



WORDS FROM OUR CEO



Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for the year 2021. I hope everyone is well and warm after the winter storm. I know we all have faced tremendous things in recent months, first with the COVID-19 pandemic and then with the freeze. Many people in Texas were without electricity, drinking water, and food, however, they have been working hard to overcome the situation, and this has been amazing.

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TEXAS EMERGENCY HOSPITAL SELECTED AS COVID-19 VACCINATION HUB



Since Pfizer's first vaccines allotment arrived at TEH on Thursday, January 21, more than 6,000 people who qualify for Phase 1A and Phase 1B have been vaccinated at TEH. We're currently vaccinating at a rate of 630 people a day. Phase 1A includes health care personnel and residents at long-term facilities, while Phase 1B includes people 65 years of age or older, or over 16 years of age with at least one chronic medical condition, including pregnancy.

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HANDLING AND STORING COVID-19 VACCINES



Our community immunization plan began on Thursday, January 21, 2021 with the arrival of the first Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines at Texas Emergency Hospital. Pfizer's vaccination arrives in carefully packaged containers designed to maintain the



temperature of the vaccine between -60 C and -80 C (-76 F and -112 F). Once they arrive, the vaccines are checked in and stored in an ultra-cold freezer with a thermostat setting of -70 C.

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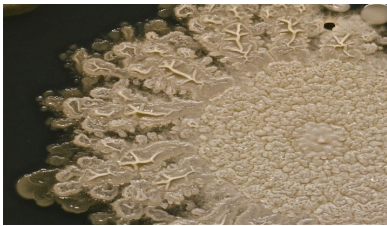
CELEBRATING NATIONAL PHARMACIST DAY



January 17 was a very special day for us, as we celebrated "National Pharmacist Day." That day we had the opportunity to thank our pharmacy team for the extraordinary work they do every day. Pharmacists play a critical role within the hospital system. Not only they are responsible for filling patients' prescriptions, advising on medications, and monitoring potential adverse effects, but they also oversee the handling, storage, and distribution of vaccines, such as flu or COVID-19 vaccines.

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HAND HYGIENE AND THE PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES



Practicing good hand hygiene is a simple and effective way to prevent and slow the spread of infections. Cleaning your hands can prevent the spread of germs, including those that are resistant to antibiotics and are becoming increasingly difficult to treat. There are two methods for Hand Hygiene: alcohol-based hand sanitizer and washing with soap and water

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TEXAS EMERGENCY HOSPITAL IMPROVES QUALITY MEASURES



Our quality department would like to give major kudos to the Texas Emergency Hospital (TEH) emergency department and medical surgical staff for improving its emergency department (ED) throughput measure from 383 minutes in the third quarter (Q3) to 285 minutes in the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2020. The ED throughput is an important measure

of efficiency in the emergency room.

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TEXAS EMERGENCY HOSPITAL ADDS NUCLEAR MEDICINE UNIT

We are pleased to announce that Emergency Hospital Systems recently opened a nuclear medicine unit at Texas Emergency Hospital in Cleveland, Texas. With this new addition, patients will be able to benefit from a wide variety of advanced imaging diagnoses including myocardial perfusion, whole body bone scan, 3-phase bone scan, kidney scan among others.



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QUICK RESPONSE OF OUR TRAUMA TEAM SAVES LIFE OF MINOR WITH GUNSHOT WOUND



The quick response of our EHS-Deerbrook trauma team saved the life of a minor who was rushed to our ER with a gunshot wound. The child was stabilized, treated, and transferred to a nearby trauma center for definitive care in a timely and safe manner. Inter-facility transfer protocols stipulate a maximum of 120 minutes to transfer to a trauma center. At EHS-Deerbrook we completed the treatment and transfer in 40 minutes

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FEBRUARY WAS NATIONAL HEART MONTH



February was the month of love and heart, and at EHS we celebrated in big by inviting all our employees to join the AHA's Go Red for Women® movement, an initiative aimed at raising awareness about the incidence of cardiovascular disease among women. Our employees showed their support by wearing their favorite red t-shirts every Friday in February.

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EHS HOSTS ITS FIRST BLOOD DRIVE OF THE YEAR



With the theme "Donate Blood, Donate Life", Emergency Hospital Systems hosted its 1st blood drive of the year on January 18. The event took place at the parking lot of Texas Emergency Hospital and attracted many EHS employees and community members who came in to donate blood. The drive was made possible thanks to a partnership with the Texas Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center.

MEET OUR DOCTORS



DR. AHMED RABIE KARIM MD **HOSPITALIST** **Emergency Hospital Systems**

We are pleased to introduce Dr. Ahmed Rabie Karim. He is a hospitalist at Emergency Hospital Systems, where he shares his time between Texas Emergency Hospital (THE) and Cleveland Emergency Hospital (CEH) in Texas. Dr. Karim has served as an ICU hospitalist for various hospitals in Ohio and Texas. In the past months, he has gained extensive experience treating COVID-19 patients, in both inpatient (acute care) and outpatient settings.

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