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DALLAS--Dr. Daniel W. Foster, associate professor of internal medicine at The University of Texas (Southwestern) Medical School at Dallas, has been named chairman of the metabolism study section of the National Institutes of Health's Division of Research Grants.

The appointment for a two-year term begins July 1, the NIH announced in Washington.

In his post Dr. Foster heads a study panel of qualified experts from research and academic institutions which reviews and evaluates requests for NIH support funds from scientists engaged in metabolic research. He also acts as principal scientific adviser to the study section's executive secretary.

Coming under the group's study is research into such diseases related to abnormal metabolism as diabetes mellitus; hypercholesterolemia, excessive cholesterol leading to premature heart attacks, and phenylketonuria (PKU), inborn errors of metabolism. Metabolism refers to those physical and chemical processes whereby structural and functional compounds of the body are created and broken down.

The function of the study section is to provide an independent, non-governmental peer review of scientific research in order to advise the government agency on the merit of work considered worthy of financial support, Dr. Foster said.

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The study group also surveys the status of research in its field to determine which scientific activities should be initiated, expanded or curtailed. Dr. Foster has been a member of the metabolism study section since 1968.

Dr. Foster is a member of the Dallas Independent School District Board of Trustees and is chairman of the admissions committee at UT (Southwestern) Medical School.

A native of El Paso, Dr. Foster received his B.A. degree in 1951 from the University of Texas at El Paso, and his M.D. degree in 1955 from the Dallas medical school, graduating with the highest academic record in his class.

He served his internship and residencies at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas between 1955 and 1959. He was an investigator in the laboratory of Biochemistry and Metabolism, at the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases from 1960 to 1962, before joining his alma mater in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Foster held a Public Health Service postdoctoral research fellowship at UTSMS from 1959 to 1960, and has held a PHS research career development award since 1963. He is a member of the American Society of Biological Chemists, the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the American Federation for Clinical Research, the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation, and the Dallas County, Texas and American Medical Associations.

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