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DALLAS--Six UT Southwestern doctors are working to form a national organization of Doctors for the ERA. These physicians and medical scientists form the steering committee of a Dallas-based Texas group which is in the process of incorporation.

Committee members are Drs. Edward Johnson, assistant dean of student affairs; Mary Esther Gaulden, associate professor of radiology; Ruth Guy, associate professor of pathology; Harold Smitson, assistant professor of radiology; Suzanne Ahn, Parkland resident; and Ruth McGill, an alumna.

According to Dr. Ahn, current membership is approximately 250. One hundred of this number are undergraduate medical students and candidates for Ph.D. degrees in the basic sciences and psychology. Interestingly, related the physician, 80 percent of the student members are men. Approximately 150 members are UT Southwestern faculty, students or residents. Spouses are eligible for honorary membership.

The executive committee expects the Texas membership to grow to 1,000. Members report that the group has formed a relationship with the American Medical Student Association, which is offering its support.

Forty members of the Texas group are expected to join a charter flight for the ERA march in Washington, D.C. July 9. All Doctors for ERA will wear the traditional white clothing. Dr. McGill is heading up this project.

The group will be joined by interested doctors and students from Georgetown University's medical school, which is located in the District of Columbia. Heading the Georgetown movement is third-year medical student Rick Roberts, who is currently serving a summer internship in Joseph Califano's office. Roberts also holds a degree in law.

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