

# SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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## **HUDSON FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES RADIOLOGY PROFESSORSHIP AT UT SOUTHWESTERN**

DALLAS – June 20, 2001 – A gift from the M.R. & E. Hudson Foundation has established a radiology professorship at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

The M.R. & E. Hudson Foundation Professorship in Radiology, in Honor of Edward E. Christensen, M.D., will be held by Dr. George C. Curry, vice chairman of radiology at UT Southwestern.

“Once again, the generosity of the Hudson Foundation has provided us with a tremendous opportunity for research and clinical care and a wonderful way to honor Dr. Christensen, who meant so much to our department, both as a physician and as a humanitarian,” said Dr. Robert Parkey, chairman of radiology and holder of the Effie and Wofford Cain Distinguished Chair in Diagnostic Imaging.

Dr. C. Wallace Hooser, senior vice president of the Hudson Foundation and a former radiology resident at UT Southwestern, said, “We are very pleased to provide a way to pay tribute to Dr. Christensen, who meant a great deal to a great many people. The professorship also finds a fitting holder in George Curry, one of the finest radiologists and teachers Texas has to offer.”

A 1962 graduate of Southwestern Medical School, Curry began his 30-year professional career at UT Southwestern in 1971 following a residency at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas and a fellowship at the University of Florida College of Medicine. He now directs the diagnostic radiology residency program at UT Southwestern. He served as president of the medical staff at Parkland from 1994 to 1996 and has published numerous professional articles throughout his career.

“I’m honored to have been named holder of such a wonderful professorship,” said Curry. “I am most thankful to the Hudson Foundation for supporting our radiology program so

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generously and am especially pleased to have been linked to Ed Christensen in such a meaningful way.”

Christensen, who died in 1980, joined the UT Southwestern radiology faculty in 1965 as chief of diagnostic radiology and in 1973 became the department’s acting chairman. Educated at the University of Wisconsin, Christensen did his residency at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia and completed a five-year stint as an Air Force radiologist. His interest in pulmonary radiology led to a number of publications, including a widely used textbook, *An Introduction to the Physics of Diagnostic Radiology*.

The M.R. & E. Hudson Foundation was established in 1991 to further the Hudsons’ lifelong interest in supporting education, medical research, the arts, children’s causes, and racial and religious diversity. M.R. Hudson was the founder of Hudson Oil Co. and, later, of Fisca Oil Co.

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