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FREE HEPATITIS SCREENING AT UT SOUTHWESTERN IN SEPTEMBER

DALLAS--Free blood tests for hepatitis B and C will be offered Sept. 23-26 at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. No appointment is necessary.

"The medical community is extremely concerned about hepatitis B and C because both cause chronic hepatitis--a serious and potentially fatal liver disease that can lead to cirrhosis and liver cancer," said Dr. William M. Lee, professor of internal medicine who is supervising the UT Southwestern screening.

The screening schedule is:

--Wednesday, Sept. 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., outside the cafeteria on the ground floor below Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium on the UT Southwestern campus, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd. at Butler Street.

--Thursday, Sept. 24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., main lobby, Aston Ambulatory Care Center, 5303 Harry Hines Blvd.

--Friday, Sept. 25, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Parkland Memorial Hospital Auditorium.

--Saturday, Sept. 26, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., main lobby, Zale Lipshy University Hospital at Southwestern Medical Center.

Persons infected with hepatitis B or C often don't know it. Symptoms can range from none at all to fatigue, nausea and loss of appetite. The UT Southwestern screening is part of a nationwide program of the American Liver Foundation scheduled to reach 100

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cities over the next two years. It is funded by Schering Corporation of Kenilworth, N.J., with free test kits provided by Abbott Laboratories of North Chicago, Ill.

Those at highest risk for hepatitis B and C are health-care professionals, those who have undergone blood transfusion or hemodialysis, intravenous drug users or people with tattoos. Also at risk for hepatitis B are individuals who have had more than one sex partner.

Because of construction on the UT Southwestern campus, the public is urged to park in the garage at Lofland Street and Harry Hines Boulevard opposite Parkland Memorial Hospital. A shuttle bus will bring people to the UT Southwestern campus or the Aston Center. The garage is convenient to both Parkland and Zale Lipshy University Hospital. There is a \$2.00 parking fee.

For more information on the screening, call 688-3323.

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NOTE: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School, affiliated teaching hospitals and outpatient clinics.