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## UT Southwestern faculty receive accolades

DALLAS – Dec. 22, 2004 – Two faculty members from UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas recently were honored for outstanding achievement in their fields.

**Dr. John Minna**, director of the W.A. “Tex” and Deborah Moncrief Jr. Center for Cancer Genetics and the Nancy B. and Jake L. Hamon Center for Therapeutic Oncology Research at UT Southwestern, was one of two recipients of the 19th annual Alton Ochsner Award Relating Smoking and Health. The \$15,000 award was presented in late October during the annual convocation of the American College of Chest Physicians in Seattle.

The honor goes to clinical and/or basic science researchers for outstanding and exemplary original investigations that relate to tobacco consumption and health. It is named for the late Dr. Alton Ochsner, founder of the Ochsner Clinic Foundation and the first person to recognize that cigarette smoking is the primary cause of lung cancer.

**Dr. Adi Gazdar**, professor of pathology in the Nancy B. and Jake L. Hamon Center for Therapeutic Oncology Research at UT Southwestern, was one of six lung cancer researchers worldwide recognized by the Jacqueline Seroussi Memorial Foundation for Cancer Research in 2004.

The \$150,000 grant award to Dr. Gazdar is for his research in “Biology and Molecular Biology of Lung Cancer and Its Preneoplastic Lesions.” It was formally presented during the organization’s annual Dec. 1 awards ceremony in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Dr. Gazdar will use the award for research toward understanding how nonsmokers develop lung cancer and potential therapeutic applications.

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