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GLOBAL HEALTH LECTURE SERIES

Increase in child abuse injuries during the COVID-19 Pandemic in West Texas

Featuring

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& Thomas Wyatt, DO**

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

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There was a sharp increase in cases of child abuse presenting to TTUHSC during the year 2020. The presenters sought to determine whether the confluence of pandemic-related social changes would result in an increase in child abuse cases severe enough to warrant emergency medical attention in the West Texas region.

Dr. Sharmila Dissanaiké is the Peter C. Canizaro Chair and University Distinguished Professor of Surgery at TTUHSC. She is a clinically active trauma, burn, and acute care surgeon who has published many original research and review articles on burns, including exploring patterns of child abuse, and conviction rates for these crimes in the West Texas region. She is currently President-Elect of the American Burn Association.

Hector García is a third-year medical student at TTUHSC, Lubbock, and is interested in going into Radiology. He is from Houston, Texas and attended Texas A&M University where he attained his Master of Engineering.

Dr. Thomas Wyatt is currently a third-year resident in the General Surgery Residency Program at TTUHSC.

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