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UT SOUTHWESTERN OPHTHALMOLOGIST NAMED MEDICAL DIRECTOR AT ZALE LIPSHY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

DALLAS — March 11, 1997 — One of the nation's leading corneal disease experts has been named medical director at Zale Lipshy University Hospital.

Dr. H. Dwight Cavanagh, vice chairman of ophthalmology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, also has been named an associate dean for clinical affairs at UT Southwestern. Cavanagh holds the Dr. W. Maxwell Thomas Chair in Ophthalmology.

"I'm honored and delighted at receiving this honor," Cavanagh said. "It's exciting to assist the hospital board at a time of such growth and development for University Hospital an institution that is very important not only to Dallas but nationally.

"My goals are to support the hospital administration in both development and delivery of high quality medical service," he said. "My position allows the medical school to further its teaching and research aims and allows University Hospital to be one of the finest tertiary-care hospitals associated with one of the world's best medical and research facilities."

Zale Lipshy University Hospital was founded in 1989 as the private referral hospital for UT Southwestern. Its mission is to bring the latest breakthroughs in medical research to the patient's bedside. The hospital is the principal site at which UT Southwestern clinicians treat adult referred patients. Cavanagh is among more than 480 UT Southwestern physicians with privileges at the hospital.

Along with the clinical treatment of corneal diseases, Cavanagh directs research in the area of cell biology of the cornea. One of his primary interests is the development of new oxygen permeable contact lenses to decrease the incidence of severe infections of the eye.

Cavanagh is board certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology and is a speaker frequently requested by clinical and research ophthalmology groups throughout the world. He has served as past president of the Castroviejo Society of Corneal Surgeons, the

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leading organization of corneal specialists throughout the world, as well as past president of the Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists of the United States and editor-in-chief of the journal *Cornea*. He is a member of the Royal Society of Medicine and the Royal Microscopy Society (England) and the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Cavanagh received his medical degree in 1965 from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and in 1972 earned a Ph.D. in biology from Harvard University.

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