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UT Southwestern faculty members receive honors

DALLAS – June 16, 2006 – Faculty members from UT Southwestern Medical Center recently were recognized for achievements in their fields.

Dr. Linda R. Margraf, professor of pathology at UT Southwestern Medical Center, has been appointed to a one-year term on the National Board of Medical Examiners, a nonprofit agency that produces medical licensing exams. The board, which has about 80 members, meets annually and sets agency policy. Dr. Margraf, who has worked at UT Southwestern since 1992, will serve as a test committee representative on the national board.

Dr. George McCracken, professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern Medical Center, has been named recipient of the Cornell University Weill Medical College Alumni Association Award of Distinction for 2006. The award is given each year to one graduate of the medical school that has had a distinguished career in medicine. Dr. McCracken pioneered research into the appropriate dosages, safety and effectiveness of antibiotics for infants and newborns. His studies led to meningitis treatments that are now considered the standard of care.

Dr. Robert McKenna, professor and executive vice chairman of pathology at UT Southwestern Medical Center, has been named the recipient of the 2006 J.T. "Lamar" McNew Award from the Texas Medical Association Resident and Fellow Section for his outstanding dedication to teaching residents and fellows. Dr. McKenna has been a faculty member in pathology since 1986. The McNew Award, established in 2002, is given to an association member who is a role model for students, residents and young physicians.

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