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**Medical school faculty to hold
down fees.

DALLAS--Faculty of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas have voted to hold the line on fee increases in keeping with recommendations from both the American Medical Association and Texas Medical Association.

Physician-professors at the medical school are in charge of medical services at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Children's Medical Center and conduct residency programs at other hospitals, including Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Fees from Medicare, Medicaid and other "third-party" agencies are placed in a fund called "Medical Service Research and Development Plan" at the medical school. This plan then provides salary augmentation and other fringe benefits not available from the faculty members' state salaries.

Dr. Alan Pierce, professor of Internal Medicine and chairman of the MSRD board, pointed out: "The board recognizes, as does everyone else, the problem of escalating costs in health care and it was felt the university should act as a model in the effort to contain those costs.

"Recognizing that organized medicine in the form of the AMA and TMA is encouraging such containment measures, we felt we could add impetus to the movement."

The two medical associations have urged the fee moratorium until at least December 1.

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