Spina bifida topic of monthly genetics series

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HOUSTON -- (July 1, 2010) -- Spina bifida, a birth defect that involves the incomplete development of the spinal cord, will be the topic of discussion in a public forum Wednesday, July 14, at The Health Museum of Houston [1].
The forum will feature Dr. Daryl Scott, assistant professor of molecular and human genetics at Baylor College of Medicine [2], and Dr. Kathryn Ostermaier, assistant professor of pediatrics – developmental pediatrics at BCM and chief of the Texas Children's Spina Bifida Clinic.

Scott and Ostermaier will discuss updates in spina bifida genetics information and medical care.

Spina bfida is one of the most common birth defects that causes long-term disabilities. Approximately three babies in 10,000 born in Texas have the condition.

Sponsored by BCM and Texas Children's, the event is part of the monthly "Evening with Genetics" lecture series organized by BCM's department of molecular and human genetics. The series offers current information regarding care, education and research about genetic disorders.

This seminar is supported through funding from the Texas Department of State Health Services [3].

The program is free and open to the public. It will be held at 7 p.m. at The Health Museum of Houston, 1515 Hermann Drive. For more information, contact Susan Fernbach at 832-822-4182 or fernbach@bcm.edu [4] or visit the registration page [5].

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