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KERNIE WINS YOUNG INVESTIGATOR FELLOW AWARD FROM SOCIETY OF CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE

DALLAS – Feb. 26, 2002 – The Society of Critical Care Medicine named Dr. Steven Kernie, assistant professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, as its 2001 Outstanding Young Investigator Fellow for his research revealing cellular mechanisms critical to restoring brain functions after traumatic injuries.

The award recognizes Kernie's neuroscience work aimed at finding effective new treatments for paralysis, other brain damage and, indirectly, spinal-cord injuries. The society presented its annual award to Kernie during the 31st annual Critical Care Congress in San Diego.

In 2000 Kernie received the UT Southwestern President's Research Council's Distinguished Young Researcher Award for his work. More recently, the Dallas-based Crystal Charity Ball provided funding for Kernie and other researchers by establishing the Crystal Charity Ball Collaborative Program for Pediatric Brain Injuries, a joint endeavor between UT Southwestern and UT Dallas Callier Center for Communication Disorders.

"I'm honored that other scientists as well as Dallas-area groups have recognized my collaborative efforts with Dr. Parada and others," Dr. Kernie said. Dr. Luis Parada directs the Center for Developmental Biology and the Kent Waldrep Foundation Center for Basic Research on Nerve Growth and Regeneration at UT Southwestern

The Society of Critical Care Medicine's members number nearly 10,000 worldwide, from nurses to neuroscientists.

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