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\*\*\*\*Dr. Donald Seldin receives prestigious  
UT System honor

DALLAS--Dr. Donald Seldin, recently retired chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, has received a prestigious honor given by The University of Texas System. He has been named The University of Texas System Professor of Internal Medicine.

Seldin, who holds the William Buchanan Chair in Internal Medicine, is the second person in the health sciences to receive a system professorship in the history of the UT System. The other person is Dr. R. Lee Clark, former president of The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Seldin, who retired as chairman of internal medicine after 35 years of distinguished service, will continue to hold a faculty appointment at Southwestern. With the added professorship, he will be a part-time special consultant to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs of the UT System, Dr. Charles B. Mullins.

In announcing the appointment, the Board of Regents of the UT System said Seldin received the consultant role "so his remarkable talents would be utilized to encourage development of academic research programs within The University of Texas System."

Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern, said, "Dr. Seldin more than anyone else is responsible for the intellectual environment at UT Southwestern -- not only for internal medicine, but for the entire school. He has created standards of excellence that will continue to open new avenues in the medical field for years to come. In his new role, Seldin will be able to share his expertise and special knowledge with all in the UT System."

Seldin came to Southwestern Medical School in 1951 from Yale University School of Medicine, where he had been an assistant professor of internal medicine.

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In those days the fledgling Southwestern Medical College was situated in a series of abandoned army barracks on Oak Lawn and Maple. A year after Seldin's arrival, he was appointed chairman of the Internal Medicine Department and for the first year was its only member.

With the entire department to develop, Seldin began by looking at the Southwestern student body. House staff and fellows were cultivated as potential faculty members, and several were sent away for specific training to develop specialty areas. The department that was created from Seldin's founding efforts has become recognized as one of the outstanding internal medicine departments in the world.

Seldin is praised by fellow faculty members, administrators and students alike for his teaching and leadership abilities. Many of Seldin's former students and house staff have accepted distinguished positions in highly respected medical schools and hospitals around the world.

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Note: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.