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****Warshaw named MacGregor professor.**

DALLAS--Dr. Joseph Warshaw has been appointed the George L. MacGregor Professor in Pediatrics at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas by The University of Texas Board of Regents. The new professorship was established and funded by the Southwestern Medical Foundation in honor of MacGregor, chairman emeritus of the foundation. Warshaw is the professor and chairman of the Department of Pediatrics.

Warshaw, internationally known neonatologist, served on the faculties of both Harvard and Yale, before coming to the health science center in July 1982. At that time he said pediatrics has a mission to focus on problems that come with biological development from the fetus stage to adolescence. One of the major goals he stated was to recruit "people who will bring the most depth to pediatric disease and do the best possible teaching. These faculty are very broad and have a fundamental sense in their areas and can relate these to clinical practice." Already the department has added many outstanding faculty members. Other new faculty members will be joining the department soon, and he is seeking other experts in subspecialties, including M.D.s and Ph.D.s.

MacGregor, a 1923 engineering graduate of The University of Texas in Austin, is former president and chairman of the Board of Texas Utilities Co.

"Besides Mr. Macgregor's being active in the affairs of Southwestern Medical Foundation for many years," says James W. Keay, foundation president, "he served virtually fulltime as chief executive officer of the organization upon his retirement as chairman of the board of the directors of Texas Utilities in 1972."

The businessman became a foundation trustee in 1945 and was named president in 1962. He was later named chairman of the board and served in that position until 1981. His dedication continues as he serves as chairman emeritus.

Besides MacGregor's work for the medical foundation, he has been a strong supporter of the health science center, says Keay. His interest in medicine has led to work with Children's Medical Center in Dallas, where he is a member of the board of directors. Keay says the new professorship gives particular emphasis to MacGregor's long and devoted work at CMC.

In addition, the foundation's chairman emeritus is a member of the Hoblitzelle Foundation board of directors and an honorary member of the State Fair of Texas board of directors. He holds memberships in Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, is a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

In 1971 Southwestern University conferred an honorary degree on MacGregor. Other recognitions include the Dallas Hospital Service Award in 1969 and the Distinguished Engineering Graduate Award of The University of Texas in 1963.

"It is fitting that this tribute honor two such outstanding men--George MacGregor, who has worked so long and hard for advances in medicine in this community, and Joseph Warshaw, who has already made tremendous gains in the quality of education, research and patient care in his short tenure here," says Dr. Charles C. Sprague, president of the health science center.

Warshaw says that most of what he has been able to accomplish so far, as well as his goals for the future, would not be possible without "the extensively supportive environment of the school and the exceptionally enthusiastic and supportive environment of the community."

He wants to develop the areas of endocrinology and genetics. "The health science center already has great strength in these fields, and these strengths will give us a great foundation to help me recruit more people."

Genetics, said Warshaw, is important to medicine because it is fundamental. He believes this work to be the underlying medical need in the '80s.

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The pediatrician said he is interested in developing adolescent medicine models that will profit the community. "Adolescent medicine is an area where pediatrics, obstetrics, internal medicine and psychiatry need to develop programs together. Parkland's Young Adult Clinic is a good example."

A graduate of the University of Florida and Duke University Medical School, Warshaw was program director of the Developmental Medicine Training Program at Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard. He was also associate professor of Pediatrics. From 1971 till 1973 the physician was associate pediatrician at Massachusetts General Hospital and physician in Maternal and Child Health at Boston Lying-In Hospital. He was also a staff scientist at Boston Biomedical Research Institute.

Warshaw served as tutor in the medical sciences at Harvard Medical School and as associate pediatrician at Shriners Burn Institute from 1969 till 1972. He was also associate professor of Pediatrics at Harvard, assistant professor of Pediatrics at Massachusetts General, a research associate with the Retina Foundation, consultant in Maternal and Child Health at Boston Lying-In Hospital and assistant pediatrician at Massachusetts General.

Other educational experiences included working as a fellow in the Department of Bioenergetics Research, Retina Foundation, Institute of Biological and Medical Sciences, Boston; research associate in the Gerontology Branch of NIH; visiting physician at Baltimore City Hospitals; senior resident in Pediatrics at Duke; assistant resident in Pediatrics at the University of Rochester; intern in Medicine and Pediatrics at the University of Rochester; and predoctoral trainee at the National Institutes of Health. Warshaw participated in a research training program at Duke University Medical School under guidance of Dr. Salih Wakil.

He is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics and holds memberships in the Society for Pediatric Research, the American Pediatric Society, the New England Pediatric Society, the American Society for Cell Biology, the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the American Society of Biological Chemists and the American Society for Developmental Biology. Warshaw is a member of the Research Advisory Committee of the National Foundation, March of Dimes; the Written Examination Subcommittee's Sub-board in Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine; the Advisory Board of the Mead Johnson Seminars in Perinatal and Development Medicine and served on the Human Embryology and Development Study Section of NIH from 1974 till 1978.

The physician was a Josiah Macy Jr. Faculty Scholar at the University of Oxford in 1979-80 and is associate editor of Pediatric Research and Early Human Development. In addition, Warshaw is president of the Society for Pediatric Research.

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