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*****Symposium on high blood pressure to be held at Dallas health science center March 3 and 4.

DALLAS--Some of the world's leading experts on hypertension, or high blood pressure, will gather at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas March 3 and 4.

Hypertension--also known as "the silent killer" because it often produces no symptoms until it is well advanced--damages the heart and blood vessels and may result in stroke, heart disease or kidney failure.

"Hypertension: Physiology and Management" is the title of the Dallas symposium, which will be divided into two sections. The first day of the symposium (March 3) will take an academic, basic science approach to hypertension while the second day (Saturday, March 4) will deal with patient management and other clinical aspects of the disease, says Dr. Ron J. Anderson, assistant professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical School, one of three components of the Dallas health science center. Dr. Anderson and Dr. Donald Seldin, professor and chairman of internal medicine at UT Southwestern, are serving as program directors for the symposium, which is sponsored by the Department of Internal Medicine.

The symposium is aimed primarily at internists and family practitioners in the North Texas area, but specialists from around the country will be attending and the participants include internationally recognized authorities in the field.

UT Southwestern faculty members participating in the symposium include: Dr. Norman Kaplan, chief of Southwestern's hypertension section and author of the book, "Your Blood Pressure: The Most Deadly High," who will speak on "The Diagnosis and Evaluation of the Hypertensive Patient"; Dr. David Fixler, associate professor of pediatrics, who will speak on "Childhood and Adolescent Hypertension"; Dr. David Lee, assistant professor of internal medicine, who will speak on "The Role of Patient Education in Facilitating Medication Compliance"; and Dr. Norman Gant, chairman of obstetrics and gynecology, who will speak on "Hypertension in Pregnancy."

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