

PCRI Hits Metrics!

Dr. Roberto Cardarelli, Director of Research, Primary Care Research Institute (PCRI) announced earlier this summer that the PCRI hit the necessary metrics for Center/Institute at UNTHSC status in **less than 3 years!** This accomplishment was due to the tremendous effort of the current faculty and the recruitment of fantastic leaders!

As of July 2010 Awards obtained \$809,194.00-ranked 5th out of 13 Centers/Institutes at UNTHSC. Proposals submitted were earmarked at \$7,832,795.00 which is also ranked 5th out of 13 Centers/Institutes.

Dr. Cardarelli expressed his heartfelt excitement and congratulations during his announcement as the PCRI moves forward toward a very bright and successful future.

Dr. Tasleyma Sattar Announces Published Elsevier Article

Dr. Tasleyma Sattar recently announced the publication of her latest article entitled: **The utility of the medical home: a survey on patient perspective.** Authors include Tasleyma Sattar, DO, from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, University of North Texas Health Science Center, Fort Worth, Texas; Hema Jadoonanan, DO in family practice in Boca Raton, Florida; and Susan Ledbetter, DO from Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Florida.

The article appeared in the July/August 2010, Volume 2, Number 4 edition of the *Osteopathic Family Physician*, the Official Publication of the American Col-

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-lege of Osteopathic Family Physicians. It details a study that shows the support patients have for the medical home concept and will lead to better understanding of what is important to them. Patients understand the importance of having their medical information in a centralized location and that a PCP in the medical home model provides for a better appreciation of their health problems. This then leads to increased willingness of patients to acquiesce to treatment plans developed in conjunction with their PCP. Further research needs to be done in this area, with more specific attention paid to the parts of the medical home concept as proposed by the various organizations involved in its implementation. By combining patient preferences with physician needs, a better system can be developed that will improve the care provided to the patients and ensure the vitality of the health care system for generations to come.

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