

REINVENTING VITAL STATISTICS *For* TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES



55th Annual Texas Vital Statistics Conference

The Renaissance Austin Hotel
December 9-11, 2009
Austin, Texas

Greetings from the State Registrar

Welcome, one and all, to the 55th Annual Texas Vital Statistics Conference!

We have a number of exciting events planned to help you and your counterparts **Reinvent Vital Statistics for Tomorrow's Challenges**. From panel workshops and training sessions to networking opportunities, this year promises to be a mix of fun, learning and bonding with the wonderful people who make up our vital statistics family.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Awards Luncheon on Thursday to recognize your efforts and dedication to vital statistics. Also, please take some time to meet with the many exhibitors available who will be offering valuable information and goodies.

Texas Vital Statistics, along with our co-sponsor, the Texas Public Health Association, have put together a forum jam-packed with information to help you prepare for the changes and advances facing vital statistics. Our conference this year includes speakers both from our state and others as well as federal partners. They will provide us with an understanding of how we, in vital records, can better work with them and anticipate tomorrow's challenges in vital statistics, from stress management to security concerns. Our goal is to provide you with information and tools that will help you face tomorrow's challenges.

As vital statistics partners, your endeavors and unique roles are critical in **reinventing vital statistics** so that, together, we may face **tomorrow's challenges** in the most effective and efficient manner. I thank you for your efforts and diligence in reaching this shared vision of excellence in vital registration for the citizens of Texas.

Sincerely,

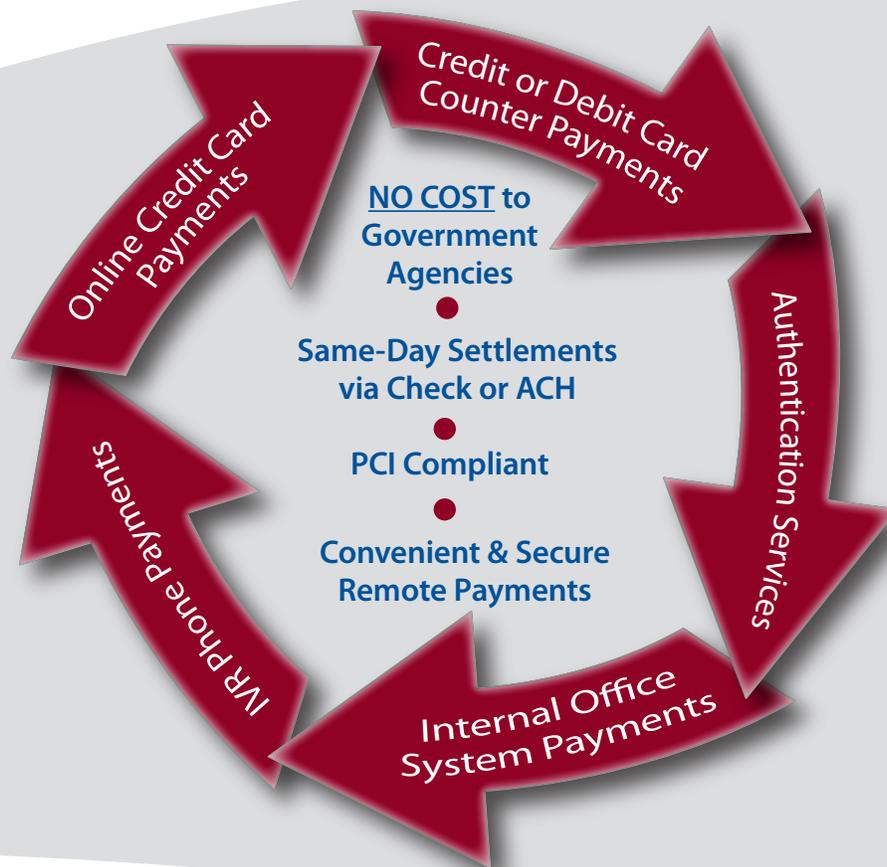


Geraldine R. Harris
State Registrar



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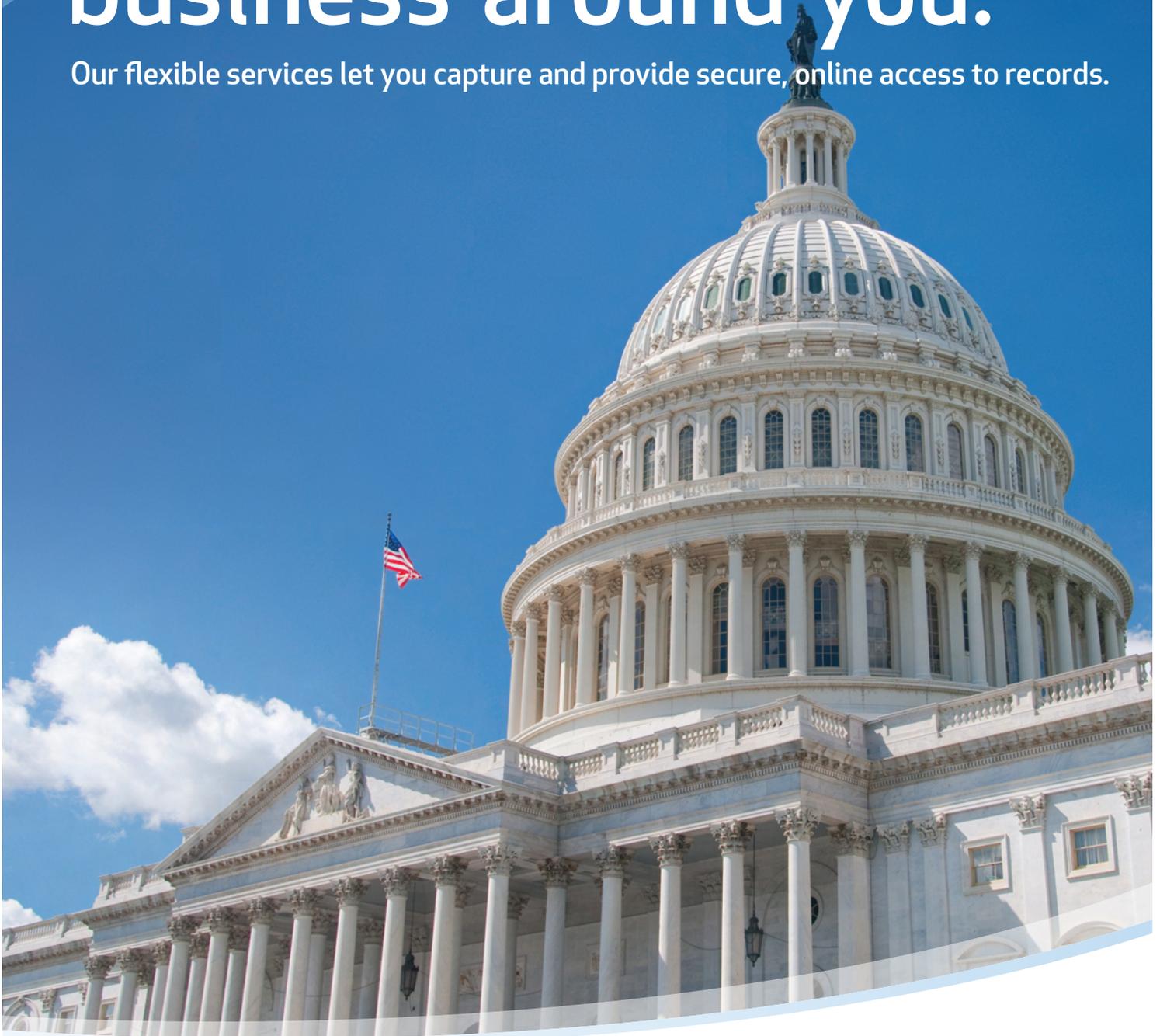
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Things You Need to Know

