



ZALE :: LIPSHY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

A teaching and referral hospital at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

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**** Brekken appointed director of medical
affairs at Zale-Lipshy University Hospital

Alvin L. Brekken, M.D., has been named director of medical affairs at Zale-Lipshy University Hospital. The announcement was made today by Ronald F. Garvey, M.D., M.B.A., president and chief executive officer of the hospital. Brekken is the director of the residency training program in obstetrics and gynecology at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"We've nearly finished building; now it's time to make the medical staff functional," said Garvey. "Dr. Brekken is well-qualified to work with our medical school faculty. In addition he will be responsible for house staff as well as quality assurance issues."

"I'm excited about this appointment because it puts me in a position to help build an outstanding hospital staff," Brekken said. "UT Southwestern is well-known as a research facility. Our faculty members have excelled in various clinical areas at Parkland. Now it's time for us to excel in the area of referral medicine."

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Although Zale-Lipshy University Hospital was built for use by faculty of the UT Southwestern Medical School, physicians at the medical school must still apply for positions on the hospital staff. Brekken will review their medical licenses and help verify their qualifications to work in specialty areas.

Brekken estimated that 200 physicians will eventually practice at the new hospital. Zale-Lipshy University Hospital is a 160-bed private referral, teaching and research hospital at UT Southwestern and is scheduled to open in November 1989.

Brekken will continue to serve as director of the residency training program in obstetrics and gynecology at UT Southwestern. He said he will balance his time at University Hospital with his teaching responsibilities at the medical school and Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Brekken received a bachelor's degree from Luther College in Iowa and his medical degree from the University of Wisconsin Medical School. He spent his internship and residency at Parkland.

From 1965 through 1978 Brekken served on the medical staffs of hospitals at several United States Air Force Bases, including Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He returned to Dallas in 1978 as an associate professor at UT Southwestern.

From 1979 through 1985 he served as director of the medical school's obstetrics and gynecology residency training program at St. Paul Medical Center. He was named vice chairman of the UT Southwestern Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1986.

Brekken is a past president of the Texas Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology and is an examiner for the American Board of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

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