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CANCER RESEARCHERS TO PRESENT LATEST WORK AT PUBLIC SYMPOSIUM IN DALLAS

DALLAS -- Leading cancer researchers will gather in Dallas Oct. 16-17 for the Wendy and Emery Reves International Breast Cancer Symposium co-sponsored by The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The free public symposium will present the latest research on the development of cancer, diagnosis, treatment and ways to prevent cancer from spreading. Much of the research focuses on genetic and molecular factors involved in breast cancer and other malignancies.

The symposium is funded by a \$1 million gift from philanthropist Wendy Reves to underwrite a biennial international breast cancer symposium at UT Southwestern.

The incidence of breast cancer has increased about 3 percent a year since 1980, according to the National Cancer Institute. An estimated 180,000 new cases will be diagnosed in 1992.

The 5-year survival rate for localized breast cancer has risen from 78 percent in the 1940s to 92 percent today. If the cancer has spread regionally, however, the survival rate is reduced to 71 percent. When distant metastases have developed, survival falls to only 18 percent..

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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.