Some of our most important conference features to help you get the most from your conference experience:

- **Registration** – Begins at 11:00 am on Wednesday and again at 7:00 am on Thursday at the conference registration desk. Be sure to pick up your conference materials and any extra session handouts (if available) when you register. Thank you to Neubus and VitalChek for sponsoring this year's conference bags.
- **Keynotes** - We are honored to feature our keynote and opening session speaker, Dr. Aliya Hussaini, Grant Officer, Health Portfolio, at the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation. In addition to Dr. Hussaini, Yvonne Howze, Section Director for Health Information and Vital Statistics, will deliver the Awards Luncheon keynote.
- **Exhibitors** – Commercial and state agency exhibitors will be located on the Atrium Level of the hotel throughout the duration of the conference. Plan to visit them!
- **Awards Luncheon** – Following Dr. Howze's keynote address, we will recognize this year's award winners in the categories of Five-Star Local Registrar, Hospital/Birthing Center/Midwife, Funeral Home/Mortuary Service, Office of Attorney General Paternity Awards, and ImmTrac Awards.
- **Breakfast & Breaks** – The Exhibitor Area will also be the site of Thursday and Friday breakfasts (7:00 – 8:00 am) and all scheduled breaks.
- **Evaluations** – Your feedback helps us make each subsequent conference a meaningful, educational, and fun experience for you. Please complete evaluations for each session you attend and submit them to the session monitors. Complete the Overall Conference Evaluation located with your conference materials and turn it in at the registration desk before you leave for a chance to win a gift card.
- **Door Prizes** – Thanks to our attendees, we are once again able to give away door prizes brought to you from all over the state of Texas. Drawings will take place every hour beginning 12:00 noon through 5:00 pm on Thursday, and again from 8:00 am through 11:00 am on Friday. Winners' names will be posted on an easel located near the Registration Desk. Winners must have their name badges to pick up their prizes. All prizes must be picked up by the end of the conference on Friday.
- **Shirts** – Want to take a VS polo shirt home to your coworkers? The Vital Statistics Conference planners have made it possible! Stop by the Registration Desk any time after the Awards Luncheon on Thursday to purchase your shirts. The cost of each shirt is \$19.43 including sales tax. Checks should be made payable to the Texas Public Health Association Vital Statistics.

Continuing Education

Please refer to the breakout session descriptions located in the conference program to determine which session will satisfy continuing education requirements.

- **AHIMA Members (AHIMA)** Sign in at the Continuing Education/Registration Desk on the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) sign-in sheet. Pick up CEU certificates at the end of the conference at the Continuing Education/Registration Desk.
- **County & District Clerks (CC)** Sign in at the Continuing Education/Registration Desk on the County & District Clerks Association sign-in sheet for CEUs. Complete the CEU certification form and mail to the address on the form.
- **Funeral Directors (TFSC)** Sign in at the beginning of each session on the designated Continuing Education Attendance Certification Form available from session monitors. Separate and submit the attendance certification to the monitor and retain the Certificate of Attendance for your records.
- **Justice of the Peace (TJCTC)** Sign in at the Continuing Education/Registration Desk on the designated Justice of the Peace sign-in sheet for CEUs. Complete the CEU certification form and mail to the address on the form.
- **Midwives (MW)** Sign in at the Continuing Education/Registration Desk on the designated midwife sign-in sheet for CEUs. Pick up CEU certificates at the end of the conference at the Continuing Education/Registration Desk.

1:00 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. — Ballroom A

“I Can Do That!” — Stress Management Motivational Presentation

Suzie Humphreys

Discover the adventure of saying YES! to life and NO to doubt and fear. This session will show you how to motivate yourself to accept tomorrow’s challenges. It will show you how to “reinvent” yourself from negative to positive. It will also show you how to find humor in most situations.

Recommended for: All

This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- AHIMA
- CC
- MW
- TFSC
- TJCTC

1:00 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. — Wedgewood

AOP Certification and Recertification

Debra Berry, Regional Outreach Coordinator, Paternity Opportunity Program, Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division

This session is to receive Acknowledgment of Paternity (AOP) Certification and Recertification.

Recommended for: Birth Registrars, Local Registrars, Midwives

This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- AHIMA
- CC
- MW

3:00 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. — Ballroom A

Using Customer Feedback to Ensure Performance Excellence

Dr. Yvonne Howze, Section Director, Health Information & Vital Statistics

In this fun and enlightening presentation, participants will identify their primary customer segments and learn ways to collect and analyze customer feedback data. Participants will walk away with knowledge and skills in creating short customer surveys, convening focus groups and other ways to solicit input about their services and products.

Recommended for: All

This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- CC
- TJCTC

3:00 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. — Ballroom B

Birth Registrars, The Foundation for a Texas Free of Vaccine Preventable Disease

Nancy Sheppard, Program Specialist, ImmTrac

This presentation will show Birth Registrars:

- How they fit in the larger picture of the Immunization Registry and how that helps reduce the burden of vaccine preventable disease in Texas.
- That getting parents to consent for their children to be in ImmTrac really does make a difference in the health of that one child by ensuring that they receive their vaccines on time every time.
- When children receive their vaccines on time, every time, the health of Texas is positively impacted.
- By getting parents to consent for their children to be in ImmTrac at birth, Texas will continue to see a reduction of vaccine preventable disease.

Recommended for: Birth Registrars, Midwives

This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- AHIMA
- CC
- MW
- TFSC
- TJCTC

3:00 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. — Trinity

Are You Certifiable?

Satish Chundru, D.O., Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, Travis Co Medical Examiner

This session will discuss death certification in detail and provide an overview of proper certification methods. It will also provide an overview of how Medical Examiner offices are run.

Recommended for: Medical Certifiers, JP

This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- TFSC
- TJCTC

5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. — Ballroom A

In the Delivery Room — Birth Registration Statutes

Iris Rodriguez, Area Representative,
Field Services, VSU

Plan to attend this session to learn the many statutes pertaining to birth registration in Texas. This session will teach you how to locate particular rules and laws in the Texas Administrative Code and Health and Safety Code that coincide with everyday birth registration activities at your facility.

Recommended for: Birth Registrars, Midwives
This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- AHIMA
- MW

5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. — Ballroom B

Strut Your Stuff, Know Your Statutes! Local Registration Statutes / Consolidation of Registration Districts

Geraldine Harris, State Registrar, VSU

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Recommended for: Local Registrars
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- CC
- TJCTC

5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. — Trinity

This is *Not* the End — Death Registration Statutes

Victor Farinelli, Area Representative,
Field Services, VSU

Many of us know that a death record has to be filed in a certain time period, but do we know the reason why? Why do we have to file a death record electronically? This class is designed to provide basic information on why we have to follow certain processes and procedures when it comes to death registration...and we are going to have a little fun while doing it.

Recommended for: Funeral Homes, Medical Certifiers, JP, Local Registrars
This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- TFSC
- TJCTC

5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. — Wedgwood

Tying the Knot: The Least You Need to Know — Marriage Registration Statutes

Derek Johnson, Area Representative,
Field Services, VSU

We all think we know what is required in order to process a marriage license. However, there have been changes since the Texas Legislature convened. The purpose of this course is to review the statutes regarding marriage applications and licenses, including changes made to the Texas Family Code.

Recommended for: Local Registrars
This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- CC
- TJCTC

Wednesday – December 9, 2009

4:40 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. BREAK / EXHIBIT AREA

Join us for refreshments located in the exhibit area.

