



ZALE :: LIPSHY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

A teaching and referral hospital at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

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**** New clinical center for treating
brain and nervous system disorders
established by UT Southwestern doctors.

A new multidisciplinary, clinical Center for Neurological Diseases will soon help deliver optimal care to patients seeking treatment of brain and nervous system disorders at Zale-Lipshy University Hospital, says Ralph Greenlee, M.D., hospital chief of staff.

Dr. Greenlee, who was recently appointed director of the center, is associate professor of neurology at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Zale-Lipshy University Hospital, a 160-bed private referral, teaching and research hospital at UT Southwestern, is scheduled to open in November.

The Center for Neurological Diseases will comprise a number of UT Southwestern faculty physicians with specialties in the neurological sciences. Team members will consolidate their laboratories and academic offices on one entire floor of the Charles Cameron Sprague Clinical Science Building, which is also set to open in the fall.

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"This collaborative approach, in which patients can be instantly referred to other specialists within a clinical team, is the first such center to treat patients at Zale-Lipshy and the other UT Southwestern-affiliated hospitals," says John Burnside, M.D., associate dean for clinical affairs at UT Southwestern.

Team physicians will continue to care for patients at the Aston Ambulatory Care Center, Parkland Memorial Hospital and the Dallas Veterans Administration Medical Center. The team collaborates in neurological problems, including cerebrovascular disease, epilepsy, brain tumors and Parkinson's disease.

Specialists working within the new center include neurological surgeons Hunt Batjer, M.D., Sam Finn, M.D., Bruce Mickey, M.D., as well as Department of Neurological Surgery chairman Duke Samson, M.D. Neurologists include William Bell, M.D., Dr. Greenlee, Robert Leroy, M.D., Ron Tintner, M.D., Hal Unwin, M.D. Other members of the group include neuroradiologist Phil Purdy, M.D.; neuropathologists Charles White, M.D., and Dennis Burns, M.D.; and neuroanesthesiologists Gary Bowman, M.D., Lee Mootz, M.D., and William Krippner, M.D. The group is expected to expand as new faculty are hired.

William Neaves, Ph.D., dean of Southwestern Medical School, says, "We must develop interdisciplinary clinical programs to facilitate innovative treatment of complicated diseases. This new clinical center provides an environment and opportunity for people with common interests in patient care to work together regardless of their discipline. At the same time, it preserves something essential to UT Southwestern's past and future success, and that is strong, disciplinary academic departments."