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*****Muscular Dystrophy patient seminar
to be held in Gooch Auditorium on
the UT Health Science Center campus.

DALLAS-- Some 200 muscular dystrophy patients, many of them in wheelchairs, and members of their families from north and east Texas will learn more about the mysterious disorder and its management during a patient service seminar Oct. 29 and 30 at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas.

The Greater Dallas chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Inc., and the UT Health Science Center are jointly sponsoring the annual seminar, which this year for the first time will be hosted by Dallas, Fort Worth and East Texas MDA chapters.

Purpose of the seminar is to provide information of specific interest to parents of dystrophic children, adults with neuromuscular diseases and other interested individuals who are involved in the day-to-day management of persons with these diseases in the Dallas-Fort Worth and East Texas districts, Gail Pascoe, patient service coordinator for the Dallas MDA district, said.

Leading medical professionals will conduct the seminar's two-day program, which will include morning and afternoon general sessions followed by workshops covering various aspects of muscle disease, its diagnosis and treatment.

Principal speakers will include Dr. Roger Rosenberg, professor and chairman of neurology at UT's Southwestern Medical School; Dr. Edward M. Krusen, Jr., chief of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Baylor University Medical Center and Dallas MDA clinic director; Dr. Murray Banks, psychologist and teacher of mental health at the New York Institute of Technology; and Dr. Charles Jones, assistant director for special education, Dallas Independent School District.

Four other UT Health Science Center faculty members also will speak: Dr. Howard Feit, assistant professor of neurology; Dr. Jerry Shay, assistant professor of cell biology; Dr. Mary Jo Harrod, assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine's medical genetics division; and Dr. Jay Cook, assistant professor of neurology and pediatrics.

Topics to be covered include both clinical and psychological aspects of chronic muscular disease. Dr. Rosenberg, a noted researcher and clinician, will address a Saturday afternoon session on "The Clinical Spectrum of Neuromuscular Disease," Dr. Feit will discuss "Research into Defective Proteins in Inherited Diseases of Muscle." Dr. Cook will speak on "The Role of Muscle Biopsy in Diagnosis," and Dr. Shay will talk about "Current Ideas About the Etiology of Duchenne's Dystrophy." Dr. Banks, also an adjunct professor of psychology at Northwood Institute, Midland, Mich., will address the Saturday morning general session.

Drs. Shay and Feit are recipients of current grants from the Muscular Dystrophy Association to support their research at the UT center into neuromuscular disease.

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