

SIU Med School Awards Telehealth Pilot Grants

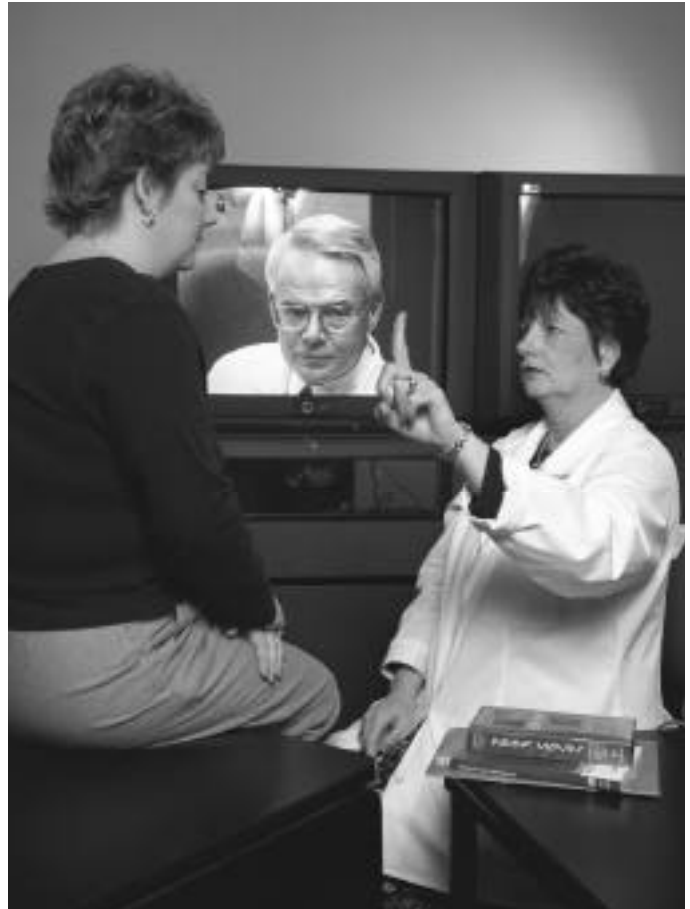
Eight medical school faculty have been awarded a total of \$220,449 for pilot projects to study the use of telehealth technology in clinical and educational applications.

“These pilot projects will explore using telehealth to provide direct patient care and provide teaching opportunities for the medical school’s faculty, who are both caregivers and educators,” said Deborah Seale, SIU’s executive director of telehealth networks and programs.

The clinical applications include neurology, Alzheimer disease and other dementias, gynecologic oncology, cardiothoracic surgery and urology. The teaching projects involve family medicine and psychiatry.

The School’s federal telehealth grant, which totaled \$1.75 million, is funding the programs. Portions of the funds are being used to equip an expanded telemedicine network. Rural providers also will be granted funds this fall to meet start-up costs for projects or to improve their health-care information infrastructure.

Faculty receiving grants were: R. Stanley Burns, M.D., professor of neurology and director of SIU’s Parkinson’s Center; Marta Crispens, M.D., assistant professor of gynecologic oncology; Stephen R. Hazelrigg, M.D., professor and chief of cardiothoracic surgery; Gregory A. Kyrouac, assistant professor of neurology and SIU’s Alzheimer Center; Wayne Mathews, PA-C, assistant professor of family and community medicine, Decatur; Patrick McKenna, M.D., professor and chief of urology; Penelope K. Tippy, M.D., professor of family and com-



Dr. Elble (on monitor) and Charlene Young, BSN, MSN, conduct a neurology exam using telemedicine technology.

munity medicine, Carbondale, and Sandra Vicari, assistant professor of psychiatry.

SIU Students Inform Youngsters About Dangers of Smoking

Smoking kills. That’s the message three SIU medical students are giving to central Illinois schools as part of an anti-smoking program. Third-year students Andrea Guyon of Streator, Amanda Mulch of Quincy, and Valerie Thompson of Pleasant Plains developed the program, “Ashes to Ashes . . . Smoking Kills,” which began as a class project in public health.

The project developed into a complete anti-smoking educational program for schools with the support of two medical school faculty and the Springfield Public Health Department. Pam Moriearty, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychiatry, and David Carpenter, Ph.D., associate professor of microbiology and immunology, were the faculty advisors.

For information about presentations of the program, contact SIU’s Office of Public Affairs, 217-545-2155.



Enos Elementary School students experience the breathing difficulty smokers face.

SIU Ranks Again in U.S. News

The School of Medicine again has been ranked among the top medical schools in the country for training physicians who practice primary care medicine. The annual *U.S. News and World Report* ranking of America's Best Graduate Schools places SIU tied for 25th with Emory University. SIU also was ranked in two specialty rankings — 11th for rural medicine and 17th for family medicine. This is the seventh *U.S. News* ranking for SIU.

The medical school always has compared favorably with other schools that are focused on primary care. The School's own annual survey of its first 24 classes showed that 53 percent of our graduates have entered primary care specialties.



Carol Bauer, M.D., (standing) and Thomas J. Brozowski, Ph.D., discuss the tinnitus project for which the School received a \$1.042 million grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Medical School Receives \$1 Million NIH Grant

Carol Bauer, M.D., associate professor of otolaryngology, is the principal investigator for a tinnitus project awarded a five-year, \$1.042 million grant from the National Institute of Deafness and Communication Disorders (NIDCD).

The study will look at the mechanisms of tinnitus, or "ringing in the ears," which is experienced by more than 17 million people in the United States. One million people suffer chronic, severe and disabling tinnitus.

This grant adds to the \$350,000 Dr. Bauer's tinnitus research has received since 1996.

In Memory Dr. E. Shannon Stauffer 1931-2002



E. Shannon Stauffer, M.D., of Chatham, Ill., died Thursday, May 16, 2002 at St. John's Hospice in Springfield, Illinois.

For 23 years, Dr. Stauffer was professor and chairman of the orthopedic residency program and spine fellowship, and program director of orthopedics and rehabilitation division in the Department of Surgery at the School of Medicine. He retired in 1998.

Surviving Dr. Stauffer are his wife, Dawn, four daughters, Lisa Stauffer, Pam (husband, Steve) Elliott, Amy (husband, Mike) Weller, all of Chatham, Ill; and Beth (husband, Jeff) Kramer of East Peoria, Ill. Two sons, Randy (wife, Gayle) Stauffer of Virden and Capt. Scott (wife, Andrea) Stauffer of Colorado Springs, Colo; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family has requested memorials be made to the E. Shannon Stauffer, M.D., Orthopedic Alumni Endowment Fund. Contact the SIU Foundation, P.O. Box 19666, Springfield, IL 62794-9666 or 217-545-2955.

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