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FORMER UT SOUTHWESTERN SURGEON, HOSPITAL CEO NAMED INTERIM HEAD OF UT HEALTH CENTER AT TYLER

DALLAS — November 26, 1997 — Dr. Ronald F. Garvey, a former chief executive officer of Zale Lipshy University Hospital and professor of surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, has been named interim chief administrative officer and director of The University of Texas Health Center at Tyler.

Garvey will succeed Dr. George A. Hurst, who announced his retirement from the Tyler health center after 27 years as chief administrative officer and director. Garvey's appointment will be effective January 5. An advisory committee will be formed to make recommendations to the UT System board of regents on a permanent replacement.

Garvey served as president and chief executive officer of Zale Lipshy University Hospital, UT Southwestern's private referral hospital, from 1987 to 1991. He also served as professor of surgery at UT Southwestern from 1960 to 1993.

"The UT System and the UT Health Center at Tyler are indeed fortunate that Dr. Garvey has agreed to serve in this critically important role," said UT System Chancellor William H. Cunningham. "His broad experience, commitment to excellence, and consummate leadership skills will enable him to guide the institution successfully during this period of transition."

Dr. Charles B. Mullins, UT System executive vice chancellor for health affairs, said: "Dr. Garvey is an extraordinarily capable hospital administrator, as well as a highly acclaimed physician and medical educator. He has served UT Southwestern, Zale Lipshy and the Texas medical community with great distinction. We are grateful for his decision to accept this new challenge at the UT Health Center at Tyler, and we are confident of his success."

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Garvey, a native of Olean, N.Y., received a bachelor's degree from Harvard College in 1949 and a medical degree from the University of Buffalo in 1953. He received a master of business administration degree in health care administration from the University of Dallas in 1986.

He began his medical career in Dallas with an internship at Parkland Memorial Hospital in 1953. After servicing in the U.S. Air Force he returned to Parkland for his residency in 1956. From 1959 to 1960 he was a research fellow in the areas of arthritis and metabolic diseases at the National Institutes of Health. Garvey joined UT Southwestern in 1960 as an instructor of surgery and held a succession of academic and administrative appointments.

He maintained a private practice in surgery from 1961 to 1983, and he was the team physician for the Dallas Cowboys from 1963 to 1972 and a consultant for the team from 1972 to 1993.

In addition to his service at Zale Lipshy University Hospital, Garvey also held staff appointments for more than 30 years at Parkland and at St. Paul Medical Center.

Garvey is a member of the Zale Lipshy board of directors and chairs the board's Performance Improvement Committee. He also is a regent of Texas Woman's University in Denton.

He has been active in numerous professional associations, including the American College of Surgeons, the Dallas Society of General Surgeons, the Dallas County Medical Society, the Texas Surgical Society and the American College of Physician Executives.

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