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****UTHSCD announces architect for
Clinical Sciences Building

DALLAS--Planning of a new Clinical Sciences Building for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas has begun with the hiring of Dallas firm Harper Kemp Clutts and Parker Architecture/Planning.

The Clinical Sciences Building will form a link between Parkland Memorial Hospital and the University Medical Center, a privately funded referred-patient teaching hospital also in the planning stages. The two new facilities will strengthen the clinical, or patient-care, functions of the health science center.

The size of the Clinical Sciences Building is projected at five occupied floors, each with 7,200 net square feet. It will provide special purpose office and laboratory space for the pathology, anesthesiology, internal medicine and psychiatry departments. Additional general-purpose offices and laboratories for clinical faculty members of other departments whose primary responsibilities will be in the University Medical Center also will be located in the Clinical Sciences Building.

The entire Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department will move from the Aston Ambulatory Care Center to the new Clinical Sciences Building. That section is the major area in which patients will be seen.

Some spaces are designated for common use by the University Medical Center and the Clinical Sciences Building. The CSB will contain conference rooms adjacent to the University Medical Center because no large conference rooms are planned for the hospital. On-call sleeping quarters for house staff working at the hospital also will be located in the Clinical Sciences Building. On the other hand, the air conditioning and heating plant of the University Medical Center will supply the CSB.

The architects, represented by partner Jim Clutts, have begun preliminary planning in consultation with Allen McCree of the UT System Office of Facilities Planning and Construction; Dr. Kern Wildenthal, dean of Southwestern Medical School; Dr. William Neaves, dean of Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences; and UTHSCD Building Committee Chairman Dr. Philip O'Bryan Montgomery Jr.

"The building itself is a very straightforward design problem," says Montgomery. "The challenge is coordinating the design and construction to join the University Medical Center on the one end and Parkland Memorial Hospital on the other."

No date has been targeted for the beginning of construction, says Montgomery, but the Clinical Sciences Building will take 18 to 24 months to construct, and the construction period will be concurrent with that of the University Medical Center.

Harper Kemp Clutts and Parker Architecture/Planning also designed the Cecil H. and Ida Green Biomedical Research Building, which is nearing completion on the UTHSCD campus.

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