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Winans Visiting Professor of Medicine for 1978 at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas was John Dirks, M.D. Dr. Dirks, who is head of the medicine department at the University of British Columbia, was on campus from April 17-21 in this capacity.

Dr. Dirk is a world-known authority in the field of renal disease.

Traditionally, the Winans professor is a distinguished clinical scholar who is invited to conduct rounds with students and house staffs at Parkland Memorial Hospital and Baylor University Medical Center and to exchange ideas with the faculty in order to enrich the academic quality of the center's educational programs.

Funds to bring the visiting lecturer to Dallas each year are provided by the Southwestern Medical Foundation from the income for its Henry M. Winans Fund, established in 1966 by friends and patients of the late Dr. Winans, who was chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at Southwestern Medical School and also chief of medicine at Baylor.

Dr. Dirks holds a bachelor of science degree in medicine and an honorary M.D. from the University of Manitoba. He is a certificant in internal medicine and nephrology from the Quebec College of Physicians. Dr. Dirks received his F.R.C.P. from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and is a fellow of the American College of Physicians.