8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. — Ballroom A and B

Keynote Address: Obesity Prevention in Children — One Foundation's Lessons Learned and Road Forward

Opening Remarks by Geraldine R. Harris,
Texas State Registrar and Welcome Address by
Dr. David Lakey, DSHS Commissioner

Dr. Aliya Hussaini, Grant Officer, Health Portfolio, Michael and Susan Dell Foundation

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Recommended for: All

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. — Ballroom A

Nuts & Bolts of TER Birth Registration

Cathie Roche, Area Representative, Field Services, VSU

This session provides a basic overview of the TER birth registration system and helpful information on using the system.

Recommended for: Birth Registrars, Midwives
This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- AHIMA
- MW

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. — Ballroom B

Nuts & Bolts of TER Local Registration

Sandra Lackey, Manager, Electronic Registration, VSU

This session will cover the basics and beyond of electronic birth and death registration for the local

registrar with an emphasis on "beyond." What can TER do for you?

Recommended for: Local Registrars
This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- CC
- TJCTC

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. — Trinity

Nuts and Bolts of TER Death Registration for Funeral Homes

Victor Farinelli, Area Representative, Field Services, VSU

Whether you are a new TER user or looking for a refresher course, this session will provide information on the role that funeral homes play in electronically registering a death certificate. The course will cover the basics of how TER operates to register death certificates along with some advanced tips for more advanced TER users.

Recommended for: Funeral Homes
This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- TFSC
- TJCTC

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. — Wedgwood

Continuity of Operations Planning — Experiences and Lessons

Darlene W. Smith, Louisiana State Registrar and Center Director, Louisiana Center for Records and Statistics

Andrew Gonzalez, Branch Manager, VSU (Moderator)

On August 28th, 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit the southern coast of the United States with devastating effect. In this session, the State Registrar from Louisiana will share experiences in the wake and aftermath of the destruction. She will recount what they were prepared for and what they were not. Afterwards, Andrew Gonzalez, the Request Processing Branch Manager, will provide an overview of basic considerations in a Continuity of Operations Plan.

Recommended for: All
This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- AHIMA
- CC
- MW
- TFSC
- TJCTC

1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. — Ballroom A

AOP Certification and Recertification

Carol Collier-Murphy, Paternity Opportunity Program Specialist, Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division

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- CC
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1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. — Ballroom B

Passport Fraud and New Requirements for Passport Issuance

Kaweem Koshan, Fraud Prevention Manager, Foreign Service Officer, US Dept of State

Often we in the Vital Statistics field don't realize the importance of a passport. A U.S. Passport identifies the bearer as a U.S. Citizen or National. In addition, when presented, it signifies to foreign governments to permit travel or temporary residence in their territories and access to all local aid and protection. In order to help our customers more easily obtain a passport, Kaweem Koshan from the U.S. Department of State Passport Office in Houston will be providing information on the new requirements when it comes to passport issuance. The second objective of this presentation is to provide a basic

understanding of fraud perpetuated by passport applicants, the key role of birth certificates in these schemes and how vital records offices play a part in their anti-fraud efforts.

Recommended for: All

This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- CC
- TFSC
- TJCTC

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. — Trinity

Doctors Have To Do This Too? — TER Death Registration for Medical Certifiers

Albert Rivera, Manager, Field Services, VSU

As we continue to implement Texas Electronic Registrar (TER) for death registration, this session will provide you with more in-depth information and training on the most effective use of the TER system.

Recommended for: Medical Certifiers, JP

This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- TFSC
- TJCTC

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. — Wedgwood

Supplemental Registration

Linda Rodriguez, Program Specialist III - Training Coordinator, VSU

This session will provide a brief overview of Supplemental Records, including amendments to birth and death records, adoption processes and paternity registration.

Recommended for: All

This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- AHIMA
- CC
- MW
- TFSC
- TJCTC

Thursday – December 10, 2009

11:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m.

Awards Five Star Luncheon Ceremony in the Rio Grande Exhibit Hall

3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. BREAK / EXHIBIT AREA
Join us for refreshments located in the exhibit area.

1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. — Ballroom A

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- MW

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. — Ballroom B

Superstars — MRC

Cathie Roche, Area Representative, Field Services, VSU

The Vital Statistics Unit has implemented a new program for MRC graduates. Each year they will be asked to assist with a new project. This year's project is to review and make suggestions for revisions to the local registrar handbook. During this course MRC graduates will discuss their upcoming project and present final projects from this year's MRC course.

Recommended for: MRC Graduates Only
This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- CC

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. — Trinity

Just the Facts, Ma'am — Reporting COD

Dr. Robert Anderson, Chief, Mortality Statistics Branch, Division of Vital Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

This session will focus on how to properly report cause of death on the death certificate. We will discuss what this information is used for, what to include and what to leave out, how much detail to include and how to organize it into an appropriate, concise and useful cause of death statement.

Recommended for: Medical Certifiers, JP
This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- TFSC
- TJCTC

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. — Wedgwood

Vital Statistics Fraud — Document Fraud, Identity Fraud and Homeland Security

Edward Saucedo, Investigator VII, Office of the Inspector General

Fraudulent identification documents are no longer just a problem related to identity theft. Local, State and Federal agencies rely on vital records as proof of age, identity and citizenship to determine eligibility for benefits, insurance benefits or to allow or deny entry into a vulnerable facility. Now more than ever, it is important that everyone involved with vital records be vigilant in protecting these documents against potential use for fraudulent activity. This session stresses the importance of vigilance in ensuring vital records fall into the proper hands.

Recommended for: All

This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- AHIMA
- CC
- MW
- TFSC
- TJCTC

Friday — December 11, 2009

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. — Ballroom A

I'm Having a Baby, What Now? — TER Birth Panel

S. Renee Clay, Registrar,
City of Dallas Vital Statistics

Joan Hutcheson, Paternity Specialist, Office of
the Attorney General Child Support Division

Yvonne Feinleib, Program Director,
DSHS Midwifery Program

Vickie Higgins, Program Expert,
Social Security Administration

Nancy Sheppard, Program Specialist,
ImmTrac

In this panel discussion, S. Renee Clay, Joan Hutcheson, Yvonne Feinleib, Vickie Higgins, Nancy Sheppard and moderator Cathie Roche will answer questions and provide discussion on birth registration statutes and the TER system.

Recommended for: Birth Registrars, Local Registrars, Midwives

This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- AHIMA
- MW

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. — Ballroom B

Birth Records at Your Fingertips — In Your Office: Remote Birth Access

Lisa Martinez, Security Manager for
Remote Sites, VSU

This session will discuss the new program along with the “Do’s” and “Don’ts” of the remote site usage.

Connie Seaman, Administrative Assistant IV,
State Registrar’s Office, VSU

Also in this section we will discuss updates to billing software and new approaches to late payments.

Recommended for: Local Registrars

This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- CC

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. — Trinity

Your Name Is ‘URL?’ — Web 101 and the Texas Vital Statistics Website

Victor Farinelli, Area Representative,
Field Services, VSU

For some, the internet and the World Wide Web are a big part of daily life. Others only encounter it periodically and often feel lost and frustrated when they do. This class is designed to help those who feel a little left behind by providing basic internet terminology and tips to help them feel more tech savvy. For those who can already whiz around cyberspace, this course will provide tips and definitions to help them use the web faster and more productively. The class includes a virtual tour of the VSU website and provides helpful information for beginning and advanced web surfers.

