the beginning: the two of them, a singer, and a storyteller, out into the mystery days.

[Information & Tickets](#)

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