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DALLAS--A new Department of Medical Computer Science will be activated May 1 at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School here.

Chairman of the new department will be Dr. David J. Mischelevich, who also is director of the Medical Computing Resources Center, announced Dr. Charles C. Sprague, president of the UT Health Science Center at Dallas.

Objective of the department is to accent computer use at the institution so that it will produce health professionals and scientists who utilize the machines as a natural tool.

Final approval for establishment of the new department was granted by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System April 13. The department was previously approved by the UT System Board of Regents.

Faculty of the new department will include the staff of the present Medical Computing Resources Center, which remains a function of the Health Science Center.

"We want to integrate our program of using computers as a natural tool into the curriculum of the individual teaching departments," said Dr. Mischelevich.

He said that a special course on "Computers in Medicine" would be offered in the Physician's Assistant Program of the UT School of Allied Health Sciences.

He said it might well be that physician's assistants will become the interface between computer and doctor.

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