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LANDERS NAMED CHAIRMAN OF ANESTHESIOLOGY AND PAIN MANAGEMENT

DALLAS — November 8, 1994 — Dr. Dennis F. Landers has been recruited to head the Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Management at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. He will assume the post Dec. 1.

"I'm excited about the opportunity and anxious to become a part of the Southwestern family," said Landers, who has been chairman of anesthesiology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center for the past five years.

The establishment of The Eugene McDermott Center for Pain Management last year and the expansion of operating suites and a spinal cord-injury center at the Dallas Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center make this a critical period for the anesthesiology department, Landers said.

"Dr. Dennis Landers earned a reputation for strong academic and clinical leadership during his years as chair of the department in Nebraska," said Dr. William B. Neaves, dean of UT Southwestern Medical School. "UT Southwestern and the Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Management will benefit from his enthusiastic commitment to program development."

Doctors will benefit from a "virtual gold mine" of research resources as a result of the changes that have come about recently and the opportunities that are going to be available at the VA, Landers said. "There's going to be a lot of opportunity for growth and development."

He said he is looking forward to joining the staff of experts at UT Southwestern and the opportunity to be personally involved in training UT Southwestern residents.

"The anesthesiology residency here is extremely well respected nationally because of the past leadership, in particular that of Dr. M.T. Pepper Jenkins, and subsequently Dr. A.H. (Buddy) Giesecke Jr., Dr. Paul White and Dr. Ed

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Johnson," Landers said.

His goals for the UT Southwestern department are "to continue the tradition of excellence in teaching and residency education, expand some of the research efforts and provide guidance and mentoring to the young faculty."

"The most important thing is that there are some really strong, good people here," he said. "My hope is to meld us more into a common entity rather than having individual areas of excellence."

Landers has several research interests: pediatric liver transplantation, malignant hyperthermia and immuno-modulatory effects following blood transfusion.

He serves as a consultant to the Malignant Hyperthermia Association of the United States and, in 1993, was chairman of the North American Malignant Hyperthermia Registry.

He earned a bachelor of science in 1964, a doctorate in 1969 and a medical degree six months later, all from the University of Nebraska.

From 1977 to 1984, he was director of the emergency department at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center and director of the Southwest Idaho Poison Control Center, both in Boise, Idaho.

He joined the University of Nebraska in 1986. He serves on the Board of Governors at University of Nebraska Hospital and as director of the Malignant Hyperthermia Biopsy Center at the university.

Landers is a member of the Association of University Anesthesiologists, American Society of Anesthesiologists and International Anesthesia Research Society.

He is married to Diane Landers and has two children.

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