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DALLAS--Dr. Ronald C. Jones, a recognized authority on the care of the trauma patient, has been named acting chairman of the Department of Surgery at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, it was announced today (Thursday).

The appointment is effective Jan. 1, 1974, Dr. Frederick Bonte, Southwestern dean, said in making the announcement.

Dr. Jones succeeds Dr. G. Tom Shires, who last week resigned the surgery chairmanship to accept a similar post at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Southwestern's new acting head of surgery has been a member of the school's surgery faculty since July, 1964. He has risen from the rank of instructor and has been an associate professor since 1969.

Replacing Dr. Shires, Dr. Jones also will serve as acting chief of the surgical staff of Parkland Memorial Hospital, Southwestern's principal teaching hospital.

Dr. Jones has made major contributions to medical literature on various aspects of care of victims of serious traumatic injury. He has written or edited portions of three standard textbooks on trauma and done clinical research in the diagnosis and management of surgical infection. He is author of more than 30 scientific papers on treatment of trauma.

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The 41-year-old surgeon served as chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee on formation of the Dallas Fire Department's ambulance service and was a key figure in the training of firemen as paramedics to staff the city's ambulances. He is preparing an advanced course for firemen-medics to begin in early 1974.

Dr. Jones was recognized by the Dallas Hospital Council last March for his leadership in the establishment of the new city ambulance service.

Dr. Jones also has served as chairman of the Emergency Medical Services Committee of the Dallas County Medical Society. He currently is State Liaison Fellow for the Texas Division of the American Cancer Society.

The Harrison, Ark., native received his M.D. degree from the University of Tennessee School of Medicine in 1957. After internship and residency training in Los Angeles and Oklahoma City he was the first surgery resident chosen by Dr. Tom Shires after the latter became acting chairman of surgery of Southwestern in 1960. After four additional years of residency training at Parkland, Dr. Jones joined Southwestern's surgery faculty.

In addition to his Parkland affiliation, Dr. Jones serves as attending surgeon at Presbyterian Hospital and as consultant in surgery to St. Paul, Methodist, Baylor and the Veteran's Administration hospitals in Dallas and to John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth and Beach Army Hospital, Fort Wolters, Tex.

He became a certified Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery in 1965.

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Dr. Jones ' professional memberships include the Dallas and Texas Surgical Societies, the Western Surgical Association and Southwestern Surgical Congress and the American College of Surgeons. He is secretary-treasurer of the North Texas Chapter of the College of Surgeons.

At the same time Dr. Jones' appointment was announced Thursday, Dean Bonte named a search committee to recommend a permanent chairman of surgery at the school.

Members of the search committee are Drs. Rupert E. Billingham, C. Max Cole, Burton Combes, Adolph H. Giesecke, Paul C. MacDonald, Jack Reynolds, Jonathan Uhr, Donald W. Seldin and Mr. John Willis. Dr. Seldin is chairman of the committee.

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