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Message from the Regent Fall 2007

One of my mentors, William D. Poteet III, LFACHE, – retired hospital CEO, past president of THA, individual extraordinaire – shared with me a personal goal of reading at least one new book per month. In the past 8 years at Medical City I have added well over 100 books to my book shelf and wanted to share with you some of my recent “reads”.

- Crossing the Quality Chasm – Institute of Medicine – Written in 2001, the IOM proposes 13 Recommendations to address our health care system. It is inspiring to see the progress in a relatively short period of time as well as exhausting to absorb the enormity of our responsibility to change the face of healthcare. Harvey Fienberg, President of the IOM, recently spoke at our hospital. He was interactive and engaging. Someone I highly recommend to discuss the challenges of healthcare from a federal level.
- The Social Transformation of American Medicine by Paul Starr – I read this in grad school at Washington University in the 80's so the re-read was fascinating. So much has changed and yet so much continues the same. I was also intrigued with how my perspective on health care has evolved after 20 years of health care experience.
- Why is Everyone Smiling? By Paul Spiegelman – A local health care executive that has received numerous awards for employee engagement. His enthusiasm is contagious and his perspective is unique. We have begun using his work as part of our Leadership Book Club and the response from the team has been outstanding.

Good literature inspires and motivates me. Please share the titles of some of the books on your book shelf and encourage your colleagues to do the same.