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News

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*****Fetal alcohol syndrome and ethics
in genetics to be discussed at
conference.

DALLAS--The Nov. 1-4 Conference on Genetic Screening and Counseling will bring together nationally known experts in clinical, ethical, psychological and legal topics. The meeting at the Dallas Hilton is co-sponsored by The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Genetics Center at North Texas State University.

Dr. James Hansen, director of the Division of Medical Genetics at University of Iowa hospitals, will speak on "Fetal Alcohol Syndrome." Dr. Hansen has written extensively on this subject and was one of the group that first described fetal hydantoin (an anticonvulsant) syndrome. He will be at UTHSCD Nov. 1 for rounds and consultation with faculty.

One of the best known medical ethicists in the country, Dr. Joseph Fletcher, professor emeritus and visiting scholar in medical ethics at University of Virginia School of Medicine, will present "Ethical Aspects of Genetics." He is noted for his work on ethics in genetics and ethics in death, especially in removal of life support systems.

"Understanding Clinical Genetics and Family Counseling" will be the topic of Dr. Vincent M. Riccardi, director of Kleberg Center for Human Genetics at Baylor College of Medicine. He was one of the founders of the Colorado-Wyoming Regional Genetics Counseling Program, a model for providing services to a large area with scattered population. In addition, he wrote the text "The Genetic Approach to Human Disease" used in the freshman genetics course at UTHSCD.

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Other guest speakers include Dr. Jose M. Louro, UTHSC-San Antonio; Sylvia Schild, California State University; Catherine Damme, UTHSC-Houston; Dr. Charles R. Shaw, M.D. Anderson Hospital; and Deborah Golden, UT Medical Branch.

Also Dayle Bebee, Advocacy, Inc., in Austin; Nancy Wexler, Commission for the Control of Huntington's Disease and Its Consequences; Thomas E. Ashton III, Dallas Legal Service Foundation; and Dr. C. Thomas Caskey, Baylor College of Medicine.

Dallas health science center faculty members participating are Dr. Jan Friedman, head of the Division of Clinical Genetics; Dr. Mary Jo Harrod, assistant professor of obstetrics-gynecology; Dr. Peter Sherrod, director of the Birth Defects Center; and Carla Dowben, assistant professor of obstetrics-gynecology.

Conference coordinators are Drs. David Busbee and Steven R. Applewhite of the Genetics Center of North Texas State University.

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