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Hansjoerg Wyss Medical Foundation commits \$300,000 to support orthopaedic trauma programs at UT Southwestern

DALLAS – Aug. 31, 2004 – The Hansjoerg Wyss Medical Foundation has committed \$300,000 to establish an endowed fund to support a professorship at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Dr. Alan Jones, associate professor of orthopaedic surgery, will hold the Hansjoerg Wyss Professorship in Orthopaedic Trauma, which will provide funding for research and education in emergency orthopaedic surgery.

“The Wyss Foundation understands the many challenges faced by medical educators, particularly those of us in the field of orthopaedic trauma,” said Dr. Jones, whose research focuses on lower extremity trauma and the use of certain human proteins to help heal fractures. “This gift, which will be vital in maintaining and developing my research – and that of other physicians – emphasizes the need for orthopaedic surgical-care funding. This professorship is a great honor, and I’m very excited about the many immediate and long-term opportunities the Wyss Foundation’s generosity will create.”

The Pennsylvania-based Wyss Foundation is a private, charitable foundation dedicated to medical education and land conservation.

“The Wyss Foundation has built a stellar reputation for pinpointing need and responding with great generosity,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. “We are pleased that its trustees have chosen to support the work of Dr. Jones and our orthopaedic trauma program. This contribution will go far in helping the medical center advance its leadership position in orthopaedic research and education.”

Dr. Jones, a 1987 graduate of the Baylor College of Medicine, completed an internship and residency in orthopaedic surgery at UT Southwestern in 1992. After a fellowship at the Shock Trauma Center at the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems in Baltimore, Dr. Jones returned to UT Southwestern, where he was assistant professor of

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orthopaedic surgery. In 1999 he joined the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, before again returning to UT Southwestern in 2003.

He has won numerous awards and honors for research and teaching, including the 2003 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' highest honor, the Kappa Delta Ann Doner Vaughn Award for Research in Orthopaedics. He is a diplomat of the academy, has written numerous professional articles and has contributed to books in his specialty.

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