

News

Office of Medical Information
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas
5323 Harry Hines Boulevard Dallas, Texas 75235-9060 214/688-3404

July 31, 1989

CONTACT: Susan Rutherford
Office: 214/688-3404
Home: 214/349-7820
Fax: 214/688-8252

****Two UT Southwestern faculty members elected
to the Institute of Medicine

Two faculty leaders at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas have been elected to the prestigious Institute of Medicine. Daniel W. Foster, M.D., professor and chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine, and Alfred Gilman, M.D., Ph.D., professor and chairman of the Department of Pharmacology are among the Washington, D.C., organization's 40 new members nationally.

The Institute of Medicine was created in 1970 by the National Academy of Sciences to address policy matters pertaining to the health of the public. In addition, the institute advises the federal government on problems related to medical care, research and education.

Foster and Gilman were elected this year by the institute's active membership for their commitment to the "advancement of the health sciences and education and to the improvement of health care." The two were selected from among candidates who have made "major contributions to health and medicine or to such related fields as social and behavioral sciences, law, administration and economics."

(More)

The two join six other UT Southwestern faculty among the institute's 483 active members.

Foster, who holds the Donald W. Seldin Distinguished Chair in Internal Medicine, is widely respected for his research on endocrinology and diabetes. In 1984 he received the Banting Medal of the American Diabetes Association. With his colleague Jean D. Wilson, M.D., Foster edits the leading textbook of endocrinology, Williams Textbook of Endocrinology. He also authors multiple chapters in Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine and contributes to numerous other publications.

Gilman, who holds the Raymond and Ellen Willie Chair in Molecular Neuropharmacology, is a leading basic research scientist in the field of pharmacology and is the editor of the classic pharmacology reference book, Goodman and Gilman's The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics. He is now conducting molecular-level research on the mechanism of action of hormones and transmembrane signaling. In 1985 he was elected to the National Academy of Sciences and in 1988 was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

###

Note: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.