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*****Dallas medical scientists named president-elect of prestigious American Society for Clinical Investigation.

DALLAS--For the first time in its history, the American Society for Clinical Investigation will have succeeding presidents from one institution.

Dr. Jean Wilson, professor of internal medicine at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and editor of the Journal of Clinical Investigation, will be the next president of the nation's most prestigious organization of clinical research scientists. He was chosen presidentelect by the society at its recent annual conference and will take office next May for a one-year term.

Dr. Wilson will succeed Dr. John S. Fordtran, also a professor of internal medicine at the Dallas medical school, who is current president of the society. Also, the president-elect will become the third Southwestern faculty member to head the organization.

Dr. Donald W. Seldin, professor and chairman of internal medicine was the society's president in 1966.

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Society spokesman said they could recall no other medical school in the nation to have three presidents named from its ranks.

Dr. Wilson holds the Eugene McDermott Chair of Human Growth and Development at Southwestern, a component of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas. A recognized expert on glandular function, he received the Ernst Oppenheimer Memorial Award of the Endocrine Society in 1972 for meritorius accomplishment in endocrinology. He has published more than 70 scientific papers, many dealing with mechanisms of cholesterol absorption and sex steroid hormone action.

An honor graduate in chemistry form The University of Texas at Austin, Dr. Wilson received his M.D. from Southwestern in 1955. He has been on the school's faculty since 1960 and has been professor of internal medicine since 1968. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and has been an established investigator of the American Heart Association. He holds memberships in numerous scientific and academic societies and has served on editorial boards of several major scientific journals.

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