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Team approach surgeon's  
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DALLAS--Chronic back pain and the treatment/rehabilitation of stroke victims and amputees are special interests of a new UT surgeon.

Dr. Vert Mooney, professor of surgery and chairman of the Division of Orthopedic Surgery at The University of Texas Health Science Center, recently came to Dallas from Rancho Los Amigos Hospital in Downey, California. This hospital, according to Dr. Mooney, is unique in that it serves patients with chronic illnesses in specialty units which use team approaches, combining the services of physicians and related health personnel in both treatment and rehabilitation. The stroke service, for example, includes an orthopedic surgeon, a neurologist, rehabilitation nurse, physical and occupational therapists, brace maker, social worker, speech therapist and even an electrical engineer, who does experimental work in electrical stimulation.

"It is my hope to work with a team approach whenever possible here in Dallas," the surgeon said. Dr. Mooney will be on the staffs of Parkland, Children's and Veterans Administration hospitals and probably some private hospitals," he said.

He has recently returned from leading a meeting in California on the care and rehabilitation of stroke victims.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Dr. Mooney is a graduate of Princeton and Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he received his M.D. degree. His internship and residency were served at the University of Pittsburgh Hospitals, where he also was fellow in charge of the orthopedic research lab in 1964. In 1965-66 he was orthopedic fellow in charge of stroke service at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital.

The surgeon has served as clinical instructor, assistant clinical professor and associate clinical professor in the Division of Orthopedic Surgery at the University of Southern California. His clinical responsibilities have included acting as chief of amputee clinic at Los Angeles County General Hospital; stroke service, amputation and problem fracture service and problem back treatment center at Rancho Los Amigos; and amputee clinic at Orthopedic Hospital, also in Los Angeles.

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A recipient of an American Orthopedic Association Exchange Fellowship in 1969, he went on the group's Program Tour of Great Britian that year. In 1971, Dr. Mooney was elected a member-at-large of the board of directors of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. Research activities include exploring prosthetic and orthotic development and evaluation, development of dynamic spinal instrumentation, transcutaneous neuroelectric communication, skeletal fixation of limb prostheses, innovative methods for ambulatory and external fixation of limb fractures, mehcanisms for edema control and human reaction to chronic pain.

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