

News

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****"Risk Factor Modification" seminar
set for Feb. 13 at Loews Anatole Hotel

DALLAS--"New Developments in Risk Factor Modification" is the subject of a seminar to be presented by cardiovascular specialists on Wednesday, Feb. 13, from noon until 5 p.m. at Loews Anatole Hotel. The seminar, offered to practicing physicians and other interested health professionals, is co-sponsored by the Department of Internal Medicine and the Center for Human Nutrition at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas and by the American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate.

Cardiovascular disease causes almost one out of three deaths in the United States. Major risk factors in the development of coronary heart disease are high cholesterol levels, high blood pressure, smoking, diabetes and a family history of coronary heart disease. Recent research has disclosed the ways in which these risk factors accelerate the process of atherosclerosis. Even more important, there is new evidence that effective intervention against these risk factors can reduce the development of premature cardiovascular disease. This symposium will focus on the ways to control and modify the risk factors, thereby lowering the patient's risk of developing severe coronary artery disease.

Specific topics are an overview of risk factors, mechanisms of atherosclerosis, treatments of common lipoprotein disorders, current treatment issues in hypertension and office strategies in smoking cessation. A panel discussion will conclude the symposium.

Speakers from The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas are Dr. Scott M. Grundy, professor of Internal Medicine and Biochemistry and director of the Center for Human Nutrition; Dr. David Bilheimer, professor of Internal Medicine; and Dr. Norman Kaplan, professor of Internal Medicine. Other speakers are Dr. Henry McGill, professor of Pathology and scientific director of the Southwest Foundation for Biochemical Research, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and Dr. Kevin McCusker, assistant professor, Department of Medicine, Washington University, St. Louis.

The fee for the seminar, including lunch, is \$15. The location is the Monet Ballroom on the second level of Loews Anatole Tower, 2101 Stemmons Freeway at Industrial. To register, contact Gale Quilter, Continuing Education, UTHSCD, (214/688-2166).

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Editor's note: A brochure listing speakers, topics and times is enclosed. The press is invited to attend any or all sessions free of charge.

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