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DALLAS-- A conference aimed at helping medical information specialists cope with exploding demands for specialized data in the health sciences will be held here Thursday and Friday. (Feb. 18-19)

Some 100 professionals, including medical librarians, academicians, experts in computer and microform technology and other information storage and retrieval systems, are expected to attend the sessions at Dallas' Royal Coach Inn.

Co-sponsoring the "Conference on Medical Libraries: Needs and Services for the Seventies" are the School of Library and Information Sciences and the Community Service Center of North Texas State University, Denton, and the South Central Regional Medical Library Program of The University of Texas (Southwestern) Medical School at Dallas.

Dr. William H. Knisely, vice chancellor of health affairs for The University of Texas System, is among the participants in a colloquium Thursday afternoon on how regional medical library programs appear to their users. Joining him will be C. Lee Jones, director of libraries at the UT Medical Branch in Galveston; Dr. M.I. Marks, director of the medical staff at Thomason General Hospital, El Paso; and Dr. Charles McCall, director of the Regional Medical Library Program in Texas.

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Three Southwestern medical faculty members will lead a round-table discussion Thursday morning on medical libraries as viewed by teachers of medicine. They are Dr. David Daly, Scottish Rite professor of neurology; Dr. Jean Wilson, professor of internal medicine; and Dr. Julian Peterson, assistant professor of biochemistry.

A nationally recognized authority on medical libraries, Dr. Estelle Brodman of Washington University, St. Louis, will address a Thursday morning session, giving the librarians' view of current services and needs.

Dr. Harold Schoolman, special assistant for the National Library of Medicine, will speak Thursday afternoon on changing patterns of federal support for regional library programs.

Dr. Leonard Kingsland of the University of Missouri will outline sophisticated information-retrieval systems at a Friday morning meeting.

Dr. Charles C. Sprague, dean of UT Southwestern Medical School, and Dorothy Byrd, director of the NTSU Center for Community Services, will welcome participants.

Others presiding or taking part in the various sessions include Dr. Donald Hendricks, director of the South Central Regional Medical Library Program; Dr. Glenn Sparks, dean, and Jane Pool, instructor, of NTSU's School of Library and Information Sciences; Dr. Jesse Shera, visiting professor of library science, University of Texas; Dr. David A. Kronick, director of bio-communications, University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio; and Maryann Duggan, systems analyst, South Central Regional Medical Library Program.

The Dallas-based South Central Regional Medical Library Program is an information exchange center and coordinating body made up of 11 member medical libraries in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico.

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