Recommended for: All

This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- AHIMA
- CC
- MW
- TFSC
- TJCTC

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. — Wedgwood

Detecting Fraud and Identity Theft

Huel Haynes, Supervisor, Texas Department
of Public Safety

This presentation will discuss the basic security features found on the Texas driver license and identification card and will include a discussion on the basic security features found on a birth certificate.

Recommended for: All

This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- CC
- TFSC
- TJCTC

Friday – December 11, 2009

9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. BREAK / EXHIBIT AREA

Join us for refreshments located in the exhibit area.

9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. — Ballroom A

Taking the Frown Out of Delayed Records

Cindy Brown, Program Specialist, VSU

This session will help participants get a fresh perspective and will help take the frown out of Delayed Records. It will cover the Delayed Records processes and provide helpful information on avoiding issues when applying for Delayed Records.

Recommended for: Birth Registrars, Local Registrars

This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- CC
- TFSC
- TJCTC

9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. — Ballroom B

TER Death Panel

Steve Martin, CEO,
Stone Mortuary Service, Inc. (Dallas)

Stella Lewis, Details Clerk, Medical Administration Service / Central Texas Veterans Health Care System

Bill Piet, Porter Loring Mortuary

This panel will answer questions and provide discussion on registration statutes and the TER system.

Recommended for: Funeral Homes, Medical Certifiers, JP, Local Registrars

This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- TFSC
- TJCTC

9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. — Trinity

Data Quality and System Integration

Dr. Hector Gonzalez, Director of Health and Registrar, City of Laredo Health Department

In this session, Dr. Hector Gonzalez of the City of Laredo Health Department will be presenting on the importance of data quality and systems integration. Dr. Gonzalez's office automated its 350,000+

birth and death records, which has improved customer service, efficiency, data management and quality management. With this improvement, vital statistics, morbidity and mortality data are now easily accessible to assist with public health epidemiology and disease control. In addition, a particular data system management upgrade has also assisted in total data integration for the entire department, improving efficiency, customer service and productivity.

Recommended for: All

This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- AHIMA
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- TFSC
- TJCTC

9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. — Wedgwood

Signed, Sealed, Delivered — TER Local Registrar Panel

Beth Rothermel, County Clerk,
Washington County

Diane Shepard, First Assistant,
Fort Bend County Clerk

Joy Streater, Comal County Clerk,
Comal County

In this panel discussion, Beth Rothermel, Diane Shepard, Joy Streater and moderator Derek Johnson will answer questions and provide discussion on registration statutes and the TER system.

Recommended for: Local Registrar

This session fulfills Continuing Education requirements for:

- CC

11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — Ballroom A

That's All Folks! — Conference Closing and FAQs

Geraldine Harris, State Registrar, VSU

To round out this year's conference, Ms. Harris will address attendees and provide a brief question-and-answer session on what has been covered over the past three days.

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Suzie Humphreys’ background is as varied as her audiences....from administrative secretary to television talk show host, to 20 years in radio. She has hobnobbed with movie stars and politicians interviewed the great and the “near” great. She has made hundreds of commercials, done musical comedy and motion pictures. She has been fired, been broke, been disappointed, been a petrified expectant mother at 40 years old and lived her life with a passion for learning not only how to be better, but to see things differently.



Suzie Humphreys received one of the longest standing ovations on record from the national speakers association when she spoke to 2,500 of her peers at their convention in Palm Springs, California. Last year at their national convention, she received the Council of Peers Award of Excellence and was inducted into the Speaker Hall of Fame. In 2004, Suzie was inducted into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame.

Get ready to laugh, live and learn with Suzie Humphreys as she presents “I Can Do That.”

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- TJCTC
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Keynote Address: Obesity Prevention in Children — One Foundation's Lessons Learned and Road Forward

Opening Remarks by Geraldine R. Harris, Texas State Registrar and
Welcome Address by Dr. David Lakey, DSHS Commissioner

Dr. Aliya Hussaini

Grant Officer, Health Portfolio,
Michael and Susan Dell Foundation

Dr. Aliya Hussaini is the Grant Officer, Health Portfolio, at the **Michael and Susan Dell Foundation**. She completed medical school at the University of Illinois. In her most recent position, she worked at the Texas Department of State Health Services as the Manager of Program and Policy Development for the Purchased Health Services Unit.

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Detailed information on the non-profit organization, **Michael and Susan Dell Foundation**, can be found at www.msdf.org. Their mission statement is: *Transforming the lives of children in urban poverty through better health and education.*

Some of the current programs of the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation

- children obesity/wellness grants,
- applied research,
- health-care grants, and
- basic service grants.

Recommended for: All

Master Registrar Certification Course

Be a superstar! Come join us.

**The Department of State Health Services, Vital Statistics Unit
would like to invite all local registrars to participate in our
2010 Master Registrar Certification Course
March 21-26, 2010 in Austin, Texas.**

The Master Registrar Certification course is comprised of a small group (15-20) of local registrars and deputies from around the state. The course provides them with a deeper understanding of vital registration through the statutory framework of vital registration, best practices and working collaboratively with the processes at the state and local level.

In an informal setting, the course encompasses all aspects of the local registrar's duties, applicable statutes, hands on computer training, problem solving projects and a field trip to a local registrar's office.

The registration form will be available on the vital statistics website, www.texasvsu.org in early January 2010. Download the form and fax it to the vital statistics office. The deadline for receiving applications will be listed on the form. Registration forms should be faxed to Cathie Roche at 512-458-7538.

The registration forms will be reviewed and 15 applicants will be selected to attend the course. If you are selected you will be notified by February 5, 2010.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact Cathie Roche at phone number 1-888-963-7111 ext. 2580 or email Catherine.roche@dshs.state.tx.us.

We hope to see you there!

Awards Luncheon Speaker

Dr. Yvonne Howze, Director of the Health Information and Vital Statistics Section, Texas Department of State Health Services. As Section Director, she is responsible for the Center for Health Statistics and the Vital Statistics Unit.

Dr. Howze is a former school superintendent, a teacher and scholar in the field of education, and has received many notable awards in her 37-year career, including the Commerce Bank Community Service Award, the St. Louis American Salute to Excellence Award and the Bill English Leadership Award. She was chosen as a Kellogg National Leadership Fellow in 1995 and travels worldwide presenting on leadership, performance excellence and organizational effectiveness.



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Wednesday, December 9, 2009

BALLROOM A		BALLROOM B		T
1:00pm-2:50pm	"I Can Do That" Stress Management Motivational Speaker Suzie Humphreys			
3:00pm-4:40pm	Using Customer Feedback to Ensure Performance Excellence Dr. Yvonne Howze, VSU	"Birth Registrars, The Foundation for a Texas Free of Vaccine Preventable Disease" Nancy Sheppard, ImmTrac		Are Y Dr. S Travis Cour
4:40pm	B R E A K / E X			
5:00pm-6:45pm	"In the Delivery Room" Birth Registration Statutes Iris Rodriguez, VSU	"Strut Your Stuff, Know Your Statutes!" Local Registration Statutes/ Consolidation of Registration Districts Geraldine Harris, VSU		"This Death Re Victor

Thursday, December 10, 2009

BALLROOM A		BALLROOM B		T
8:00am-9:45am	Welcome & Conference Open Keynote Add			
10:00am-11:30am	Nuts & Bolts of TER Birth Registration Cathie Roche, VSU	Nuts & Bolts of TER Local Registration Sandra Lackey, VSU		Nuts & Bolts of for F Victor
11:30am-1:30pm	Awards Luncheon			
1:30pm-3:00pm	AOP Certification and Recertification Office of the Attorney General	Passport Fraud and New Requirements for Passport Issuance Kaweem Koshan, Houston Passport Office		"Doctors Ha TER Deaths Alber
3:00pm		B R E A K / E X		
3:30pm-5:00pm		"Superstars" MRC Cathie Roche, VSU		"Just th Re Dr. Robert A

