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****Public symposium at UT Southwestern
explores medical treatment issues

DALLAS -- As a health care crisis, AIDS offers a challenging paradigm, says Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, because it is both like and entirely unlike other epidemics that have plagued mankind.

Fauci, a world-recognized immunologist and AIDS researcher, will be a speaker at "The Responsibility to Treat: AIDS as a Paradigm," a free, public symposium at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 1. Second in a series of alumni reunion and commencement weekend meetings on the theme: "The Physician's Role in Society," the symposium will be in Gooch Auditorium on the UT Southwestern campus.

Like other epidemics, AIDS is deadly and terrifying, Fauci said. It devastates populations and puts a tremendous strain on the health care system. On the other hand, AIDS is an epidemic with a behavioral component, he pointed out, one that raises sociological, ethical and legal issues that others have not.

Director of the National Institutes of Health Office of AIDS Research and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Md., Fauci is a world-recognized AIDS researcher.

Other symposium speakers include Dr. K. Danner Clouser, professor of humanities at Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine,

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who fathered the first department of humanities at a medical school; Dr. Philip Randolph Lee, professor of social medicine at the University of California, San Francisco and director of the Institute for Health Policy Studies there; and Dr. Daniel Fox, a public policy expert and president of the Milbank Memorial Fund.

Lee Cullum, editorial page editor of The Dallas Times Herald, will moderate the discussion.

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