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UT SOUTHWESTERN RESEARCHER OVERSEES EFFORT TO DISTRIBUTE CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH VIA INTERNET

DALLAS — October 23, 1995 — Getting research published after making an important scientific discovery can seem to take an eternity for researchers.

That is changing. Researchers like Dr. Peter Lipsky of UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are using immediate link-up resources offered by the Internet, the worldwide web of computers, to publish in the *Journal of Immunology*.

Streamlining the process of publishing "hot" immunology research quickly has been a priority for Lipsky, editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Immunology*. He is the Harold C. Simmons Professor in Arthritis Research and chief of rheumatology at UT Southwestern.

Using the Internet, the *Journal of Immunology* is releasing important immunology papers through its electronic "Cutting Edge" section shortly before the printed journal is distributed. The "Cutting Edge" is available via "<http://journals.at-home.com/JI>" on any computer with Internet access.

"We've cut down on the review time, and we make papers being published in the journal available on the Internet the day the journal is mailed," Lipsky said.

A shorter peer-review process and a system in which authors are not asked to revise their papers has cut submission-to-publication time from six months to about six weeks, Lipsky said.

"The emphasis for the 'Cutting Edge' section is how novel the discovery is and of how much interest it might be to the scientific community," Lipsky said.

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