Friday, December 11, 2009

BALLROOM A		BALLROOM B		T
8:00am-9:30am	"I'm Having a Baby, What Now?" TER Birth Panel Moderator: Cathie Roche, VSU	"Birth Records at Your Fingertips, in Your Office" Remote Birth Access Lisa Martinez and Connie Seaman, VSU		"Your Name Is Texas Vita Victor
9:30am	B R E A K / E X			
9:45am-11:15am	Taking the Frown Out of Delayed Records Cindy Brown, VSU	TER Death Panel Moderators: Albert Rivera, Victor Farinelli		Data Quality Dr. H
11:15am-12:30pm	"That's All, Folks!" Conference Closing and FAQ Geraldine, Harris, VSU			

AT-A-GLANCE

TRINITY	WEDGWOOD	CANADIAN
<p>You Certifiable? Pratik Chundru County Medical Examiner</p>	<p>AOP Certification and Recertification Office of the Attorney General</p>	<p>1:00pm-4:00pm VitalChek Consultation for Program Attendees</p>

H I B I T O R A R E A		
<p>"Is Not the End" Marriage Registration Statutes Pratik Farinelli, VSU</p>	<p>"Tying the Knot: the Least You Need to Know" Marriage Registration Statutes Derek Johnson, VSU</p>	<p>4:00pm-7:00pm Neubus Consultation for Program Attendees</p>

TRINITY	WEDGWOOD	CANADIAN
<p>Continuity of Operations Planning, Ballroom A&B Press</p>		<p>8:00am-11:00am VitalChek Consultation for Program Attendees</p>
<p>Continuity of Operations Planning Funeral Homes Pratik Farinelli, VSU</p>	<p>Continuity of Operations Planning: Experiences and Lessons Moderator: Andrew Gonzalez, VSU Darlene W. Smith, Louisiana State Registrar</p>	

H I B I T O R A R E A		
<p>Continuity of Operations Planning, Rio Grande Exhibit Hall</p>		
<p>"Have to Do This, Too?" for Medical Certifiers Pratik Rivera, VSU</p>	<p>"Supplemental Registration" Linda Rodriguez, VSU</p>	<p>2:00pm-5:00pm Neubus Consultation for Program Attendees</p>
<p>"The Facts, Ma'am" Reporting COD Pratik Anderson, NCHS, CDC</p>	<p>Vital Statistics Fraud: Document Fraud, Identity Fraud and Homeland Security Edward Saucedo, Office of the Inspector General</p>	

TRINITY	WEDGWOOD	CANADIAN
<p>"URL?" Web 101 and the Vital Statistics Website Pratik Farinelli, VSU</p>	<p>Detecting Fraud and Identity Theft Huel Haynes, Tx DPS</p>	<p>8:00am-10:00am VitalChek Consultation for Program Attendees</p>

H I B I T O R A R E A		
<p>Continuity of Operations Planning and System Integration Pratik Gonzalez</p>	<p>TER Local Registrar Panel Moderator: Derek Johnson</p>	<p>10:00am-12:00noon Neubus Consultation for Program Attendees</p>

2009 State Registrar Awards

2009 State Registrar Awards

Because there are so many of you that champion our efforts to improve the health of Texans it is always difficult to select only a few to present this award. Each year the state honors five outstanding individuals for their contributions to the betterment of our programs.

2009 Certified Master Registrars Award Winners

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Renee Clay	Mary Truesdale
Mary Collins	Cindy Walterscheid
Jeannette Compean	Greta Zamora
Dianne Florez	Iris Rodriguez
Stacey Kemp	Connie Seaman
Jenetta Taylor	Linda Ward
Elizabeth Trevino	



Five Star Vital Registration 2009

2009 Exemplary Five-Star Local Registrars Winners

Abilene/Taylor County Public Health District
 Austin County Clerk
 Bell County Clerk
 Brazoria County Clerk
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 City of Austin - HHSD
 City of Baytown
 City of Beaumont
 Public Health Department
 City of Bedford
 City of Brownsville
 City of Bryan
 City of Carthage
 City of College Station
 City of Dallas
 City of Denison
 City of Grapevine
 City of Harlingen
 City of Laredo Health Department
 City of Lewisville
 City of Lubbock Health Department
 Department Vital Statistics
 City of McAllen
 City of North Richland Hills
 City of Pasadena
 City of San Marcos

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 City of Temple
 City of Texas City
 City of Weslaco
 City of Yoakum
 Collin County Clerk
 Comal County Clerk
 Cooke County Clerk
 Dawson County Clerk
 Deaf Smith County Clerk
 Denton County Clerk
 Ector County Clerk
 Fort Bend County Clerk
 Frio County Clerk
 Galveston County Health District
 Grayson County Clerk
 Gregg County Clerk
 Guadalupe County Clerk
 Hamilton County Clerk
 Hill County Clerk
 Hood County Clerk
 Houston County Clerk
 Jackson County Clerk
 Kaufman County Clerk
 Kerr County Clerk
 Llano County Clerk
 Limestone County Clerk
 Madison County Clerk
 Mitchell County Clerk

Midland County Clerk
 Nacogdoches County Clerk
 Navarro County Clerk
 Nolan County Clerk
 Northeast Texas Public Health District
 Parker County Clerk
 Polk County Clerk
 Rockwall County Clerk
 Rusk County Clerk
 San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
 Scurry County Clerk
 Tarrant County Clerk
 Taylor County Clerk
 Tom Green County
 Van Zandt County Clerk
 Waco-McLennan Public Health District
 Waller County Clerk
 Ward County Clerk
 Washington County Clerk
 Wichita Falls - Wichita County Public Health District
 Williamson County Clerk
 Wise County Clerk



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2009 Five-Star Local Registrars Winners

Five Star Award Winners
Bosque County Clerk
City of Houston Bureau of Vital Statistics

Hunt County Clerk
Reeves County Clerk

2009 Five-Star Hospital Service Award Winners

Baptist St. Anthony's Health
System-Baptist Campus
Baylor Medical Center
At Frisco
Baylor Regional Medical
Center At Grapevine
Brownsville Doctors Hospital
Central Texas Medical Center
Christus Santa Rosa Hospital -
New Braunfels
Christus St. Michael Health
Systems
Clear Lake Regional Medical
Center
Corpus Christi Medical Center -
Bay Area
Daughters Of Charity Health
Services of Austin -
Brackenridge
Daughters Of Charity Health
Services of Austin - Seton
Medical Center
Daughters Of Charity Health
Services of Austin -
Seton Northwest

Daughters Of Charity Health
Services of Austin -
Seton Southwest
Del Sol Medical Center
Doctors Hospital Parkway/Tidwell
Graham Regional Medical Center
Texas Health Harris Methodist
Hurst-Eules-Bedford
Hendrick Medical Center
Hill Country Memorial Hospital
Houston Northwest Medical Center
Huguley Memorial Medical Center
Las Colinas Medical Center
Medical City Dallas Hospital
Medina Regional Hospital
Memorial Hermann - Katy
Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital
Memorial Hermann Sugar Land
Memorial Hermann
The Woodlands Hospital
Methodist Richardson Medical Center
Methodist Willowbrook Hospital
Mission Regional Medical Center
Moore County Hospital District
Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital

