Colleagues and Friends,

National Doctors’ Day is this Saturday, March 30 and in recognition of that day, I would like to take a moment to personally thank each of you for all you do on behalf of our patients and the UT Health community. The levels of compassion, commitment, and dedication each of you bring to Radiology and our industry every day makes me so proud.

You and your family are an intricate part of our team approach to healthcare. Without our family’s support; we cannot do what we do. Our Department is proud to be a diverse and vital contributor to our clinical practice plan and in educating our medical students, residents and fellows. Your strengths, perspectives and talents establish a gold standard in each of our core missions. You truly are the foundation and “HEART” of our success.

I take great pride in acknowledging department and personal accomplishments for the past year. The following is an abbreviated list:

**Department Educational/Academic Highlights/Accomplishments**

ACGME accredited Diagnostic Radiology Residency program and ACGME accredited Interventional Radiology Integrated Residency. New ACGME accredited Interventional Radiology Independent Pathway

TSMB reaccreditation fellowship training programs Cardiothoracic Radiology and Breast Imaging and TSMB accreditation of Women’s Imaging Fellowship program.

The second largest Radiological Sciences Graduate Degree Program in the US.

The only defined Radiology Resident-PhD Program in the United States.

Professional Doctorate of Medical Physics program- the first in South Texas

Nanoparticle Imaging & Therapeutic Systems; and Oncological Imaging/Interventions Research.

Clinical trial projects that study investigational drugs or devices which are an important part of the process to assure the safety and efficacy of a drug or device.

Consolidation of Brain Functional MRI for Tumor Mapping and Seizure Surgery

Radiology Faculty, Fellows and Residents participated and presented 24 educational exhibits, research presentations and clinical trials results at over 17 state, national and international scientific symposiums held in 2018. Several faculty were invited to lecture at major national and international conferences

Faculty, Fellows and Residents had over 50 publications in state, national and international journals for the past year – including: 2 books, 13 book chapters, and 35 peer review journal articles
Nuclear Medicine section authored article, selected Editor’s Favorite for June 2018 Clinical Nuclear Medicine issue.

**Individual Honors and Awards 2018:**

**Kal Clark, MD.**
Named Director Radiology Informatics  
Kenneth R. Shine Foundation Small Grant Program Recipient

**Carol Dornbluth, MD, FACR**
Awarded the inaugural Collette M. Kohler MD Award by the BCMS

**Venkata Katabathina, MD, FSAR.**
Fellow, Society of Abdominal Radiology  
Named Director Section of Abdominal Imaging

**Jorge Lopera, MD, FSIR**
2018 LSOM Master Clinician  
RadioGraphics Editorial Board, Radiological Society of North America

**MARC Radiology**
Angel Gomez-Cintrón, MD, MARC Dir. and MARC Radiology - 2019 Presidential Team Excellence Award
3rd place in the 2018 MARC’s 7th annual Fiesta contest.

**Darlene Metter, MD, FACP**
American College of Nuclear Medicine Best Personal Mentor Award  
Elected to American College of Radiology, ACR Council Steering Committee  
Vice Chairman of U.S. NCR ACMUI (Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes)

**Vijayanadh Ojili, MD.**
2018 ASER Case-of-the-Day Subcommittee.

**Carlos Restrepo, MD.**
2018 RSNA Honored Educator Award.

**Kent Rohweder, MD.**
Awarded the 2018 Radiology Residents Teacher of the Year award.

**Umber Salman, MD**
Elected to the UT Health San Antonio Faculty Senate, and member of the Faculty Senate’s Governance Committee.

**Achint Singh, MD.**
Awarded the UT Health SA Presidential Award in Teaching Excellence  
2019 ASNRC Anne G. Osborn International Outreach Professor to Ukraine  
2018 RSNA Honored Educator Award.
Rajeev Suri, MD, FACR, FSIR
Appointed to BCMS Board of Directors
Fellow Society of Interventional Radiology (FSIR)
Fellow, American College of Radiology (FACR)
Selected by the TRS Foundation for a $1,500 scholarship to the RLI’s Leadership Summit
Selected for the 2018-19 UTSA Executive MBA for Health Professionals

Abhijit Sunnapwar, MD
Named Radiology Cancer Liaison
2018-2019 Executive Development Program for Emerging Healthcare Leaders

Sandhya Vinu-Nair, MD
Named Emergency Radiology Fellowship Director
Kenneth L. Shine Foundation Small Grant Program Recipient

Florence Chiang, MD
Awarded NIH R25 award from NIBIB - ‘Research Training for Radiology Residents’
Awarded 2018 Radiology Society of North America Resident Research Award

Hamid Rajebi, MD
Selected for the 2018 SIR Resident In Training Travel Scholarship Award
Awarded the American Institute for Radiologic Pathology (AIRP) Correlation Best Case Award for Genitourinary Imaging for the September 10-October 5, 2018 course

Jodie Gray. Radiological Sciences Graduate Student, served as Chair of the University of Texas System Student Advisory Council (2017-2018)

RSNA Conference Awards 2018:
Magna Cum Laude award (1); Cum Laude Award (2); Certificate of Merit (3) and identified for RadioGraphics (1).

Again, thank you for delivering high quality, compassionate, and patient-centered care. I look forward to continuing our journey together to make a long lasting and positive impact in San Antonio and South Texas.

Sincerely,

Pamela M. Otto, MD, FACR
Professor and Chair
Stewart R. Reuter, MD, Chair in Radiology