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****New services at Aston Center

The James Aston Ambulatory Care Center at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center has introduced new services in obstetrics/gynecology and psychiatry.

Dr. Mark Peters, assistant professor of OB/gyn, and associates in OB/gyn now offer chorionic villi sampling as an alternative to amniocentesis. The CVS testing, which is done with amniotic fluid, can be performed as early as eight weeks in the first trimester. Thus the physician can be alerted to potential problems at an earlier time, said Peters. For further information, call 688-2799.

Consultations on sleep problems are now available at the Aston Center through the Department of Psychiatry. Drs. Howard Roffwarg, Andrew Jamieson and Philip Becker are currently seeing adults and adolescents with sleep disorders. Roffwarg is head of sleep research at UT Southwestern. Becker, who is a faculty member at Southwestern, is head of the Sleep/Wake Disorders Center at Presbyterian Hospital, where he treats patients and conducts research. Jamieson, also a UT Southwestern faculty member, also sees patients and conducts research at the Presbyterian facility.

Some of the sleep problems that are diagnosed and treated include insomnia, (More)

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sleep apnea, narcolepsy, restless leg syndrome or periodic leg movements, sleepwalking, night terrors, bedwetting, problems with the disruption of circadian rhythms, and sleep/wake dysfunctions. For further information, call Joie Shelton or Bonnie Claussen at 688-3040.

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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.