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UT SOUTHWESTERN RESEARCHER TAPPED FOR NATIONAL MEDICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

DALLAS - Alfred G. Gilman, M.D., Ph.D., has been appointed to the National Advisory General Medical Sciences Council by U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.

The council is composed of leaders in biological and medical science, education, health care and public affairs. Its members review applications for research training grants and make recommendations to the HHS secretary, the director of the National Institutes of Health and the director of HHS's National Institute of General Medical Sciences on policy matters, research emphasis and personnel needs in the institute's programs.

Gilman is professor and chairman of pharmacology and holder of the Raymond and Ellen Willie Distinguished Chair in Molecular Neuropharmacology at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. His primary research interest is in signal transduction, the mechanism a cell uses to receive and interpret signals from outside itself. Confusion or interruption in this communications system may play a role in many diseases, according to Gilman. He received the prestigious Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Award in 1989 for his research. He has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

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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.