

Sital Patel Graduates from UNT Health Science Center Primary Care Research Graduate Program

Dr. Sital Patel received a doctorate degree from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and a Master of Science in Primary Care



Dr. Sital Patel, DO pictured above with Dr. Kimberly Fulda, DrPH, Assistant Professor and Associate Director, PCRI and Major Professor

Clinical Research from the GSBS this month. Dr. Roberto Cardarelli, DO, Executive Director, PCRI presented the Primary Care Research Institute Award for Outstanding Student in Primary Care Research (see picture below) at the GSBS Awards Banquet. She won the PCRI Student of the Year Award in 2009. During her dual-degree program she conducted research on the *Relationship Between Auto-immune Disease, Coronary Calcium Score and Inflammatory Mediators*. Dr. Patel is also part of Sigma Sigma Phi, an honorary osteopathic service fraternity.



Born in Houston, Texas, Sital grew up in west Texas and previously attended the University of Texas at Austin where she received a degree in management information systems. Her mother is a physician and her father is a chemical engineer.

Dr. Patel is going to Case Western/University Hospitals in Cleveland, OH where she will complete a traditional internship. Her future plans include a dermatology focus. “Doing this fellowship (PCRI) has helped me realize that I would like to do more research in the future and possibly pursue an academic career”, says Dr. Patel.



Dr. Heather Kitzman-Ulrich Joins PCRI Faculty

Dr. Heather Kitzman-Ulrich joined the PCRI faculty in March 2010 as an Assistant Professor and will provide research efforts in the areas of public health, chronic disease prevention, and community-based research.

She has been successful in obtaining extramural funding and has a strong publication record having submitted scholarly activities for publication in various journals and national conferences. Her primary area of expertise is obesity treatment and prevention in low-income and ethnic minority populations.

Dr. Kitzman serves as a strong PCRI member with a dynamic interdisciplinary team approach and administrative support for primary care and prevention. Her priority research focus is in activities that provide health information to community lay members. The PCRI is very proud and fortunate to have Dr. Kitzman-Ulrich join our Team!