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UT Southwestern faculty receive honors

DALLAS – Dec. 8, 2008 – Faculty members from UT Southwestern Medical Center recently were recognized for achievements in their fields.

Dr. John Hart, professor of neurology and psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center, has been named to an advisory committee to the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The 14-member committee will advise the secretary on health care and benefits for veterans of the 1990-1991 Gulf War. The group is scheduled to provide a report in 18 months. Dr. Hart is past president of the Society for Behavioral and Cognitive Neurology and the Behavioral Neurology Section of the American Academy of Neurology. He also is a professor of behavioral and brain sciences at UT Dallas, as well as medical science director at UTD's Center for BrainHealth.

Dr. Robert Suter, professor of emergency medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center, has been awarded the Order of the International Federation for Emergency Medicine for his extensive and continuous commitment to the specialty of emergency medicine. Dr. Suter has served as president of the IFEM, which represents emergency physicians in more than 30 countries. He also is past president of the American College of Emergency Physicians and was the first osteopathic emergency physicians to serve as its president. A collaborator on the National Disaster Life Support initiative, Dr. Suter is director of the Practice Management and Health Policy Fellowship at UT Southwestern.

Dr. Roger Unger, professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center, has been elected an honorary member of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes. The former director of the Touchstone Center for Diabetes Research has investigated diabetes, obesity and insulin resistance for more than 50 years. Dr. Unger is a past recipient of the association's Claude Bernard Medal, considered one of the premier honors in diabetes research. Dr. Unger has also previously received the Banting Medal from the American Diabetes Association, the Fred Conrad Koch Award from the Endocrine Society, and the David Rumbaugh Award from the Juvenile Diabetes Association. Dr. Unger is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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