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UT SOUTHWESTERN FACULTY MEMBERS HONORED

DALLAS — July 31, 1996 — The following UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas faculty members were recognized recently for outstanding achievement in their fields:

Dr. Harold "Skip" Garner, associate director of the Genome Science and Technology Center and holder of the Philip O'Bryan Montgomery Jr., M.D. Distinguished Chair in Developmental Biology, has been appointed to the editorial board of *Scientific Computing and Automation Magazine*. Garner will serve as a contributing editor to the magazine.

Three UT Southwestern physicians won young investigator awards from the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD) for 1996. They will receive \$30,000 annual research grants for two years.

Drs. George Gurguis and Patricia Suppes, assistant professors of psychiatry, and **Dr. Sherwood Brown**, a third-year resident in psychiatry, won the awards.

NARSAD, the country's largest nongovernmental organization raising and contributing funds for research, treatment and prevention of mental illness, contributes 100 percent of the money it raises toward its causes since administrative costs are paid by four individual family foundations.

The Epidemic Intelligence Service of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention spotlighted the work of **Dr. Robert Haley**, an associate professor of internal medicine and director of epidemiology, at its recent annual meeting. Haley's research on hospital infections was considered one of the four most important issues the EIS has undertaken in its 45 years,

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along with polio research in the 1950s, family planning and reproductive health in the 1970s and HIV/AIDS research in the 1980s and 1990s. Haley worked at the CDC from 1973 to 1983.

Dr. Robert L. Johnson Jr., professor of internal medicine, pulmonary division, was recently honored with the American Thoracic Society's Recognition Award for Scientific Accomplishment.

Johnson is also the director of the Chest Medicine Clinic at Parkland Memorial Hospital and a consultant in chest disease at the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He has written more than 100 pulmonary research papers and served on numerous committees of the American Heart Association, the American Thoracic Society and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health.

Drs. Benjamin Levine and James Stray-Gundersen recently presented their research on high-altitude training for athletes to a meeting of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

The pair gave the Peter J. VanHandel Lecture, an annual memorial lecture named for a former U.S. Olympic Committee senior physiologist killed in a plane crash in 1991.

Levine is an assistant professor of internal medicine and director of the Institute for Exercise and Environmental Medicine, a collaboration between Presbyterian Hospital and UT Southwestern. Stray-Gundersen is an assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery and director of the Baylor-UT Southwestern Sports Science Research Center. For five years, they have been studying the benefits of training at high altitudes vs. training at sea level.

"We select individuals with a national and international reputation in the application of exercise science," said Jay T. Kearney, a U.S. Olympic senior sports physiologist. "Ben and Jim have done an exceptional job over the years of identifying a hypothesis and following through on the sequential investigation of it. They've had a major influence on the international community's use of altitude training."

The VanHandel Lectureship was presented in May at the U.S. Olympic Committees'

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headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dr. Janet Squires, associate professor of pediatrics, has received the first Children's Hope for Health Award from the Children's Hope Foundation and the Homeless Outreach Medical Services program, which is affiliated with the Parkland Health and Hospital System. The award was created to honor individuals who have worked to improve the health of disadvantaged children in Dallas County.

A specialist in pediatric infectious disease, Squires treats HIV-infected children and is a medical advocate for abused, homeless and other needy children.

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