

Departmental Dinner and Awards Ceremony **Friday, June 26, 2009**

Departmental Special Recognition Award

Let it be known that
Bernard Godley, MD, PhD, FACS
Professor and Chairman
provided outstanding leadership in the recovery
of the UTMB Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike which made landfall September 13, 2008.

From the Faculty, Residents, Fellow and Staff

Chairman's Special Recognition Award

- Emelike Agomo
- Manuj Kapur
- Gibran Khurshid
- Jennifer Melton
- Ghassan Ghorayeb
- Karen Long
- Kathy Angel
- Irene Dillon-Simmons
- Sammye Hesser
- Steve Conner
- Bryan Schneider
- Bud Cherry
- Garland Anderson

Residency Program Director's Teaching Awards

To acknowledge the outstanding service in support of the Mission of the UTMB Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike which made landfall on September 13, 2008 and for exemplary time and effort put forth by all part-time faculty who support and enhance resident education.

- **MD Anderson:**
 - Bita Esmali
 - Dan Gombos
 - Stella Kim
 - Jade Schiffman
- **UT-Houston:**
 - Richard Ruiz, MD (Chair during Ike)
 - Robert Feldman, MD (Current Chair)
 - Judianne Kellaway, MD (Program Director)
 - Tom Prager, PhD (Research, Electrophysiology and Ultrasound)
 - Fredi Franks (Director Management Operations)
 - Phyllis Rhodes (Program Coordinator)
- **Cornea**
 - Jeffrey Lanier, MD
 - Mark Vital, MD
- **LASIK**
 - William Lipsky, MD
- **Pathology**
 - Gerald Campbell, MD
- **Pediatric Ophthalmology**
 - Oscar Jackson, Austin, TX
 - Lonn Bradley Lockhart, Austin, TX
 - Melinda Rainey, Austin, TX
 - Hillary Onan, Austin, TX
 - Aaron Miller, Houston, TX
 - Carlos Gonzales, Houston, TX

Faculty Citizenship Award

For exemplary community service and/or service to OVS. To one who champions the vision of the Department and a department ambassador who fosters team-building and a professional environment.



Brian Wong, MD



Erik van Kuijk, MD, PhD

Faculty Scholar/Teacher Award

To acknowledge achievements in research, mentorship, teaching skill and commitment to excellence.



Stella Kim, MD



Gibran Khurshid, MD

John Troupe Teaching Award

To one who is good at mentoring, role model for patient service, participation in Grand Rounds, commitment to teaching, inspirational, positive, constructive, role model of professionalism, available and approachable.



Janice Contreras, MD

Chief Residents 2009-2010

2009: July-December

- Judy Chang-Strepka, MD
- Ghassan Ghorayeb, MD



2010: January-June

- David Camoriano, MD
- Carlos Galvan, MD



Resident Training Award - Academic Achievement David Camoriano, MD

- Exemplary medical knowledge
- Superior investigation and presentation skills in Grand Rounds
- Dedicated to continual reflection of his clinical and surgical skills for optimal patient care
- Willing to do whatever it takes to improve his personal practice outcomes

Resident Training Award – Leadership Meghan Flemmons, MD

- Effective communicator with patients, staff, residents and faculty
- Excellent role model for professionalism
- Level-headed and respectful during difficult decision making
- Demonstrated an exceptional commitment to her training assignments and her chief resident duties

2009 Dept of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences - Research Day

- Best Oral Presentation:
 - “Superior Limbic Keratoconjunctivitis in Ocular Graft vs. Host Disease”
 - Jennifer Melton, MD
- Best Poster Presentation:
 - “Triamcinolone as an Adjuvant in Epiretinal Membrane Peel”
 - Kapil Kapoor, MD

Resident Training Award – Research Kapil Kapoor, MD

- 2009 Heed Ophthalmic Foundation Residents Retreat Scholarship: Only one of 19 residents in the nation to receive
- Presented “Feasible tumor thickness for transretinal choroidal tumor biopsies: comparison of 25-gauge and 23-gauge sutureless vitrectomy systems” at the Texas Ophthalmology Association
- Multiple manuscripts either in presentation or submission to peer-reviewed journals