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\*\*\*\*\*Griffin appointed associate dean  
for Medical Education at UTHSCD.

DALLAS -- Dr. James Griffin, associate professor of Internal Medicine, recently assumed duties as associate dean for Medical Education, Southwestern Medical School, said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, dean of the school, a component of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas.

Wildenthal said Griffin's primary responsibilities will be the implementation of changes in the medical school curriculum, using the recommendations of the curriculum committee and of the Faculty Council, as well as coordination of the teaching programs for medical students. "Dr. Griffin is dedicated to overall excellence in medical education at Southwestern, as well as being an outstanding teacher himself. For a long time we have needed more active administrative coordination for our teaching programs, and we are fortunate that Jim has agreed to assume responsibility for this crucial part of the school's activities."

The curriculum committee has recommended changes in curriculum to attempt to cope with the information overload the students have experienced. "We're looking at the number of lecture hours they have each day and trying to confine the core of the curriculum to essentials," said Griffin. He will work with each academic department in making schedule changes.

"It's not clear here or in most institutions where the authority for curriculum resides. Is it with the curriculum committee, with the dean or with the departments? You have to negotiate."

In addition, Griffin will aid the dean in departmental evaluations regarding teaching, publication and grant applications.

Griffin is known internationally for his research on male hormones. He came to Southwestern as a research fellow in Internal Medicine in 1974. He received his M.D. from University of Kansas School of Medicine and did his internship and medicine residency at University of Kansas Medical Center.

He is on the editorial board of Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism and is author of Manual of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism.

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