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UT SOUTHWESTERN A TOP SITE FOR DRUG TRIALS

DALLAS — April 23, 1997 — A recent study ranks UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas as one of the top research institutions conducting clinical studies on investigational drugs.

The study published in *Applied Clinical Trials* found UT Southwestern ranked fourth among more than 7,000 U.S. institutions in the number of investigators who had conducted studies under pharmaceutical company sponsorship between 1990 and 1995. Among medical schools, UT Southwestern ranked third. DataEdge LLC conducted the study using Food and Drug Administration records.

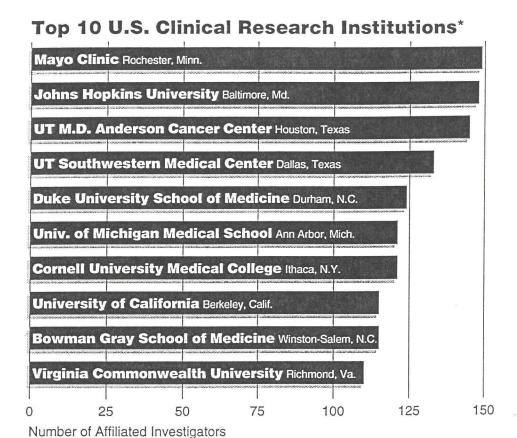
Between 1990 and 1995, 133 UT Southwestern investigators were affiliated with pharmaceutical company research, which allowed patients under their care to receive medicines before they were available to the public. The Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., led the survey with 149 investigators.

"The number of human research studies has been growing steadily at UT Southwestern," said Dr. Perrie Adams, UT Southwestern's associate dean for research. "Our Institutional Review Board, which must approve all research projects before they begin, is being asked to review more and more protocols. We now have more than 1,200 active protocols."

UT Southwestern physicians treat patients at Zale Lipshy University Hospital, the James W. Aston Ambulatory Care Center, Children's Medical Center of Dallas, the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Parkland Health & Hospital System.

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*By number of drug trials sponsored by pharmaceutical companies 1990-1995

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