North Central Baptist Hospital
Northeast Baptist Hospital
Permian Regional Medical Center
Texas Health Presbyterian
Hospital of Denton
Providence Memorial Hospital
San Jacinto Methodist Hospital
St David's Round Rock Hospital
St Luke's Baptist Hospital
St Luke's Community Medical
Center-The Woodlands
Titus Regional Medical Center
Uvalde Memorial Hospital
Valley Baptist Medical
Center - Brownsville
Valley Baptist Medical Center -
Harlingen



Five Star Vital Registration 2009

2009 Five-Star Funeral Home/Mortuary Winners

Calvillo Funeral Home
Georgetown

Joe Jackson Funeral Chapels
Laredo

Resthaven Funeral Home
Lubbock

Claybar Funeral Home
Orange

Kerrville Funeral Home
Kerrville

Restland Funeral Home
Dallas

Gabriel's Funeral Chapel
Georgetown

Memorial Funeral Home
San Juan

Schmidt Funeral Home
Katy

Garza Memorial Funeral Home
Brownsville

Porter Loring Funeral Home
San Antonio

Trevino Funeral Home
Brownsville

Grimes Funeral Chapels
Kerrville

Providence Funeral Home
Taylor

Winscott Road Funeral Home

Harrell Funeral Home

Attorney General of Texas Awards

Attorney General of Texas Award

— *Exemplary* —

Attorney General of Texas Award for the highest percentage of AOPs completed, exceeding the statewide average and meeting all additional criteria for Federal Fiscal Year 2009

Baylor Medical Center at Frisco,
Frisco

Ben Taub General Hospital,
Houston

Cedar Park Regional Medical
Center, Cedar Park

Christus Santa Rosa Hospital
New Braunfels, New Braunfels

Clear Lake Regional Medical
Center, Webster

Corpus Christi
Medical Center-Bay Area,
Corpus Christi

Coon Memorial Hospital,
Dalhart

Del Sol Medical Center,
El Paso

Guadalupe Regional Medical
Center, Seguin

Hamilton Hospital,
Olney

Hopkins County
Memorial Hospital,
Sulphur Springs

Huguley Memorial Medical
Center, Fort Worth

Hunt Regional Healthcare,
Greenville

John Peter Smith Hospital,
Fort Worth

Las Colinas Medical Center,
Irving

Memorial Hermann
Sugar Land Hospital,
Sugar Land

Memorial Hermann
The Woodlands Hospital,
The Woodlands

Nacogdoches Medical Center,
Nacogdoches

North Central Baptist,
San Antonio

Ochiltree General Hospital,
Perryton

Parkland Health and
Hospital System,
Dallas

Permian Regional
Medical Center,
Andrews

Seton Southwest Hospital,
Austin

Texas Health Presbyterian
Hospital Denton,
Denton

Texas Health Presbyterian
Hospital Plano,
Plano

UTMB Austin
Women's Hospital,
Austin

Attorney General of Texas Award

Attorney General of Texas Award

— Outstanding —

Attorney General of Texas Award for recording an AOP percentage at least six points higher than the statewide average for Federal Fiscal Year 2009

Baptist St. Anthony's Health System, Amarillo	Medical Center of Plano, Plano	San Jacinto Methodist Hospital, Baytown
Centennial Medical Center, Frisco	Memorial Medical Center Livingston, Livingston	Seton Medical Center, Austin
Childress Regional Medical Center, Childress	Palo Pinto General Hospital, Mineral Wells	Seymour Hospital, Seymour
Cuero Community Hospital, Cuero	Reeves County Hospital, Pecos	University Health System, San Antonio
Hill Country Memorial Hospital, Fredericksburg	St. Luke's Baptist Hospital, San Antonio	Wise Regional Health System, Decatur
Kingwood Medical Center, Kingwood	St. Mark's Medical Center, La Grange	

Attorney General of Texas Award

— Recognized —

Attorney General of Texas Award for meeting the statewide average for AOPs completed for Federal Fiscal Year 2009

Baylor Medical Center at Carrollton, Carrollton	Christus Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-South, Corpus Christi	Doctors Hospital at Renaissance, Edinburg
Baylor Medical Center at Irving, Irving	Christus St. Catherine Hospital, Katy	Doctors Hospital Tidwell, Houston
Baylor Medical Center at Waxahachie, Waxahachie	Christus St. John Hospital, Nassau Bay	Gonzales Healthcare Systems, Gonzales
Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine, Grapevine	Christus St. Michael Health System, Texarkana	Graham Regional Medical Center, Graham
Bayshore Medical Center, Pasadena	Columbus Community Hospital, Columbus	Harlingen Medical Center, Harlingen
Brackenridge Hospital, Austin	Conroe Regional Medical Center, Conroe	Hendrick Medical Center, Abilene
Brownsville Doctors Hospital, Brownsville	Covenant Hospital Levelland, Levelland	Houston Northwest Medical Center, Houston
Central Texas Medical Center, San Marcos	Denton Regional Medical Center, Denton	King's Daughters Hospital, Temple
Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville, Beeville	DeTar Hospital North, Victoria	Knapp Medical Center, Weslaco

Attorney General of Texas Award

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— *Recognized* —

Attorney General of Texas Award for meeting the statewide average for AOPs completed for Federal Fiscal Year 2009

Lake Granbury Medical Center, Granbury	Methodist Willowbrook Hospital, Houston	St. David's North Austin Medical Center, Austin
Lake Pointe Medical Center, Rowlett	Metropolitan Methodist Hospital, San Antonio	St. David's Round Rock Medical Center, Round Rock
Lamb Healthcare Center, Littlefield	Midland Memorial Hospital, Midland	St. David's South Austin Hospital, Austin
Llano Memorial Healthcare System, Llano	Mission Regional Medical Center, Mission	St. Joseph Medical Center, Houston
Longview Regional Medical Center, Longview	Moore County Hospital District, Dumas	St. Joseph Regional Health Center, Bryan
Medical Center of Lewisville, Lewisville	Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital, Nacogdoches	St. Luke's Sugar Land Hospital, Sugar Land
Medical City Dallas Hospital, Dallas	Navarro Regional Hospital, Corsicana	St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital, The Woodlands
Medina Community Hospital, Hondo	North Hills Hospital, North Richland Hills	San Angelo Community Medical Center, San Angelo
Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital, Katy	North Texas Medical Center, Gainesville	Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Big Spring
Memorial Hermann Memorial City Hospital, Houston	Northeast Baptist Hospital, San Antonio	Seton Medical Center Williamson, Round Rock
Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, Houston	Pecos County Memorial Hospital, Fort Stockton	Seton Northwest Hospital, Austin
Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital, Houston	Peterson Regional Medical Center, Kerrville	Shannon Medical Center, San Angelo
Memorial Hospital, Seminole	Providence Memorial Hospital, El Paso	Sierra Medical Center, El Paso
Methodist Hospital, San Antonio	Rice Medical Center, Eagle Lake	South Texas Regional Medical Center, Jourdanton
Methodist Mansfield Medical Center, Mansfield	Rio Grande Regional Hospital, McAllen	Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital, Arlington
Methodist Richardson Medical Center, Richardson	Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital, Sweetwater	Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Hurst-Euless-Bedford, Bedford
Methodist Stone Oak Hospital, San Antonio	St. David's Georgetown Hospital, Georgetown	Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Southwest Fort Worth, Fort Worth
Methodist Sugar Land Hospital, Sugar Land	St. David's Medical Center, Austin	

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Attorney General of Texas Award for meeting the statewide average for AOPs completed for
Federal Fiscal Year 2009

Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Stephenville, Stephenville	The Woman's Hospital of Texas, Houston	Valley Baptist Medical Center-Harlingen, Harlingen
Texoma Medical Center, Denison	Titus Regional Medical Center, Mount Pleasant	Weatherford Regional Medical Center, Weatherford
The Medical Center of Southeast Texas, Port Arthur	Tomball Regional Medical Center, Tomball	Wilson N. Jones Medical Center, Sherman
The Methodist Hospital, Houston	University Medical Center of El Paso, El Paso	Yoakum County Hospital, Denver City
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Galveston	Uvalde County Hospital Authority, Uvalde	
	Valley Baptist Medical Center-Brownsville, Brownsville	

ImmTrac Award for Excellence — 2009 Award Recipients



For contributing to the health of Texas children through outstanding implementation of the newborn consent process for participation in ImmTrac, the Texas Immunization Registry

100% Award Hospitals

Austin Area Birthing Center, Austin
Big Bend Regional Medical Center, Alpine
Brownsville Doctors Hospital, Brownsville
Christus Santa Rosa Hospital – Westover Hills, San Antonio
Citizens Medical Center, Victoria
Columbus Community Hospital, Columbus
Coon Memorial Hospital and Home, Dalhart
Cuero Community Hospital, Cuero
D. M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, Snyder
Daughters of Charity Health Services of Austin – DBA
Seton Williamson, Round Rock
East Texas Medical Center Carthage, Carthage
Golden Plains Community Hospital, Borger
Goodall – Witcher Healthcare Foundation, Clifton
Hopkins County Memorial, Sulphur Springs
Inanna Birth and Women’s Care, Denton
Lake Granbury Medical Center, Granbury
Lamb Healthcare Center, Littlefield
Laredo Medical Center, Laredo
Las Colinas Medical Center, Irving
Medical Arts Hospital, Lamesa
Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, Houston
Methodist Stone Oak, San Antonio
Metroplex Hospital, Killeen
Mid Valley McAllen Birthing Center, McAllen
Nix Health Care System, San Antonio
North Austin Medical Center – St David’s, Austin
Palo Pinto General Hospital, Mineral Wells
Presbyterian Hospital of Plano, Plano
Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall, Rockwall
Renaissance Hospital Terrell, Terrell
Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital, Sweetwater
Seymour Hospital, Seymour
Southeast Baptist Hospital, San Antonio
Spring Branch Medical Center, Houston
Valley Baptist Medical Center, Harlingen
W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital, Lockney
Yoakum County Hospital, Denver City

Exemplary Performance (99%-100%)

Austin Area Birthing Center, Austin
Baptist Medical Center, San Antonio
Baylor Medical Center at Frisco, Frisco
Baylor Medical Center at Garland, Garland
Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine, Grapevine
Bayshore Medical Center, Pasadena
Big Bend Regional Medical Center, Alpine
Brownfield Regional Medical Center, Brownfield
Brownsville Doctors Hospital, Brownsville
Cedar Park Regional Medical Center, Cedar Park
Central Texas Medical Center, San Marcos
Christus Hospital – St. Elizabeth, Beaumont
Christus Santa Rosa Hospital, New Braunfels
Christus Santa Rosa Hospital – Westover Hills, San Antonio
Christus Spohn Hospital Kleberg, Kingsville
Christus St. John Hospital, Nassau Bay
Citizens Medical Center, Victoria
Clear Lake Regional Medical Center, Webster
Columbus Community Hospital, Columbus
Conroe Regional Medical Center, Conroe
Coon Memorial Hospital and Home, Dalhart
Covenant Hospital Plainview, Plainview
Cuero Community Hospital, Cuero
D. M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, Snyder
Daughters of Charity Health Services of Austin – Seton Northwest, Austin
Daughters of Charity Health Services of Austin – DBA
Seton Williamson, Round Rock
Dimmit County Memorial Hospital, Carrizo Springs
Doctors Hospital – Dallas, Dallas
Doctors Hospital Parkway, Houston
East Texas Medical Center Carthage, Carthage
Ennis Regional Medical Center, Ennis
Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center, Eagle Pass
Frio Regional Hospital, Pearsall
Golden Plains Community Hospital, Borger
Goodall – Witcher Healthcare Foundation, Clifton
Guadalupe Regional Medical Center, Seguin
Gulf Coast Medical Center, Wharton
Harlingen Medical Center, Harlingen
Harris Methodist HEB, Bedford

ImmTrac Award for Excellence — 2009 Award Recipients

Exemplary Performance (99%-100%)

Harris Methodist Southwest, Fort Worth
Henderson Memorial Hospital, Henderson
Hill Country Memorial Hospital, Fredericksburg
Hopkins County Memorial, Sulphur Springs
Houston Northwest Medical Center, Houston
Huguley Memorial Medical Center, Fort Worth
Inanna Birth & Women's Care, Denton
Knapp Medical Center, Weslaco
Lake Granbury Medical Center, Granbury
Lamb Healthcare Center, Littlefield
Laredo Medical Center, Laredo
Las Colinas Medical Center, Irving
Longview Regional Medical Center, Longview
Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital, Houston
Medical Arts Hospital, Lamesa
Medical Center of Arlington, Arlington
Medina Regional Hospital, Hondo
Memorial Hermann Memorial City Hospital, Houston
Memorial Hermann Northwest Hospital, Houston
Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, Houston
Memorial Hermann Sugar Land, Sugar Land
Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital,
Shenandoah
Memorial Medical Center of East Texas, Lufkin
Methodist Dallas Medical Center, Dallas
Methodist Hospital, San Antonio
Methodist Stone Oak, San Antonio
Methodist Willowbrook Hospital, Houston
Metroplex Hospital, Killeen
Metropolitan Methodist Hospital, San Antonio
Mid Valley McAllen Birthing Center, McAllen
Midland Memorial Hospital, Midland
Mission Hospital, Mission
Moore County Hospital District, Dumas
Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital, Nacogdoches
Navarro Regional Hospital, Corsicana
Nix Health Care System, San Antonio
North Austin Medical Center – St David's, Austin
North Central Baptist Hospital, San Antonio
Ochiltree General Hospital, Perrytown
Odessa Regional Medical Center, Odessa
Palestine Regional Medical Center, Palestine
Palo Pinto General Hospital, Mineral Wells
Paris Regional Medical Center, Paris
Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas
Parkview Regional Hospital, Mexia
Permian Regional Medical Center, Andrews
Peterson Regional Medical Center, Kerrville
Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, Dallas
Presbyterian Hospital of Denton, Denton
Presbyterian Hospital of Plano, Plano
Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall, Rockwall
Providence Health Center, Waco
Providence Memorial Hospital, El Paso
Renaissance Hospital Terrell, Terrell
Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital, Sweetwater
San Jacinto Methodist Hospital, Baytown
Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Big Springs
Seymour Hospital, Seymour
Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital,
San Angelo
Sierra Medical Center, El Paso
Sierra Providence East Medical Center, El Paso
South Texas Regional Medical Center, Jourdanton
Southeast Baptist Hospital, San Antonio
Southwest General Hospital, San Antonio
Spring Branch Medical Center, Houston
St. David's Hospital, Austin
St. Joseph Regional Health Center, Bryan
**St. Luke's Community Medical Center –
The Woodlands**, The Woodlands
St. Luke's Sugar Land Hospital, Sugar Land
Starr County Memorial Hospital, Rio Grande City
**Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital –
Stephenville**, Stephenville
The Methodist Hospital, Houston
Thomason Hospital, El Paso
Titus Regional Medical Center, Mount Pleasant
Tomball Regional Hospital, Tomball
Trinity Community Medical Center, Brenham
United Regional Health Care, Wichita Falls
University Hospital, San Antonio
University Medical Center, Lubbock
**University of Texas Medical Branch –
Austin Women's Hospital**, Austin
Uvalde Memorial Hospital, Uvalde
Valley Baptist Medical Center, Harlingen
Valley Baptist Medical Center – Brownsville,
Brownsville
W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital, Lockney
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Around the Town — Activity List

