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\*\*\*\*Cable program to focus on UT Southwestern  
arthritis research

DALLAS --Researchers at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are the focus of an upcoming segment of American Medical Television titled "Treating and Understanding Arthritis." The half-hour program airs at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 23, on The Discovery Channel.

Dr. Peter E. Lipsky, professor of internal medicine and microbiology and chief of the Rheumatic Diseases Unit at UT Southwestern, Dr. Hugo E. Jasin, professor of internal medicine and Dr. John J. Cush, assistant professor of internal medicine, discuss current trends in the management of rheumatoid arthritis using non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. They also provide an update on recent research at UT Southwestern and a forecast of the direction of future research.

Interviews with the researchers are interspersed with glimpses of a day in the life of rheumatoid arthritis patient Valerie Branch of Allen, Texas. Branch is seen going through her normal early-morning routine, then being examined by Lipsky in an outpatient clinic at Dallas' Parkland Memorial Hospital and undergoing magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) at UT Southwestern's Ralph B. and Mary Nell Rogers MRI Center. In recent years MRI has become a common medical procedure, but its application in arthritis is relatively new.

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UT Southwestern is home to a national Specialized Center of Research (SCOR) for rheumatoid arthritis, headed by Lipsky and funded by the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, one of the National Institutes of Health. Lipsky also serves as director of UT Southwestern's Harold C. Simmons Arthritis Research Center, named for the Dallas businessman who has given UT Southwestern \$19 million for arthritis research since 1983. Research there focuses on the spondyloarthropathies, a group of arthritic disorders that affect the spine.

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Note: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.