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## \*\*\*\*UT Southwestern adds Family Practice in Waco

Dallas -- An agreement has been signed adding a new residency program to the already existing network of four family practice residency training programs administered by The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. The affiliation is effective July 1, 1990.

The Family Practice Residency Training Program in Waco, Texas and its Family Practice Clinic were previously affiliated with Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. The residency program is operated by the McLennan County Medical Society through a subsidiary: the McLennan County Medical Education and Research Foundation. The three-year residency program has a total of 24 positions.

Shelley P. Roaten, M.D., has been in charge of residency training and clinic services at the Waco program since 1983 and has held the rank of associate professor at the Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Roaten continues in his roles as foundation president as well as director of the residency program under the new Southwestern affiliation. He will also hold a faculty appointment in family practice and community medicine at the Dallas institution.

"Dr. Roaten's program represents an important addition to Southwestern's Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine at a crucial time in the development of the school's curriculum since the Waco site will participate in the new family practice clerkship required for all third-year medical students. Southwestern is

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fortunate to have Dr. Roaten and his colleagues join the faculty," said William B. Neaves, Ph.D., dean of UT Southwestern Medical School. "The addition of the Wok program to our 'family' completes the circle (of our residency programs)," said William F. Ross, M.D., chairman of the Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine at UT Southwestern. "We now are training residents in the east, south, west and north parts of our state," he said. Southwestern has family practice residencies at St. Paul Medical Center and Methodist Hospitals in Dallas, John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth and in Wichita Falls. These five programs have the potential of graduating 42 family physicians each year.

Because of increasing malpractice insurance rates and other financial concerns, the affiliation between Baylor and the McLennan County Medical Education and Research Foundation will not be renewed when it expires in June. In addition to the residency training program and the Family Practice Clinic, the foundation operates a continuing medical education program and a fellowship in family medicine, designed for family practice physicians who are interested in academic medicine. These programs will be a part of the UT Southwestern affiliation as well. The Waco program will also be one of Southwestern's sites for the newly mandated family practice clerkships that will become a part of the curriculum for all medical schools in Texas July 1.

A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin's College of Pharmacy, Dr. Roaten received his M.D. from The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He did postgraduate training in family practice at the Bexar County Teaching Hospitals and joined the

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family practice faculty at the San Antonio health science center in 1977. That year he also served as a clinical assistant professor in the College of Pharmacy at UT Austin. In 1981 he became an associate professor in the Department of Family Practice at the San Antonio medical school.

"We are indeed fortunate to have Shelley Roaten join Family Practice and continue to head this exemplary program," said Dr. Ross. "His reputation is outstanding, and we are looking toward a successful future for this already excellent program now that it is affiliated with Southwestern."

Dr. Roaten said the Waco residency program developed from the efforts of dedicated members of the McLennan County Medical Society in the '60s to train family physicians and provide medical care for the county's under-served citizens. The first two trainees started their residencies in 1970, and the program later became the first accredited family practice residency training program in the state.

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NOTE: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.