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cancer survey.

DALLAS--Sometime within the next few weeks employees at The University of
Texas Health Science Center at Dallas will have a chance to participate in a field
test of a new survey for the American Cancer Society.

As chairman of the Public Education Committee of the North Texas Area V of
the ACS, Dr. Steven Schaefer, assistant professor of Surgery at the health science
center, has helped in preparing the cancer survey, which he calls "an awareness
tool" for the general public.

Health science center personnel and personnel at various Dallas area cor-
porations will be given the survey as samples of the "normal lay population."

The survey "Cancer:  Assessing Your Risks" is a personalized test including
six cancer sites selected either because the cause is well established or because
early detection and treatment greatly affect the course of the disease.  Included
are lung, colon/rectum, skin, breast, cervix and endometrium.  Schaefer has already
planned for the next version of the survey to have a respiratory section covering
lung and head and neck cancer.

The survey is designed to make the public aware of the risk of cancer in
various age and racial groups as well as the risk in different circumstances such
as smoking cigarettes or work environment.  Schaefer says the society hopes indi-
viduals will become more aware of circumstances they can change to lower their risk
or at least be more aware of the signs of cancer.  The survey is not to take the
place of a physician's examination, nor is it designed to create panic, says the
otolaryngologist.

Other institutions and corporations participating in the field tests are
St. Paul Hospital, Dallas City Health Department, Union Bankers Insurance Company,
Curtis-Mathes, Frito-Lay, American Bank and Trust and others for a total test
population of 25,000.

The survey was designed by the six regional chairmen of Public Education
Committees of the Texas Division of ACS.

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