

SESQUICENTENNIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Please summarize the history of your specialty in Corpus Christi. For example, who was the first physician to practice your specialty in the Coastal Bend and about what year? Who was next, etc.?

MY BROTHER DR. JOSE ANTONIO GARCIA 1936.
FAMILY PPHYSICIAN

2. When did you begin practice in the Coastal Bend area? 1946 AFTER W.W.II SERVICE
3. Was Corpus Christi your first practice site? If not, where did you begin your practice?

YES

4. Where did you receive your specialty training?

SERVED INTERNISHIP AND RESIDENCY AT ST. JOSEPHM'S HOSPITAL
OMAHA NEBRASKA. SERVED REST OF TIME IN W.W.II WUROPEAN THEATRE

5. What was medicine in Corpus Christi like when you first began your practice?

HOME CALLS, NO TRANSPORTATION. NO OFFICE SPACE AVIALABLE.
NO CREDIT TO BUY A CAR. OFFICE ONE ROOM PLACE. HAD TO RIDE
BUSES ANDWALK FOR THE FIRST YEAR AFTER W.W.II. SERVICE
I DIDN'T MIND IT. I WAS HAPPY.

6. How has the Coastal Bend changed for the better? For the worse?

THE COASTAL BEND HAS CHANGED FOR THE BEST IN MANY WAYS.
HOWEVER THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE DUE TO CONTROL BY
MEDICAID MOSTLY AND INTERFERENCE HAS BECOME ALLMOST UNBEARABLE.

7. How has your specialty changed since you began practice? Were there any milestones in procedures or equipment in your field and when were they available here?

CHANGED VERY MUCH IT HAS NOW BECOME A FAMILY PRACTICES SPECIALTY.

CHANGES WRE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF PATIENTS.

NOSPITAL ARE BETTER EQUIPE ANDMORE MEDICAL MIRABLES ARE AVAILABLE

8. Would you choose your field again?

IF I HAD TO I WOULD CHOSE THE SAME FIELD. BUT WITH CONSTRAINTSSAS
MENTIONED ABOVE I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER I WOULD GO INTO MEDICINE

9. What changes would you make in your medical specialty today and what changes would you make in medicine in general?

LIMIT THE INTERFERENCE IN TREZTMENT FROM THE CARRIES OF THE
MEDICAID AND MEDICARE PROGRAMS. I CANNOT PRACTICE MEDICINE TO THE
BEST OF MY ABILITY AND CONSCIENCE WITH ALL THE REQUUIERMENTS MADE ON
DOCOTS. BY 1990 THEY WILL TELL US WHAT PATIENTS TO LET DIE WITHOUT ANY

10. Can you share a funny story about your experiences when you first moved to Corpus Christi or tell a tale about an interesting happening that you heard about when Corpus Christi was young? HELP.

WE HAD THE HIGHEST DIARRHEA RATE AND MORTALITY IN THE NATION.

WE HAD THE MOST OPEN PIT PRIVIES IN THE U.S.

WE HAD THE HIGHEST TUBERCULAR RATE IN THE NATION .

WE HAD THE WORSE SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN THE U.S. IN TEXAS AND THE ONE
IN C.CHIRSTI WAS A DUAL SCHOOL SYSTEM GIVING BLACKS AND MEX. AMERICANS

11. Comments? INFERIOR EDUCATION. ALL HAS CHANGED FOR THE BETTER THOUGH

I MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THE SOCIETY GOT DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE
BETTERMENT OF THESE CONDITIONS AND WE SUCEDEED. THIXS IS A STORY IN ITSELF
AND HOULD BE WRITTEN. IT WAS A VICTORY FOT THE MEDICAL PROFESION AND A
NAME VICTORY FOR OUR SYSTEM.

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