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****Parents, health professionals invited to participate in SIDS Awareness Day

DALLAS---Leslie Malone, sudden infant death (SIDS) coordinator in the Department of Pediatrics at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas and the North Texas SIDS Information and Counseling Project, will be among the participants in a local SIDS Awareness Day. The all-day seminar for health professionals and parents of children who have died of SIDS -- or crib death -- will be held October 9 in Baylor University Medical Center's Beasley Auditorium.

"This program is designed to provide the latest information about sudden infant death, as well as to promote awareness of the impact of SIDS on family members, including their needs, reactions and the grieving process," says Malone. In her joint coordinating role, Malone counsels many families as well as works toward educating the public about SIDS.

The program is as follows:

8:00 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. Introduction -- Dr. R. A. Barta, director of perinatal outreach education and assistant director of neonatology, Baylor University Medical Center.

9:30 a.m. North Texas SIDS Information and Counseling Project, Malone.

10:45 a.m. Unraveling the Mystery -- Dr. Ralph Franciosi, medical director, Minnesota SIDS Center and chief of pediatric pathology at Minnesota Children's Medical Center, Minneapolis.

11:15 a.m. Communications in SIDS: Father and Children -- Dr. John Waxenried, associate professor, Department of Communications, University of Nebraska, Omaha.

11:45 a.m. Brain Stem Research -- Dr. Scott Norton, professor of biochemistry, North Texas State University, and Dr. Ken Daugherty, professor of chemistry, North Texas State University.

3:00 p.m. Panel Discussion

There will be a charge of \$15 for health professionals. Admission is free for parents.

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