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Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Pre-Med Students in CHRISTUS Spohn's EMRAP Program Present Research at Conferences

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Three biomedical science students at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi participated in the Emergency Medicine Research Associates Program (EMRAP) at CHRISTUS Spohn Memorial Hospital in 2008-2009. The students were the only non-physicians presenting research projects this spring, summer and fall at state and international emergency medicine conferences.

Presentations are as follows:

Andrew DeLeon – a senior, gave the presentation, “Urinalysis in Adult Blunt Trauma: Is It Relevant Today?”

- He gave a poster presentation in May 2009 at the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM) National Conference in New Orleans, La. His abstract was published in the May 2009 issue of “Academic Emergency Medicine,” the official SAEM journal.
- He gave an oral presentation in June 2009 at the Research Day held at JPS Health Network in Fort Worth, Texas. He won first place for best research/presentation. DeLeon and Reagan Rivas were the only two non-physicians presenting.
- He gave an oral presentation in Sept. 2009 at the Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress V in Valencia, Spain. The abstract, which was one of the Top 50 Abstracts (out of 3,000 entries), published in the “Journal of Emergency Medicine” in the August 2009 issue and “The European Journal of Emergency Medicine” October 2009 issue.

Reagan Rivas – a senior, gave the presentation, “Sexually Transmitted Diseases Do

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- She gave an oral presentation in June 2009 at the Research Day held at JPS Health Network in Fort Worth, Texas. She won second place for best research/presentation. Rivas and DeLeon were the only two non-physicians presenting.
- She presented two posters in September 2009 at the Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress V in Valencia, Spain. The posters were “Sexually Transmitted Diseases Do Not Discriminate: First Trimester Vaginal Bleeding is Not Always a Threatened Abortion” and “The Routine Use of Local Anesthetics in Pediatric Lumbar Punctures: Are We There Yet?”

Joseph Perez – a post-graduate student, gave the presentation, “The Routine Use of Local Anesthetics in Pediatric Lumbar Punctures: Are We There Yet?”

- He gave a poster presentation in Oct. 2009 in Boston, Mass., at the American College of Emergency Physicians Conference. His abstract was published in the Oct. 2009 issue of “Annals of Emergency Medicine Journal.”
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