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DALLAS--Dr. John S. Fordtran of Dallas has been named winner of a national research award for his studies leading to improved understanding of complex intestinal functions and their relation to diarrheal disease.

Dr. Fordtran, professor of internal medicine and chief of the gastroenterology section at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, was to receive the American Gastroenterological Association's fourth annual Distinguished Achievement Award during the association's annual convention May 14 in Miami.

A member of the Southwestern faculty for nine years, Dr. Fordtran is author of more than two dozen papers documenting research into the processes of absorption and secretion in the human small intestine, and how disruptions in these functions are involved in diseases such as cholera and severe diarrhea of infancy.

Dr. Fordtran's basic research has helped lay the groundwork for improved clinical treatment of cholera using special glucose solutions taken orally, replacing hard-to-administer intravenous injections. Cholera is an epidemic diarrheal disease which regularly ravages Pakistan, India and other underdeveloped lands.

The award includes a \$500 cash prize and a citation. Dr. Fordtran will describe his most recent research when he presents the Distinguished Achievement Award Lecture before the medical experts assembled in Miami. Title of his lecture will be "Models for the Intestinal Transport of Ions, Water and Sugars."

The American Gastroenterological Association is a nationwide organization of physicians, teachers and medical scientists specializing in study of the stomach and intestines and their diseases.

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