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*****UT Regents Approve Two Southwestern Hospital Affiliations.

AUSTIN--The University of Texas Board of Regents Friday approved two important hospital affiliation agreements for UT Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

First agreement, between the Dallas County Hospital district's Parkland Memorial Hospital and Southwestern, simply extends the existing agreement for another year until study committees have had a chance to work out a more lasting document.

This means the medical school will continue to provide and supervise all health care and education in Parkland Hospital as its principal teaching institution.

By virtue of this arrangement, Southwestern is able to introduce its students to patient care at an early stage, and the hospital is able to attract the top residents and interns for its staff.

Another important affiliation agreement--this one with Presbyterian Hospital--is considered to be a model for cooperative programs between the medical school and community hospitals.

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Dr. Frederick Bonte, dean of Southwestern, commented that "the agreement is so good and gives so much flexibility that we'll probably fashion all our agreements with community hospitals along these lines."

The agreement provides a joint or mutual consent arrangement for placing medical school faculty on hospital staff.

"The agreement also provides a sharing of educational programs such as the Anesthesiology Flexible Internship,"said Dr. Bonte.

There will be a new Internal Medicine-Primary Care residency established at Presbyterian in cooperation with the medical school's Department of Internal Medicine. Dr. Bonte said this program is still being structured.

The medical school has for some time had cooperative programs with Presbyterian, such as the Stroke Demonstration Center, but agreements have never been formalized to this extent.

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