Arts and Crafts

Armadillo Christmas Bazaar

\$3 admission weekdays
December 11 – 24, 2009
\$6 admission weekends
Crafts and music
11am – 11pm
Austin Convention Center
2nd and Trinity

Blue Genie Art Bazaar

free admission
December 3 – 24, 2009
10am – 10pm
Local artist and crafters show
Monarch Event Center
Lincoln Village

Attractions

37th Street Lights

free admission
Austin homes displaying
Christmas lights
37th East of Guadalupe

Live Music

Antone's

Ticket information unavailable
213 W 5th St
Junior Brown
December 11, doors 8 pm,
show 9pm

La Zona Rosa

\$25 admission
612 W 4th St
Sister Hazel with Tyrone Wells
December 9, doors 8pm,
show 8:30pm

Movies

IMAX Theater - Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum

\$12 admission
1800 N. Congress Ave
Disney's A Christmas Carol:
An IMAX 3D Experience
December 9-11, 3pm, 5pm,
7pm, and 9pm

Museums

Blanton Museum of Art

\$7 admission
200 East MLK
Tues. – Sun., 10am – 5pm

Bob Bullock

Texas State History Museum

\$7 admission
1800 N. Congress Ave
Interactive museum
Mon. – Sat. 9am – 6pm

LBJ Library and Museum

free admission and parking
2313 Red River St.
Mon. – Sat. 9am – 5pm

Stage

Esther's Follies

\$20 -- \$25 admission
525 E 6th St
December 10, 8pm
December 11, 8pm and 10 pm

Long Center for the Performing Arts

\$12 -- \$70 admission
Rollins Studio Theatre
701 W. Riverside Drive
47th Annual Production of the
Nutcracker
Ballet Austin
December 11, 7:30 pm

\$29 -- \$37 admission
Sister's Christmas Catechism
December 9-11, 7:30 pm

Mexican-American Cultural Center

\$8 -- \$12 admission
600 River Street
La Pastorela
December 10 and 11, 8pm

Paramount Theatre

\$51.50 – \$142.50 admission
713 Congress Avenue
Don Rickles
December 10 and 11,
doors/bar 7pm, show 8pm



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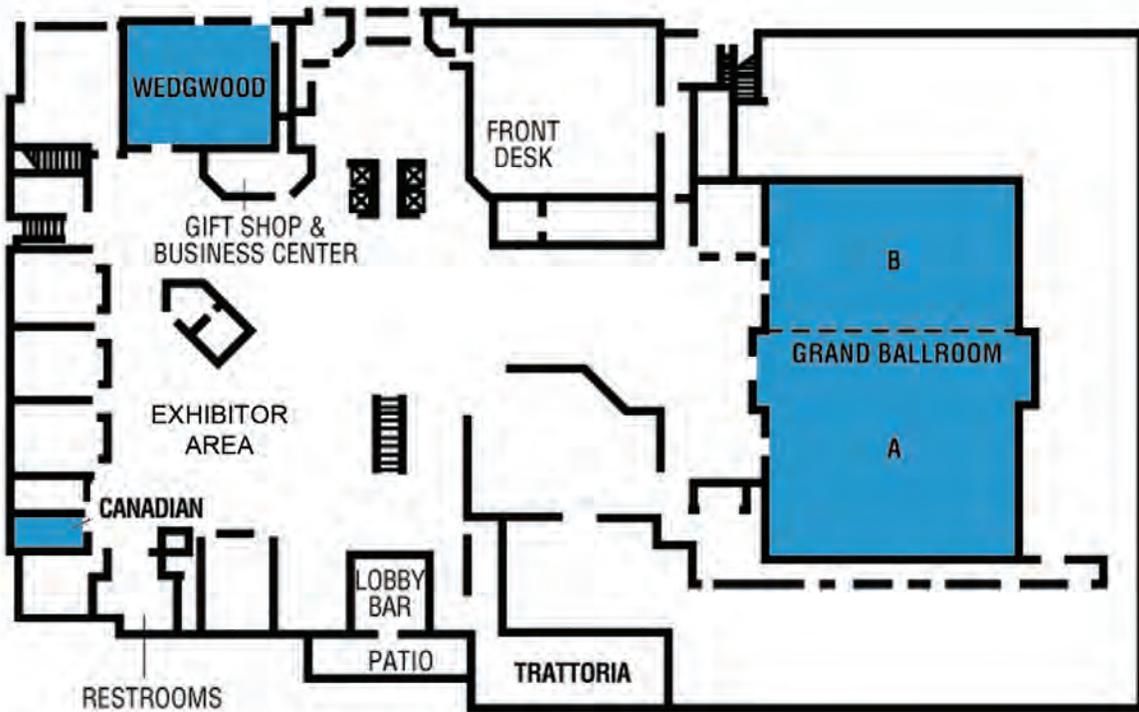
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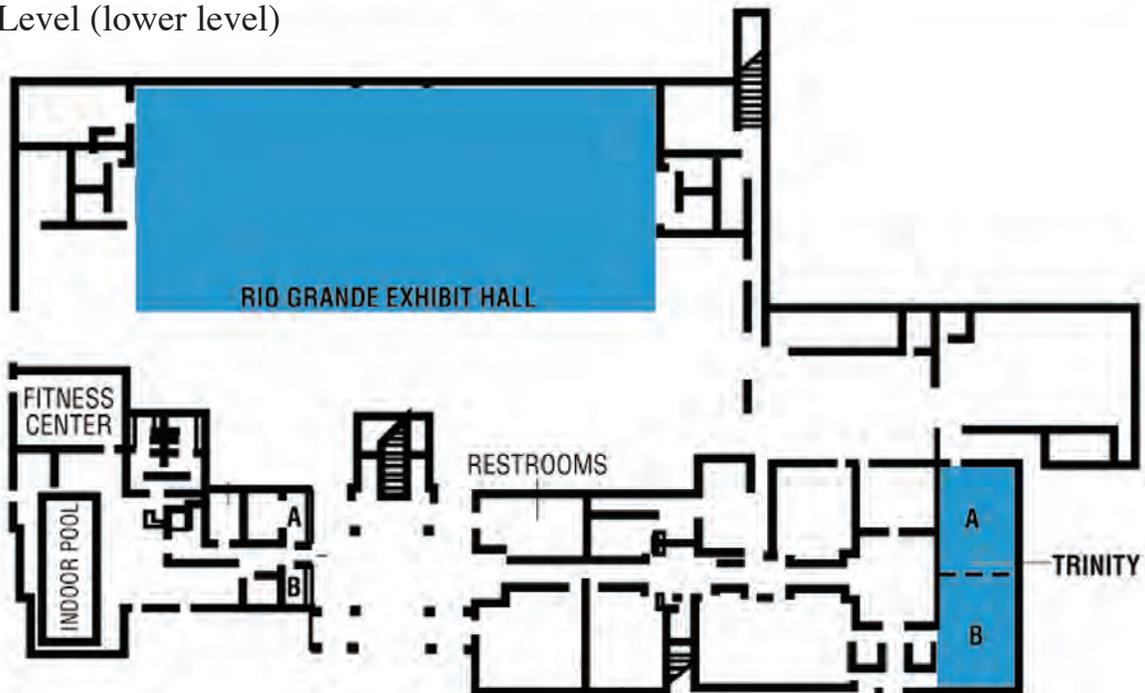
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- Dallas / Fort Worth
- South Padre Island

Renaissance Hotel Map

Atrium Level (upper level)



Plaza Level (lower level)



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